

# Perfect end to a wonderful year



It was the end to a truly wonderful year. I was featured on the front page of the OC Register on Dec. 31. There is my column and name call out at the top.

I write a weekly parenting column for the OC Family section of the Orange County Register (I also edit the 12-page section). Sometimes I'll spend hours picking the right word, contiplating the right imagry or simply writing and rewriting my column. That's what makes this so funny to me. This column was a silly, simple list of "10 Things Mommy Will Stop Doing in the New Year." I wrote it in less than 1/2 an hour. I hesitantly submitted it.

(You can read all of my columns, here.)

Don't misunderstand, I was thrilled to have the exposure! I think it's a solid lesson to me as a writer. Sometimes I have to take a chance. I have to just get something down on paper. I have to submit!

One of my favorite quotes on writing is by one of my favorite authors, Anne Tylor: "If I waiting until I felt like writing, I would never write anything at all."

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