

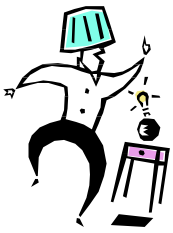


Olivia Says....

Winter 2007

Happy Holidays, everyone! Olivia here! I sure hope that your year has been as much fun as mine!

I'm a first grader now, and I'm SIX years old!



WOW!! First grade is lots of fun. I love going to the same school as Amanda. A whole lot of my best pals are in my class, and my teacher is the coolest!! I'm doing really well in school— Mommy and Daddy call me the Math Machine! I love to read, too— my favorite book is 'Junie B. Jones, First Grader (at Last)'

My sister, Amanda is the best! She's going to turn 11 in a few weeks, and is having a BLAST in 5th grade (can you believe it— next year, she'll be in Middle School! I'm going to miss her). I think that the most exciting part of 5th grade so far was when Amanda got to go to science camp up in the mountains with all of her pals for the whole WEEK!!



Amanda continues to wow the crowds with her AWESOME acting! She was in three plays this year with Peninsula Youth Theatre. I think that her favorite part was playing the pickpocket Charley Bates in Oliver! She also appeared as "Knickers" the Page in a very cool version of Cinderella (she was one of the youngest kids in the show with a speaking



part!), and was also in A Little Princess. The whole family gets involved— Daddy loves working backstage during the shows, and Mommy is my favorite set painter!

When I'm not watching Amanda up on stage, I keep pretty busy myself. I've been taking piano class for a couple of years now, and I LOVE IT! I also go to dance class once a week— jazz is my favorite right now. Soccer was lots of fun this year, and so was softball (Daddy was even one of the coaches!!). Oh, yeah— I'm in Daisies (Girl Scouts), too, with most of my best pals.



The leaders are totally cool and we have a BLAST!

We did more traveling this year than usual, and it was all GREAT! First was a Spring vacation to the Big Island of Hawaii with Daddy's company, which was tons of fun! Then, after Amanda was done with her summer play, we took a great trip up the East Coast! We did some heavy duty touring of colonial Williamsburg and Washington DC before heading to New Jersey for a weekend with our friends, the Epsteins. We capped off the trip in New York. It was a blast! Then, we closed out summer with a week up in the mountains at the Lair of the Bear— lots of hiking, swimming and horseback riding— before heading home just in time to start school. Whew!



Mommy works part time at IBM still. Fortunately, this year has been a lot less crazy at work, so she has much more time to take us to do all of our fun stuff. She's very excited to have moved into a really hard freestyle ice skating class! When Daddy isn't working in commercial real estate (he's been at Colliers International for about 6 years now), he's either off at guitar class or doing some volunteer project or other.

We wish all of our friends a great holiday season, and a Happy New Year!

Love,
Olivia (and Amanda, too!)



More pictures of the girls at:
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