Family Spotlight: Growing Together In Pittsburgh

Since Isaac was 2 and in the Red Room with Mrs. Tomer and Mr. Salinetro, one of the first things I, Beth Lott, ask when he gets in the car is, "what was snack today?" He was a little late with talking so, in those early days, I didn't get much of an answer. Nowadays, I think the influence of an older brother is affecting the exasperation in his voice when he answers, "Mom, you ask that every day!" The worst is on Mondays when I also ask what his new job is. The only time he can't wait to tell me about his job is when he is the Line Leader (for the record, Caboose is his least favorite). I wonder if that desire to be line leader means something for when he grows up? One thing is certain; he is charming and charismatic so I bet he will go far in whatever he decides to do.

Our family is from Pittsburgh and aside from a brief stint in Raleigh, NC for college, we have always lived in Pittsburgh. We chose to settle here after Isaac's big brother, Alex (age 10), was born. We live 5 minutes away from both sets of grandparents, and we are extremely lucky that they are very involved in our lives. Alex and Isaac enjoy going to baseball games with Jeremiah's parents and they love sleeping on Friday nights at my parents' home. Jeremiah and I sure enjoy that too!

Jeremiah is a software engineer at a thriving young company, part of Pittsburgh's vibrant tech scene. I stay home with the children and volunteer as I can at their schools, including coordinating volunteers and planning events. Alex loves nature, swimming, rock climbing and math. Isaac loves playing outside, music, and making new friends. We are really looking forward to summer. Some of our favorite things to do in the summer as a family are hanging out at the pool, going to the beach, taking nature walks, visiting zoos and museums, and going to Pirates' games (though Isaac only goes for the Dippin' Dots!).

We thank the Children's School for being a wonderful school for our children. I was just pregnant with Isaac when Alex started in kindergarten at the Children's School. Isaac's application was in for preschool when he was just 6 weeks old. Both boys had fantastic teachers, learned a lot, and had a bunch of fun!

Isaac will be starting kindergarten in the fall at the Environmental Charter School. Alex is in 5th grade at ECS and we have been part of that community since the school started. We will be sad to leave the Children's School behind but at least we can always visit!