I can't believe that Brady and I have been parents for 10 years now. Our sweet Hailey Rae turned 10 last week. She came into this world with eyes wide open and the prettiest hair color. I love this girl so much!

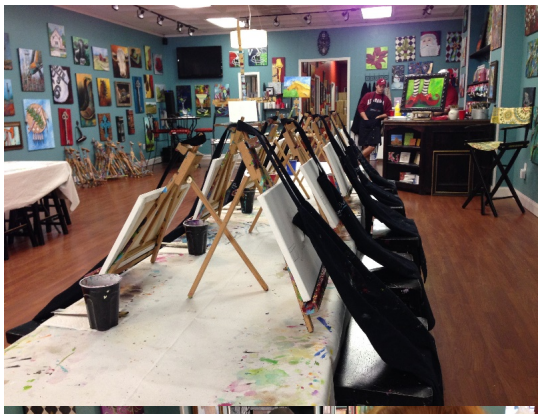
We had a friend party the day before she turned the big 10 at a painting studio called Paint Your Art Out. She loves to paint here at home but hasn't done any canvas painting yet. I thought it was the perfect spot to have a party - no clean up involved. The only time slot left available was right after school let out for the day. She invited 7 friends and 4 were able to show up - plus good ole family. Her grandmother and father, Kelsey and Zivi and of course Brady, Hunter, Grayson and I were there too. Kelsey and Zivi were in town celebrating Fran's 60th birthday and stayed to celebrate with Hailey too. I am so happy they stayed. Meant a lot to us.

Since it was at a painting studio, I just ordered plain colored cupcakes. I had Brady arrange and serve them on a paint pallet. I think it looked so adorable. The instructor walked them through the steps. He had lightly sketched the outline of the horse she chose to have painted. It was so interesting to walk around and watch everyone paint their version of the horse. Hunter wound up loving it although he spied a lego man in the studio he thought he was going to get to do instead.

The morning of her birthday I had the breakfast room done up with a birthday banner and streamers. I like making her smile. She took the traditional Eileens number cookies to share with her classmates. They had a test later on in the day so they got to eat them before lunch. Yeah for birthdays! She got int he car with a tub of cotton candy from her teacher. So fun. We opened up presents that night, watched a new movie from her brother and ate her favorite meal - tortellini with olives (and olive juice), green beans and cheese bread.

Here is to a fabulous year Miss H. Glad you chose us to be your parents!

The Studio Before the Party Guests Arrived





Her Friends



The Lego Man Hunter Wanted to Paint





The H's Finished Paintings





Her Paint Cake



The Sweet Note from Big Hayley!

