7 Quick Takes Friday: Rain, rain, go to the front yard, measuring dogs, dish washing, surviving birthday parties, and popular quick takes of the past

My brother and I were playing with our children in my parents' backyard last weekend when a few raindrops started falling. "It's raining," I said. "We might have to go inside soon." "No, it's not raining here," said my nephew. "It's just raining in the front yard." We looked, and it was true.