



Middleton Early Learning Center

A legacy of Excellence in Early Childhood Education

Through the Years: 45th Year Anniversary 1972-2017

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Generations & Traditions at MELC

I attended nursery school where Mrs. Middleton was my teacher before it was called MELC. What I remember most was a book that was given to me upon graduating from nursery school. This book was specially picked out for me with a handwritten note. I remember feeling very proud and I carried that feeling into my further education. This tradition of giving a book to its students was brought into the current MELC program.

When I look back at lots of memories flood back in of my 3 children attending there. Jessica, Nicholas, and Patrick all have a book that was picked out just for them reflecting their individual personality.

- **Laura Hurley (MELC Student 1972); (MELC Parent 1999-2010)**



Now: Jessica, Laura, Michael, Nicholas and Patrick k Hurley

They learned that school was safe and positive

Middleton prepared them for elementary school (and beyond) because of the nurturing approach that allowed them to learn and create as their young minds were developing. ... Our family made long lasting friends at Middleton. We will always be forever grateful to Mrs. T and her staff at MELC!

- **Harriet Newman (MELC Parent 2005-2010)**



Now: Jamie and Claire Newman

Tight-knit place to make us feel part of the community

We didn't know too many people in town at the time. I was coaching a child in lacrosse and I asked about preschools in GR. He told me that all five of his kids went to Middleton. He then told me about all of these other families in town who had sent their kids through Middleton and introduced me to Mrs. Trojanowski (Mrs. T as she is famously known) and Mrs. Salvatelli. I was pretty much hooked after that.

- **Adam Torrisi (MELC Parent 2012-2018)**



Now: Emily, Tyler and Olivia Torrisi at our annual Halloween Family Party this past October



Above: Year end concert in 1985; each year we still keep these traditions alive at our annual June concert.



Now: Kyle, Olivia and Cooper Mason

At MELC everybody has the potential to soar

This place has heart and was the first place outside of our family that made my kids feel safe, valued, and provided an atmosphere that encouraged growth. Though it's been nearly 20 years since we first enrolled, the lessons that MELC taught my kids (and me!) still hold true today.

- **Julie Mason (MELC Parent 1997-2002)**

My gratitude for MELC knows no bounds

MELC was a magical place and sparked a true love of Learning for my girls. The teachers found a brilliant balance of mothering and teaching young people. MY heart was completely at ease leaving my babies and they met me everyday with smiles on their faces and a million stories of what they learned.

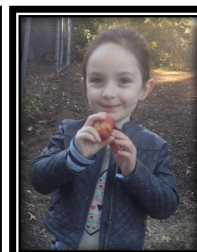
- **Erin Dilly Buntrock (MELC Parent 2008-2013)**



Now: Katie and Anna Buntrock



Above: Mornings at Middleton, Mrs. Murphy walks Jack (AM3s) into learning garden



Above: Planting Bulbs for "B" week, Avery (AM4s)

1970s

1980s

1990s

2000s

2010s

Today

Our Future is Bright...