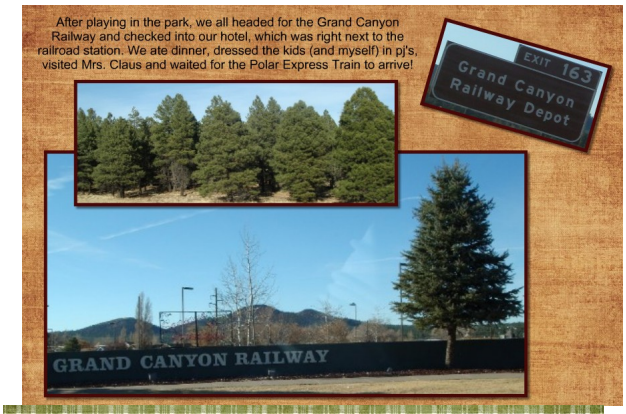

After playing in the park, we all headed for the Grand Canyon Railway and checked into our hotel, which was right next to the railroad station. We ate dinner, dressed the kids (and myself) in pj's, visited Mrs. Claus and waited for the Polar Express Train to arrive!
EXIT 163
Grand Canyon Railway Depot
GRAND CANYON RAILWAY


Visiting Mrs. Claus & Writing a Letter to Santa!
Hailey enjoyed writing her letter to Santa, coloring and making a paper ornament. She had only two legitimate wishes on her list which were a horse and a red Christmas tree! Hunter liked looking at the decorations and playing with the train set that was out for the kids!


HERE COMES THE POLAR EXPRESS!
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Here we are enjoying hot chocolate. It was yummy!


HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS!
A Bell For Hailey!
ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho
A Bell For Hunter!
Sweet Smiles!
The Polar Express was pretty delightful. My family took up half the car and the lady directing us was cheery, which made it fun. We heard all the songs, sang many more, ate cookies and had hot chocolate. Hailey was a little bummed out that we did not get out at the North Pole though. After all we did travel all that way! Santa and his bell made up for it though. Oh and I know she would have loved having a punched ticket - like they do in the movie. It was very enjoyable and it was fun to see how magical it is to be young and old and BELIEVE!


After riding on the Polar Express, we went back to Papa's hotel room where Rhonda and Jennifer gave the grandchildren all some very cute things! Hunter was beyond tired but kept getting "refreshed" by new situations. We took them back to our room to hang out. When we heard that everyone was swimming, I took Hailey down. She missed swimming with her cousins, but enjoyed the brief late night swim anyway! Hunter was still awake. Hailey showered and went and watched a movie with her cousins that were still awake. Hunter finally crashed in Brady's arms while a few of us adults were quietly talking in the hall. Some cranky lady didn't think so though!