


Some Christmas Flashing

Today was filled with fun, excitement, hilarity, and chaos. In short, a traditional Christmas at my home. It began, for me at about 9AM after getting to bed around 3AM after watching one of the showings of [A Christmas Story](#)  that is shown every year marathon style over a 24 hour period. I have to sneak a viewing in sometime (usually after I wind down from the majesty and beauty of our late night Christmas Eve mass. I still cannot understand why no one else enjoys the recollections of young Ralphie as he longs for a prized bb gun one Christmas season. You'll poke your eye out! I triple dog dare you! Pink fuzzy bunny pajamas. A Chinese version of Deck the Halls and Jingle Bells. And "OH... FUDGE"

Later this morning, I awoke to a few presents under the tree. Then we tuned into the Disney Christmas Parade followed by some of the Christmas Bondathon (got to watch From Russia with Love which is not a bad two hours spent any day) before everyone else arrived for dinner at 2. After dinner and connecting the parent's Blu-Ray player, the 5 older children and I (child or not, you decide) spent 4 hours playing [UNO Flash](#) and a new version of Yahtzee. I think more time was spent trying to get SOMEONE to play the new UNO game without breaking the rules. I kept telling him, "You need to push the SLAP button and not the player button." Hilarity ensued as each of us in turn attempted to take our turn in the time limit before being buzzed. Fun for groups of 3-6 players. Sometimes the old games with new twists can be hit or miss. UNO Flash is definitely hit.

Finally at about 9PM, the dishes were cleaned, the table put back into storage, and children ready to go home to play with the treasures Santa had given them. I think i will find a movie with lots of bangs and whistles to test on the Blu-Ray player to run it through its paces.