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I am the proud mama of two really great kids. I left my job as a television reporter at the end of 2013 so I could stay at home with Ellie and Harley full time. It was the best decision I ever made.

Digital Diaries

When I first had Ellie, I had grandiose plans of meticulously filling out a baby book from day one. Well, when the first few months passed without so much as one single entry, I thought, "I'll make a Shutterfly book to celebrate her first birthday!" When that birthday came and went, I thought, "Fifth birthday! Yeah! I'll have plenty of time for that!" Folks, my little girl is 5 1/2 years old. Ask me if that book is done.

Luckily, in my new mom haze, I was smart enough to jot down little milestones on the one thing always within reach: my cell phone. I started my list in the hopes of transferring it to a book someday (maybe for the kids' high school graduation!). Now, it is pages long and I have two lists to contribute to. But I don't keep the fun little factoids to myself. Once in awhile, Ellie and Harley ask me to read to them all the little tidbits about themselves when they were kids. They get the hugest kick out of the words they used to say incorrectly, or the cute little habits that made them unique. My humble little list may not ever make it into a baby book, but having this digital diary of their first years is just as precious, especially when they're sitting on my lap and I'm reading them off like a cherished story.