



Jake and Katie Whitten

Plain
Hardware's
youngest

employees Jake Whitten (age 9) and Katie Whitten (age 6) have a lot to say about working at Plain Hardware.

Unlike our other employees, they aren't shy about telling it like it is. So, their comments are not always positive. For example ... Although Katie's favorite task is to pick up the nails in the nail room with the giant magnet, she says she hates to "tidy up" the toy aisle "because it is boring." Jake loves to run the cash register, but groans when he has to take out the garbage "because a lot of the time it stinks" he says.

When I asked Jake and Katie why they are glad we own Plain Hardware, Jake said "I like that we own the store because I get to do stuff that other kids don't get to do, like see my Dad really often. And he teaches me stuff like how to wax skis." Katie's answer hit the nail right on the head ... "I like it that we own the hardware store because if we didn't we wouldn't have any money."

Jake and Katie are Plain Hardware's dedicated newsletter labelers and brutally honest toy aisle critiques. They usually work on Saturday mornings and occasionally work on special projects such as folding dozens of Life is Good tee shirts and pricing plumbing parts.

Jake keeps busy outside of work attending 3rd grade at Osborn Elementary. He likes soccer, baseball, alpine skiing, mountain bike riding, the New York Yankees and reading the Hardy Boys books. Jake's plans for the future include attending college and playing Major League baseball or working for his Dad at Plain Hardware.

Katie attends 1st grade at Osborn Elementary and spends her spare time alpine skiing, playing soccer, doing art projects, taking ballet class, attending Girl Scouts, baking cookies and collecting bunny rabbits. Katie says, "When I'm all grown up, I want to be an artist or just a plain ol' worker." Hmmm...