Family Spotlight: Our Family

I am Rabab Tarhini, the mother of Ali 4 (Kindergarten), Sally 3 (AM Blue Room 3’s), and Aya who is 3 months old. We are originally from Lebanon. I came here 7 years ago to join my husband, Ahmad, who is a physician and faculty at the University of Pittsburgh. I quickly fell in love with Pittsburgh for the wonderful city that it is and what it has to offer our family. We go back home to Lebanon once a year to spend time with our families and for our children to experience our eastern culture and the richness of combining the best of the two worlds. Ali is bilingual. He speaks Arabic and English. He can read children’s books and write a significant number of words, mostly triggered by his love of searching and exploring topics on the Internet. He loves to play outdoors when the weather allows and is mostly into cars these days. Sally is bilingual too. She is mostly into handbags and little baby dolls. She also loves to listen to stories.

Our relationship with the Children’s School means a lot to us. We have great admiration for and are fond of all the teachers, the staff and all the friends we have come to make. For the past 2 years, the teachers have helped Ali grow up to be a fine young boy who loves to learn and explore. The school has significantly broadened his interests and taught him a lot of great habits. As for Sally, she has been impatiently waiting for Ali ’s school to be "her school" too. It has been a long wait for her as she has been accompanying me for 2 years to drop Ali off and pick him up from school. She has a great time walking to her class to meet her teacher and friends in the Blue Room. She simply loves to go to school. Finally, I can't wait for Aya to be a part of the Children’s School too. Thank you Children’s School for being the BEST!

Family Social Organization (FSO)

The Family Social Organization prepared for the school year over the summer with a few chances for the children to meet their new classmates and reconnect with their friends. The FSO got wonderful support from the Children’s School staff when we hosted Playground Playdates in the Children’s School playground this July. Thank you! The Playground Playdates were very successful and lots of fun! Friends also enjoyed a lovely night and nice music at the “First Friday at the Frick” picnic! Finally, right before the school year started, the whole school was invited to splash around and dive into the Whole School Water Unit with an outing to the Troy Hill Spray Park! The FSO hopes to build on the enthusiastic response to these events and provide the school community lots of chances to build lasting friendships this year. If you would like to be part of the planning team or if you have any ideas, comments or suggestions, contact Beth Lott (FSO Chair and mom to Isaac, AM 4s) at 412-243-2626 or elisabeth.lott@gmail.com.