

Kids Korner



Roman Kvapil

Roman Kvapil was 14 months old when he was diagnosed with Stage IV high risk neuroblastoma in 2007. He was released from the bone marrow transplant unit at Texas Children's Hospital on July 4, Independence Day, and has been cancer free for 5 ½ years.

"That date is celebrated each year in our family for more reasons than one," his mother Amy said.

Last year, in 1st grade, Roman drew a panel of pictures representing his past ("Hospital: I had a bad thing in my body"), his present ("School: I am writing") and his future (a rocket ship in space).

The astronaut aspirations are fitting.

"We gave him the nickname Superman when he was a baby, because before he was diagnosed, he would sleep with one fist in the air," Amy said. "Little did we know he would indeed be our little Superman."

Now his dreams can take flight.

