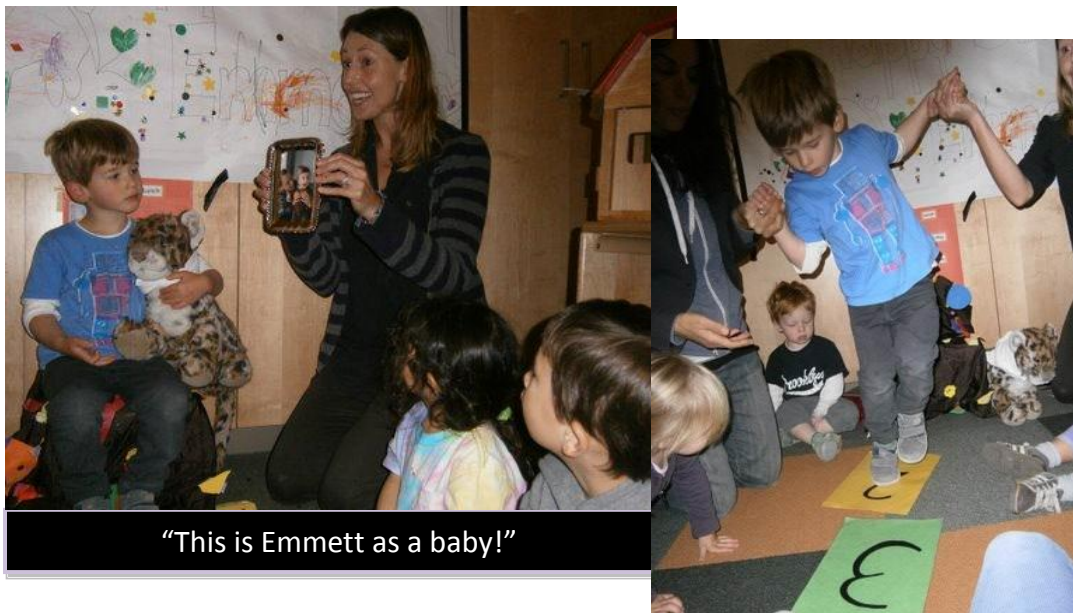


Happy Birthday!

This week, the Penguins celebrated a very special day, Emmett's 3rd birthday! His classmates, teachers and family had the opportunity to get together and share in Emmett's happiness. In a circle, we celebrated him and his family. Nicole, his mom, shared with us some of Emmett's favorite activities such as jumping and dancing. She showed us a very special photograph, shared memories and told us family anecdotes. We lit a candle, sang, wished Emmett a Happy Birthday, and cheered when he jumped from 2 to 3. Emmett was ecstatic! After many good wishes, hugs and even kisses, we all shared our afternoon nutritious snack, only this time it was accompanied by refreshingly sweet fruit popsicles.



Celebrations like these provide the opportunity to celebrate families' values and traditions, as well as the school's traditions as a community. They also help young children build a sense of self, instilling pride in themselves and their family history. During Emmett's birthday celebration the Penguins had a chance to connect more deeply with Emmett and thus embark together in their new school adventure.