Family Spotlight: Our Family Education Tradition

We are the Bird/Pfeuffer family. Our family has a long history of being connected to the Children’s School, and we are so glad Rowan is able to carry on the tradition as a morning Blue Room friend with Ms. O’Neill. As an alum, Darrah started her education at the Children’s School 26 years ago as a Red Room friend with Mrs. Steinberg, worked during college breaks as an assistant in the classrooms, and spent one summer as an intern. Rowan’s Mimi and Darrah’s Mom, Mrs. Bird, has been teaching at the school for 35 years!

When making the school decision, it was inevitable that we would choose a place to start Rowan’s education that has not only loved and been loved by our family, but that we could trust to promote Rowan’s inclination for learning, adventure, and discovery. Knowing the educators for so long to be fierce advocates for every child and their unique and individual needs only further affirmed our decision. As an especially outgoing kid, Rowan craves interaction and just wants to play, play, play! He loves seeing his friends, playing with animals and playdough, and hearing stories from his teachers at circle time. We love that his teachers know and understand his needs and support him in the classroom, even when he tries to be in charge and entertain everyone around him.

Darrah and PJ are Pittsburgh natives and met as camp counselors in college. Then, we both pursued graduate work in Pittsburgh. PJ is most often seen at the school during greeting and dismissal, and he works as a movie theater manager and as guest pastor for local Presbyterian Church congregations. Darrah works as a social worker in housing and homelessness services. As a family, we love exploring and playing, we belong to many of the local museums, and we seek learning experiences available to us in the city. We particularly love being outside and are especially ready for spring to arrive. As you can see, the Children’s School is a place beyond just an ordinary preschool for us all. It has given our family the opportunity to see Rowan grow, play, and learn in leaps and bounds while surrounded by a community of children, parents, caregivers, and educators who support, sustain, and encourage children to realize their best selves through love of play and learning.

Box Tops for Education Update

Thank you to everyone who collected and submitted Box Tops for Education. In this collection period (October - March), we received 835 Box Tops for a total of $83.50. Our next Box Top Submission Deadline is in the Fall of 2018.