



THERE'S A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING

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Agatha Christie wrote "The first time you do a thing is always exciting." Well, this year was very exciting for us as Olivia had many firsts!

We kicked off 2022 by celebrating Olivia's 1st trip around the sun. She may not remember it, but the cupcake stains in her onesie will last forever! In April, Olivia took a plunge into the big world when she

started going to Bixby Oaks Children's Center. After a couple of rough transitional "ramp up" months, she now can't wait to get out of the car and play. She loves to carry basketballs around the playground, go down the slide on her belly, fingerpaint, and of course, enjoy snack time! With daycare comes cooties! Olivia (and consequently us as well),

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INSIGHT WITHIN SIGHT

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Summer brought us inflated gas prices and questionable startup job security, thus sending Kristina on a mission to find a new (and preferably stable) job. Luckily, the perfect hybrid job posting popped up. In November, Kristina

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KEEP OFF GRASS

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Just because we're in a drought and your grass may or may not be dying, doesn't mean you can't spice up your yard. Long Beach locals, Kristina and Shelby, recommend a friendly garden gnome, a lovable flamingo, and perhaps a potted plant or two to give you that curb appeal.

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2022 TV & MOVIE REVIEWS

RAIDERS OF THE LOST PARK

Olivia Moulden here, playground hunter and connoisseur, reporting to you from Long Beach, California. This year I began my quest to uncover all 169 Long Beach parks. Almost every weekend I venture to a new park. Here are some of my findings:

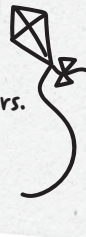
Los Cerritos Park ★★★★★

Great for picnics and kite flying. Cool Zipline, treehouse & rock wall. No sand! (aka Mom approved)

← Recreation Park

★★★★★

You can ride dinosaurs. Enough said.



Reservoir Park

★★★★★

Butt massage slides are the best!

Somerset Park

☆☆★★★

Has all the park essentials.

← Bolivar Park ★★★★★

Pirate themed park with lots of fun steering wheels. Con: sand Pro: Ice cream truck drives by!



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THE NEW BABY SITTERS CLUB

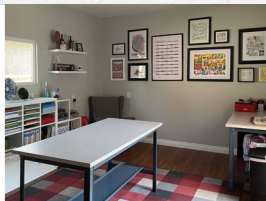
Are you in need of a "reliable" baby sitter? Look no further! With over 22 months of experience, Praline has truly embraced her role as a big sister. Her skills include:

- Guarding baby's doorway
- Thorough cleaning of high chairs and floors
- Volunteering as baby learns how to properly pet a dog
- Being a good nap time pillow

*Praline accepts kibbles, human food, and belly rubs as payment. She sleeps 14+ hours a day so her hours are limited.



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had our fair share of sick days. But by now, Olivia is now quite proficient at getting her temperature taken, using the syringe to take infant Tylenol, and wiping her nose!

Besides building our immune systems, we also made a few new friends this year:

 **1ST GYMNASTICS CLASS**
MARCH 2022

Once a week Olivia gets to tumble and climb at The Little Gym in Lakewood.

 **1ST WORD - "I DID"**
JULY 2022

After a cute burp or fart, a polite "I did" follows!

 **1ST SLEEPOVER**
AUGUST 2022

Olivia enjoyed a weekend getaway at her grandparent's house while we went to a friend's wedding in Camarillo.

 **1ST DENTIST VISIT**
SEPTEMBER 2022

 **1ST LIBRARY CARD**
OCTOBER 2022

Every Wednesday we check out new books for the week!

 **1ST SPEECH THERAPY SESSION**
OCTOBER 2022

 **1ST TRIP TO THE SNOW**
DECEMBER 2022

We're wrapping up 2022 with a very exciting first - Olivia's first trip to the snow when we visit grandma for Christmas!



2022: DIFFERENT BUT THE SAME

We definitely aren't ending the year the way we started it, but we couldn't be happier. We've officially settled into our new home and we're enjoying the extra counter space and playtime in the backyard. Shelby is still kicking butt at Sidecar Health with Peanut and Praline as his loyal wfh office mates. Kristina hit the ground running at her new job and is loving it! And Olivia (22 months) has grown so much this year. She's gone from wobbly steps to an eager scamper. Her hearty chuckle and

silly baby-banter fill our house with joy. She is gentle, super observant, resilient, and loves to learn new signs! Oh, and let's not forget Hans and Zimmer are still swimming (and growing) strong.

Despite the changes in our routines and address, one thing remained the same: Olivia's appetite... just kidding, our thankfulness. We are grateful to share 2022's adventures with all of you and hope you have the merriest of holidays!

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joined the creative team at Educational Insights, an award-winning toy and game company - makers of Playfoam, Kanoodle, and the Sneaky Snacky Squirrel Game. Every day she gets to do work that she loves and ultimately share some of her creations with Olivia.