

Active at G-Ma's and I Almost Forgot Something!

Description

For the past few times we made the trip to my mom's, Avery's G-ma, to stay the night, Avery didn't do much. I mean, the highlight of our last trip was doing [Ninja Turtle puzzles](#)!..without her! Then again, she didn't do much anywhere because she's under six months! But, for our trip this past weekend, Avery was more active and full of smiles. For the most part, she's still a baby and she still cried.

Before leaving on Saturday, we had our usual routine of coffee and protein pancakes while Avery played with her [Skwish Stix](#) from the Manhattan Toy Co. Kelley put Avery down for a nap before our drive, and then we did a workout together in the garage.



The Skwish Stix are meant to help introduce the concept of cause and effect as your baby pulls the beads and watches them spring back. They are meant for ages 6 months and up, so I'm giving it awhile before a full review. But, Avery is interested and will grab at them when nearby.

Once at G-Ma's, we sat Avery in the middle of the kitchen counter to let her read a recent magazine article.



We asked if it was an interesting story, but she just flashed smiles.



I figured it couldn't be bad with those smiles, but then she just ripped the pages out and tried to eat them.



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Hmmm, time to go roll on the floor with Mommy and G-ma!



We spent a lot of time with Avery rolling around and trying to keep her on the blanket. She's not even crawling yet and she can really get around! Too cheesy? Good, the more cheesy the better! Anyway, you could tell Avery was enjoying her time playing with G-Ma, and they both loved every second of it.



Avery has been laughing a little bit, but weâ€™re still waiting for a real outburst coming deep within her stomach. Iâ€™ve been able to get the little laughs by crawling around and â€œattackingâ€• her belly, but she wonâ€™t do it for many others yet. That didnâ€™t stop G-ma from trying though!



Avery was going strong and moving around for quite a while when all of the sudden, I think tiredness set in.



Even Abby, not allowed in the room but as close as possible to the â€œboundaryâ€•, seemed worn out.



When a baby is tired, fussiness is sure to follow, and it did. Nothing too bad, but it was time for a little power nap. I brought along our new [Ergobaby Ventus](#) carrier that Ergobaby kindly sent me to review, so I figured weâ€™d go for a walk/nap to test it out.



The wind was gusting at high speeds so I utilized the built-in hood for Avery. She didnâ€™t fuss for the whole hour we walked and I know she slept at least 40 minutes. When we returned, I asked Avery how she liked the walk, but she was still too sleepy to answer.



The Ergo was pretty nice and it is smaller than the [Onya](#) that we have, but you have to expect a carrier with a built-in child seat *will* be bigger. I will be wearing the Ergo more before a full review, but one thing I wish it had were extra storage pockets. These are very handy for carrying a phone, keys, wallet, or a doggie bag for our walks with the dog.

Sleep is always up in the air with a baby, and she didn't do the best at G-Ma's. Going Mom was up several times trying to feed and console her while my lazy self just laid in bed. Sorry, Kelley. Kelley was exhausted and Avery was still wide awake and very active, so I finally did something took Avery to the recliner in the living room. I rocked and reclined her and she eventually fell asleep on me. She's not as small as [last time we slept together](#), and it wasn't the most comfortable, but I know I should still cherish it while I can.

The next day we sipped multiple cups of coffee and Avery rolled around more. My little brother, Uncle Preston, worked late the night before but was home now and he got to hold a happy Avery for bit.



It was good to see, and hopefully they'll get to hang out more as she gets older. I can see these two becoming best buds, besides her and her Daddy, of course.



The day drew on and it was time for us to head home. Ugh, time goes too fast! G-Ma spent a little longer with Avery showing her some window ornaments and then said our goodbyes.



It usually takes us a month or more before making our next trip to G-Maâ€™s; I wonder what Avery will be doing then. Maybe crawling?

Oh yeah, I almost forget to say what I almost forgot. Itâ€™s nothing big to you Iâ€™m sure, but being self-motivated and anal-retentive about fitness (amongst other things in life), this wouldâ€™ve bothered me had I forgot. What was it? 30 burpees!

Since the day we brought Avery home on 11/17/13, I have committed to doing 30 burpees a day and havenâ€™t missed a day yet. Sunday night, as I had the water and was about to step in the shower, I suddenly realized I forgot. So, whatâ€™s an OCD guy to do? I knocked them out right there before getting in the shower!

Phew, close call, and sorry for sharing the details. Now you all know me a little bit better.

Do you have anything that you have to do every day? Every week?

How was your weekend?

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