Hi! We’re the Heinz Family—Chris, Sasha, Jack, and Sloan (also known as Sloan-e-baloney). In August 2016, we moved from New York City to Pittsburgh. It was a big, but welcome change for all of us. Jack and Sloan said goodbye to yellow taxis, elevators, and the food delivery guys and hello to a messy SUV, stairs, and chickens at their grandmother’s farm in Fox Chapel.

Sloan (4) is finishing her second year at The Children’s School. Her big brother, Jack (7), is at Winchester Thurston School. I (Sasha) am a Developmental Psychologist, but work in private practice with adults. One day, I found myself obsessing over the comparative developmental benefits of the sippy cup vs the straw cup and, for the sake of everyone’s sanity (especially my children), decided to stop consulting with parents about their children’s development. Chris works at PNC, where he manages the external Fintech investment program. The children are extremely perplexed as to why his job doesn’t include tickets to Pirates games. They have a point.

Moving to Pittsburgh has been a new adventure for the entire family. We (Chris and Sasha) both grew up in Washington, D.C. Believe it or not, we went to the same elementary school and the same high school but did not know each other until we met in New York in 2001. We always thought we would one day move back to Washington, D.C., but a gorgeous late May weekend in 2015 convinced us that Pittsburgh was the perfect place for our family. We spent one year living in Fox Chapel and have now moved to a house in Squirrel Hill, which is delightfully close to both schools.

To say that Sloan loves The Children’s School is a huge understatement. In the Red Room with Mrs. Tomer, Sloan had her first taste of school, and it was pretty darn delicious. This year, Sloan is in the Green Room with Mrs. Opferman, who may indeed be one of Sloan’s best buddies. She can’t wait to see her friends and teachers at school and, of course, get dirty in the mud kitchen. When asked what her favorite thing about The Children’s School is, she replied, “The block center and the art table!”

We adore The Children’s School and pinch ourselves that Sloan has been lucky enough to be part of such a deliberately creative, warm, thoughtful, and positive environment. Plus, her grandmother gets to brag to all that her granddaughter goes to CMU—and does she ever!

We wish all of you a very happy (and sunny) summer and cannot wait to be back in September.

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