7th International Practicum Experience

From January 21st to February 4th, we are hosting two early childhood education students, Na Hyun Lee and Leah Ju from Duksung Women’s University in Seoul, South Korea. Five other students are engaged in practicum experiences at the Carlow University Campus School, the Falk School, or the University Child Development Center. In addition to planning with our educators and teaching in our classrooms, the students are visiting other early childhood centers, attending an Early Childhood class at Pitt, participating in professional development, as well as touring Pitt’s Nationality Rooms and Phipps Conservatory, skating at Schenley Park, etc. They are bravely practicing their English and boldly facing the challenge of our variable weather. They are also enjoying the comfort and companionship of their hosts – the Mingo-MacDonald family (Atticus, K). Thanks to everyone who is helping make their Pittsburgh experience so positive, productive, and memorable!

We also appreciate the ways that the Duksung students’ involvement with our educators and children is enriching our learning experiences. During the first week in the Preschool 4’s group, Miss Lee played a freeze dance game and showed the friends how to trace their names in Korean characters in colorful sand. With the kindergartners, Miss Ju has taught some basic taekwondo, helped the children to write their Korean names with glue and glitter, and helped them decorate Korean screens. Thanks for helping broaden our views of the world!