

Another Missed Snow Day...

Call me what you want...I cannot stand cold weather.

Okay, I do like a few weekends of light frost, especially during hunting season, especially during the rut. But three days of temperatures not breaking twenty-two degrees? C'mon global warming, this is Texas!

Now I know that this type of weather is the norm for months at a time in many places around the world. It's just that, by choice, we don't live in those places and I'll take my few measly freezes each year and be perfectly content. A few inches of snow once every decade suits me fine.

As for my kids, they are currently infatuated with the white stuff. The problem is, we've had two decent snowfalls in their lifetimes, neither of which stuck. Both times, they saw big, beautiful snowflakes fill the air before bed; only to awaken to a dull gray sky and dried out grass in the pasture. They still cannot fathom where it goes once it hits the ground.

Last week, Parker shot out of earlier than usual one morning and practically busted down the door into our room. "Dad, wake up, let's go play in the snow!"

Poor kid, he even had a stocking cap and gloves on. With his PJs, of course. And no socks or shoes.

I wearily stumbled to the front door to help him open it to his winter wonderland. I could feel his disappointment as he ran outside and found not a drift to be jumped into or snowman to be made. There was an ever so slight dusting on the playground slide, yet not even enough to make a single snow cone. So instead, we bundled up and went to town for his breakfast of champions...donuts and kolaches. A chocolate donut with sprinkles and strawberry milk cures a lot of five year old problems.

A while later, the kids got to talk to their grandfather (D-Pa) who was snowed in from work in San Antonio. I had to laugh when I heard Parker's response to a grandfather's tale of the so called "blizzard," just enough to shut down a city in the South.

"So, D-Pa, did you get to have a snowball fight?"

If it ever does snow, that sounds fun to me.

Until next week, keep smiling.

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