

To health & happiness in  
2023!

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This year's vacay landed us in California. We did a central CA tour: San Francisco, Yosemite NP, Sequoia NP, Monterey and Big Sur. We started with cable cars and row houses, then took in Half Dome and several waterfall hikes. The big trees, giant waterfalls and sheer cliffs amazed all.



Madelyn started 6<sup>th</sup> grade at the middle school this year. She likes having multiple teachers, and she even ended up joining Cyclone Leadership Council. She continues to enjoy playing basketball while expanding her dance classes to include pointe. She's a musical kid who enjoys playing cello, singing with her guitar, and piano. -Maddie



We wrapped up last year's holidays by visiting Greg, Donna and Brooke in Colorado. After learning to ski last year, the girls requested mountain skiing. Ski Cooper was the perfect way to introduce the Rockies.



We ended our CA family trip at a Cali coastal beach house. The kids loved day trips to Monterey's Cannery Row and aquarium, Big Sur's tide pools and the Bixby Bridge, Carmel by the Sea, and simply relaxing at the beach.



Grace has been very busy with the start of 8<sup>th</sup> grade, volleyball in the fall, and dance! Grace was a Maid in the Nutcracker and enjoyed it very much. She started pointe at Robert Thomas in the fall and hopes to keep improving. She has grown up to become a very fun young woman and she continues to make us laugh! -Grace



Life with two middle school kids is no longer about us. There is dance, volleyball, basketball, 4-H and music, not to mention their social lives. This year also weighed heavily on our hearts with the passing of Jill's stepdad Ron--cheering on the Cyclones and visiting the fair aren't quite the same without Grandpa around.



Geoff & Jill closed the CA trip by sending the girls back home as unaccompanied minors, joining Jill's sisters at Dillon Beach in N. CA's wine country. We visited vineyards in Napa and Sonoma, eating fabulous cuisine at eateries and cooked by Chef Kanthak. After suffering morning runs on the beach, we enjoyed laughter and food & wine each day.