Family Spotlight: A Few Favorite Things

My husband Ken and I (Lisa) both grew up in the Pittsburgh area, but left the city for college, graduate school and work. I was living in California and Ken was in North Carolina when we became engaged and the plan was that we would settle in North Carolina once married. However, as plans often change, we found ourselves moving back to Pittsburgh before the wedding even happened! It ended up being a wonderful blessing in disguise, especially since we started expanding our family right away and had all the grandparents living here. We always loved Pittsburgh but never realized how amazing it would be to raise children here and how many terrific schools there are in the area. A friend told us about her family's experience with The Children's School and couldn't say enough wonderful things about the program. She also recommended putting in an application right away even though I was still pregnant! Once I learned more about the program, I was happy to ensure a spot by submitting the application so early.

Our family began our time at The Children's School in 2010 when our eldest daughter Clara joined the Blue Room. Within the first week, she felt right at home and was so excited to go to school every day! When our son Broden started visiting the school for family events, his sister's birthday and playtime in the Red Room during parent seminars, he was enthralled with all the activities and couldn't wait to go to school himself. Sloane was born while Clara was finishing her time in the Green Room and continued her visits over the next 2 years while Broden had his turn in the Red and Green Rooms. Sloane thought The Children's School was the greatest place and would try to explore every nook and cranny any chance she had to visit (we were often chasing after her through all the rooms just to keep an eye on her!). When she realized it was her turn to join the Blue Room, she was more than ready to go -- drop off on day one was harder for me than her, but her enthusiasm and excitement was reassuring. She has been enjoying her time in the Blue Room and Extended morning immensely and is still excited for school at greeting every morning!

We feel very lucky to have found such an amazing preschool that has fostered our children's curiosity and development in a homey environment. The faculty is so warm and nurturing and has become an extended family! The older alumni love any chance to come back with Sloane to see all the teachers and staff -- some of their favorite teachers are from their years at The Children's School. They often remember their activities from years before and during open house or family festival they make sure to do all their favorite things (like hammering nails and golf tees). We will always cherish our memories of The Children's School and continue to highly recommend the program, even when someone is still pregnant!