

## Family Spotlight: A Bittersweet Farewell



Hello! We are the Snediker Family - Elijah (4), currently in Mrs. Opferman's class, Caleb (8), formerly in Mrs Perovich's class, Alexandra and Daniel, and I would be remiss if I didn't include our dog, Kolby. Pittsburgh is such a special place for our family. It was where Daniel and I met, got engaged, bought our first home and, after being away for five years, returned to raise our two sons. We are so blessed to have been able to join the Children's School family in 2014. Caleb had just turned five and joined Mrs. Perovich's class for the spring semester. He quickly adjusted to the transition from Long Island in no small part because of the nurturing environment. He came to love it here and blossomed during his time. Being part of this community was the perfect transition back to Pittsburgh. Participating in FSO events allowed our family to quickly make new friends and to rediscover Pittsburgh as parents.

Before we knew it, it was Elijah's turn to head to school. Thank goodness for sibling preference! Ha! He was more than ready, having watched Caleb. I will not forget, as we still have them, the little heart stone given to each child on the first day of Mrs. Tomer's class. It was so special to be able to participate once again in the Children's School community, this time at the start of the 3-year old program. It's been amazing to watch Elijah develop in the magical space that is the Children's School.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to finish our journey here as new adventures await us. Daniel has accepted a new position as the Director of the Emergency Department at Florida Hospital, Tampa. We are so blessed to have been here these past three years and to have had the opportunity to share it with the Children's School educators and families. Thank you to all of you. We will miss you!

