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### On Deck with Jim Henderson

It was six Christmases ago at the end of a package-opening marathon for the two grandsons that I came to a revelation: these boys have more than enough stuff. Too much stuff. We need to replace disposable things with lasting memories.

And so I came up with this: the last present of the day for my two grandsons, my son, my son-in-law, and his father (the two boys' other grand dad) would be opened in unison. And included therein would be a t-shirt of the major league baseball team we would go to see that summer.

In the five years hence we have seen games at Yankee Stadium, Wrigley Field, Fenway Park, Colorado, and Cleveland. The road trip also features as much culture and restaurants as time will allow. In the meantime both boys -- Griffin and Dalton -- have become totally immersed in the game as

excellent young dedicated players and fans. And with their youngest brother Davis who has just turned five following in their cleat-marks, it was time he joined the big boys.

A trip this spring to Houston to see the World Champion Astros and his favorite player, Jose Altuve, took him from t-ball to the big leagues for his first game.



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Davis -- who bats left and throws right -- already has the mannerisms of a power-hitter down, holding his left arm outstretched behind him to signal time out to the home plate umpire while he digs in, pounding the plate viciously with his bat, and then lifting his right leg in the air before he strides forward to make contact ala David Ortiz.

His stroke has earned him the nickname "Swing Away Day" from our son, his uncle. What we have begun in taking him along, only time, perspective, and his growing vocabulary will allow him to elucidate.

But I expect it will be much like what I see in the excitement and appreciation for all of us of each year's journey. And I quickly realized that the memories I wanted to create for them have become even more poignant for me.

The smile on Davis's face will linger for all of us long after the traces of his blue bubble gum snowball mustache have been scrubbed clean. The lobbying by the boys for next year's destination has already begun.

They'll find out with the last present of the next Christmas. And oh, by the way, they still also get as much "stuff" as they ever did. But in spoiling our grandkids we have even more so treated ourselves. Memories are made of this. Money well and wisely spent if you ask me.

God Bless,

Jim Henderson

#### **7 Tips for Hurricane Preparedness**

- ¥ Know your risk.
- ★ Assemble an emergency kit.
- **★** Develop a family communications plan.
- ¥ Establish an evacuation route.
- Secure your home.
- Protect financial documents.
- ¥ Know the details of your insurance policy.





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