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The First Year

Well we've been married and in the new house for a year now. We've gotten a lot done and still much to do. Inside painting is the task of the moment.

We added a motorcycle and a van and sold the truck. And we're eagerly anticipating an addition to the family next April.

The girls wanted to get into girl scouts so Tom and Christina started their own Brownie troop. We have a total of six girls and it's been quite a challenge, but a lot of fun so far.

Tom

No longer working for Rockwell. The transportation business was sold to a smaller company, Odetics, located in Anaheim. Detroit has almost been Tom's second home as he has been travelling there so much on business. He's the lead software engineer on a large project to build a traffic operation center for Detroit's metropolitan freeway system.

His side business of setting computer based billing systems for doctor's offices is almost five years old and still brings in a little extra income.

Tennis was last year's sport of choice. Now he's focusing more on basketball. He's in a league at work that plays during the week at lunch time.

Christina

Started off the year by finishing up her bachelors degree in human services, graduating last May. She wants to eventually go back and pursue a masters degree or a teaching credential.

Now that she is at home, Christina has been enjoying having an opportunity to participate in the girls' activities much more often and using her creative side to set up activities and crafts for the

children to do at home on weekends and during vacations. She has also kept herself busy doing creative projects for the household.

She earns an income at home by running a small day care. Right now she's watching one of her friend's children and two of her nieces (Amanda and Sara).

Tiffany

Working hard at her studies, most of her week days are spent keeping busy with homework. When that is finished, she prefers to help mom with the little ones around the house or sit quietly and read. She has discovered a new world in books this year and often has her



nose buried in one.

Tiffany tried to get into the school play at the end of first grade. She wasn't able to get a solo role, but she did get to sing in the play with her class. Now that she is in second grade she has a small part in next year's play as a butterfly. She loves to perform and is very entertaining to watch as well.

Heidi

Starting first grade was an adjustment for Heidi. She was exhausted and very emotional the first couple months of the school year. However, she is doing terrific now and loves first grade. She is at the top of her class in reading and math and has been student of the week twice

already. She loves school and is overflowing with excitement about all of her activities and schoolwork.



Heidi's favorite extracurricular activity is singing. She loves to practice the songs she learns and is very serious about her performances for the family.

Kyle

Has surprised and impressed us with his reading ability. In kindergarten he was reading at first grade level. This year he is already reading at third grade level! He really enjoys school and was recently selected as student of the month. We are happy to be involved in his schoolwork by working on homework assignments with him on the weekends.



We are very impressed and entertained with Kyle's imagination. He writes very creative stories in school. During campouts and on long drives he amuses us with his imaginative tales.