Family Spotlight: The Jenkins’ Journey

The Jenkins’ Family journey with the Children’s School began in 2010 when our first son, Tiernan, joined the Blue Room. Somehow the first three years of Tiernan’s life whizzed by without us having contemplated preschool at all. We felt so fortunate that a friend recommended the school and we applied in time to get a spot. Our second son, Rhys, was born in November that year, and I fondly remember the gift of a Children’s School onesie that we received after he arrived. Although Tiernan had only been in school a couple months when Rhys was born, we knew the claim on the front of the onesie that said “Future Children’s School Graduate” was right on. Tiernan’s transition to being a preschooler and a big brother was a significant change for our family and I’m thankful for the staff that helped us through it. He thoroughly enjoyed his time in the Blue Room and Green Room. Choosing to send him to Pittsburgh Phillips, our local public school, for kindergarten wasn’t easy. He’s a third grader there now and we believe the foundation of his education at The Children’s School sticks with him – he’s a kind, curious child who is not afraid to be himself. Tiernan never wants to miss a chance to go back to visit his old school when there is an open house or Family Festival. He has said more than once that The Children’s School has the best teachers and he wishes they didn’t stop at Kindergarten.

Through the luck of a fall birthday, Rhys was not able to start Kindergarten at the neighborhood school this year. We’re so glad to be with The Children’s School another year and that he gets to experience life as a Kindergarten Friend. Rhys loves school and enthusiastically shares his work with us at home. In fact, over Thanksgiving break he was eager to go back to school by Saturday. We’re a little worried about how we will keep him engaged over the long winter break!

The Children’s School students are treated with kindness and respect that, unfortunately, isn’t always afforded to children. We love that their voices are heard, their perspectives are considered, and they have choices in how they learn. Like Tiernan, we’d be all in for The Children’s School K-12.