

May 2010

I am so excited I could hardly wait to write to you. It's my birthday this month! Do you like birthdays? I'm not sure what's planned for the day but I know it will be special because I'll be one year old. My birthday is on May 31 and this year it's also Memorial Day. Maybe some people will come to the camp for a picnic.

Pam tells me that when children have birthdays they sometimes have parties with birthday cake and presents. I'm not sure I'll have a party or cake but I do hope to receive gifts. The gifts I want are for Sven's Playground. Quite a few of you have signed up for the club. Since you probably won't be having Sunday School over the summer I hope you will send in the money now that you've raised for the playground. At the beginning of the year 22 Sunday Schools signed up to help raise money and the combined goal was over \$8,000.00! So far we've received over **\$5,449.00** toward that goal. That's just wonderful. Pam is getting excited thinking about the kind of playground we can build.

I've really grown a lot this year; my mom says I'm not a baby anymore. I've experienced the changes of all four seasons and learned to do new things with the trainer so someday I can give kids coming to camp a horseback ride. I've also met many new people. In the coming years I hope to meet more people as the number of guests coming to camp continues to grow. I hope you'll continue to be one of my friends and that I'll get to meet you in person sometime soon. I've enjoyed this school year writing you letters and thinking up activities for you to do. I've enjoyed hearing from some of you about the things you've done to raise money for our playground and I hope you've enjoyed hearing from me about life at Joy Ranch. Have a good summer and come see me some time.

Your friend,

Sven

