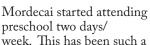
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milestone in his little life. For almost three years, he has had little contact with other children so a couple of days at school gives him a wonderful opportunity to learn some important social skills...things like sharing and communicating with words instead of actions.

He bit someone the first day. Being the youngest child in the center, he does not have the same command of language that some of his classmates possessed. So, when frustrated over a toy situation, he bit the kid. Needless to say, Mordecai made the walk to the Principals office and was duly reprimanded, as were we. We now have a mantra said before leaving him at school - "no biting," he

replies "no biting" - "no pinching," he replies "no pinching" - "no kicking," he replies "no kicking." It seems to be working as he hasn't been back to the principal's office.

He loves to spend time with Jamie's Mom, aka GaGa. They go swimming at the rec center, play at the park and there's the occassional trip to the dreaded Chuck E Cheese arcade.





Ashley

Beauty started a new job at University
Hospital & Clinics
back in February.
She works as a
Unit Clerk in
Medicine Cardiology.
Currently, she is
working M-TH from

3:30pm - 11:30pm. This actually works out pretty well for the family as Jamie works in the morning and is home before Ashley heads out to work so Mordecai gets the best of care. She genuinely seems to like her job at the hospital and as we all know...that's half the battle in the workplace.



Joseph

Yes, he's still got the craziest sense of humor. Here he has staged a precarious situation for himself while hiking in Utah. Thank goodness Jenny was there for the rescue. He is

such a fun person to be around. He and Jenny continue to enjoy their lives together. They like designer beer, music and the great outdoors. One day, we hope they make it official, but until then, they are happy! And, for that we are so grateful.

Steven and Jamie

Steven got a promotion beginning in November. His official title is Assistant Operations Manager. He is back to working M-F, with most weekends off. He is looking forward to the many challenges that are on the horizon.

Jamie keeps herself busy with her job at REDI, Angel Food Ministries at church and Mordecai. How much fun is that?

Sandy

Sandy moved to a new apartment, continues to work as a crossing guard and spoil Mordecai! What more is there to say?











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get back for a visit with Steven. and she invited Jamie to tag along. in late September to visit her sister obsrolo O ot gnibsad saw sbnairt made that possible. One of her year and a wonderful opportunity Jamie needed a little quiet time this Estes Park, Colorado - Sept 2008 scenery and great companionship. They report hot weather, wonderful Canyons and Arches National Parks out for a weeklong trek in the sleeping bags and tents and headed companions. They loaded up bikes, girlfriend Jenny were his traveling twist is this year, Joseph and his to Utah for Steven. The added

brother-in-law. She can't wait to Marilyn Rowan, Jody's sister and hospitality provided by Marvin and the kind invitation, as well as the appreciative of her friend Jody for in the mountains. She is deeply her control, she enjoyed her week Other than an incident out of

went to Memphis...home of the GaGa and off the whole family We left Mordecai at home with

more to say except...WOW...we the food and the music. Nothing weekend and enjoyed the company, We met Jenny's parents for the Blues. Boy, do we love that city.

Summer brought a road trip

Moab, Utah - Jul 2008

want to go again.

Memphis, Tennessee - (Apr 2008)