



March 19

Sierra continues to challenge me with her requests for special shaped pancakes. She often asks for a pancake to match a favorite stuffed toy of hers. This one turned out so cute, I don't know how she could stand to eat it!



The Golden Gate Bridge, a 3D pancake I made Sierra last week.



Paris and Dakota enjoyed a second day hike this year at Sunol, the 6,000 acre park we went to in February. This time Gary, Fely, Briana and Briana's dog, Sprinkles, joined us. Sunol is a paradise of nature, green meadows, abundant wildflowers, and colorful insects, old barns, a windmill and winding paths through fairyland-like forests—a fabulous off-leash place to hike! This outing was all for Briana. She didn't get to go with us last time because she was in school. As before, Kim and her two dogs also joined us for the day.



April 8

The two pictures to the right are from Heart's Desire Beach, on an outing where we took Sierra. Can you tell how much Sierra likes being at the beach? The day turned out to be a beautiful summer like day. It was warm enough for Sierra to easily go into the water all the way up to her chin. It was also a perfect day for her and I to build a sand castle; complete with a moat.



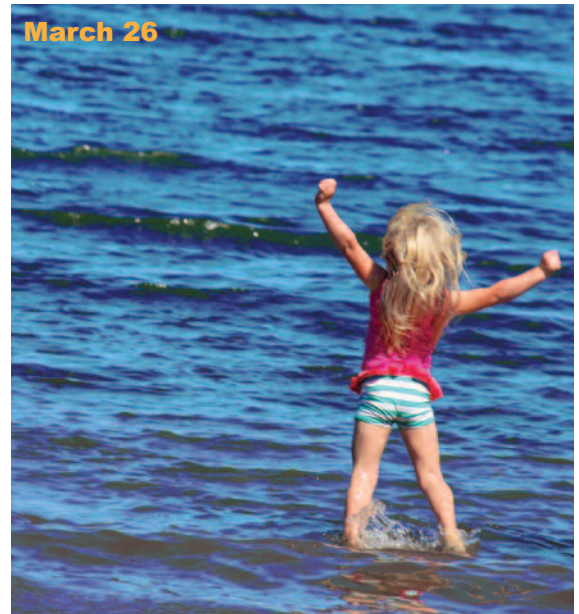
April 9

Peacocks in the park were a delightful discovery on a day we arranged a play date for Sierra and Briana at Blue Rock Springs. There were even turkeys, turtles, and ducks. Plus, the girls totally wore themselves out going up and down a two-story triple slide structure at least 30 times, if not more!



April 5

On Easter, our green grassy field made for a perfect egg hunt venue—four kids under 10 years old running around as fast as possible to find dozens of eggs. Add to this five dogs and our field was **hopping** with excitement. Even Chris participated. Sparkly eggs were hidden for each kid to turn in for special prizes. We ended our special family day with hamburgers on the barbecue—a nice touch to an April day that felt like a June day.



March 26

