

## 2024 Summary *(additional memories we couldn't fit in a card)*

Rorie's 3rd New Year! NYE 2023: we stayed home (probably fell asleep early).

In **January**, we took a trip to **Massanutten, VA**, where Rorie had a chance to play in the snow for the first time. She didn't enjoy it much at the ski slope, but had more fun at the resort parking lot.



We travelled by air twice in the first half of the year: first to **Las Vegas, NV**, in **March**, and then to **Chicago, IL**, in **May**. These were Rorie's first two flying experiences.

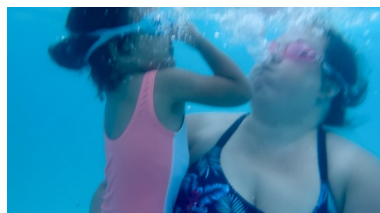


In **April**, we got to witness the **88% solar eclipse** in Maryland.



Rorie began **potty training** in **June**. To date, it's still a work in progress, she knows how to use the toilet, but doesn't always remember to ask to go. Later in the year, we started **bribing** rewarding her with M&Ms as a treat for using the toilet, and it is slowly helping us get to where we need to be.

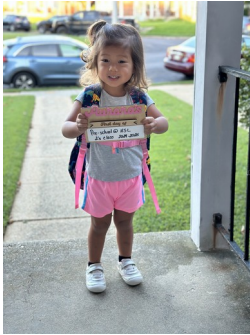
We stayed in **Williamsburg, VA**, for **Independence Day**, when it was hot, and Rorie got her first steps in the pool without a life vest. She needed some time to adjust and figure it out.



We stayed in **Massanutten** again in **July**, when Joe went to a memorial in Salem, VA, for a classmate who passed away. Rorie got more pool time, jumping into Mommy and started fully submerging.

From the middle of July into August, we went to the **YMCA in Pasadena, MD**, outdoor pool, where Rorie became more confident in the water.





In **September**, Rorie started **pre-school**! She goes on Tuesday and Thursday for a couple of hours. She has made friends, is learning lots of things, and is speaking much more as a result of socially engaging with her peers and other people (besides Mommy and Daddy).

She's had two **field trips** with her pre-school: one to **Catoctin Wildlife Preserve** in **September**,



and then to **Buppert's Farm**, in **Marriottsville, MD**, in **October**.



We celebrated Rorie's **third birthday** with a party at **Ledo Pizza** in **Catonsville, MD**, in **October**.



Rorie dressed up as a bumble bee for **Halloween**.

We enjoyed a nice **Thanksgiving** as a family. Rorie helped make cookies and mashed potatoes.



Then, we got ready for **Christmas**.



We look forward to making more memories in **2025**!