Dear Parents,

This week, in addition to our regular schedule, we included several special lessons as we celebrated “National Reptile Day” and “National Dictionary Day.” The children were given lessons on how to use the dictionary and the parts of the dictionary. Older students enjoyed choosing words to research and then wrote the definitions, while younger students had lessons in alphabetizing. Dr. Maria Montessori encouraged the children to become independent through their own work and embrace their own learning, as well as become invested advocates for their own education. Therefore, the dictionary remains an important tool for the children’s need for independence and finding their own answers to their questions about things of which they are interested.

For “National Reptile Day,” we began with a lesson about the characteristics of what it means to be a reptile and examined the four types of reptiles. Dr. Montessori observed that children in this plane of development are naturally interested in learning about the animals around them. She believed that teaching young children about biology would help create a reverence for all living creatures. Therefore, the Montessori biology curriculum was specifically designed to facilitate the understanding of the inter-connectedness of all living things on earth.

Finally, we have thoroughly enjoyed meeting with so many of you for our Fall Conferences. We believe it’s important for us to partner in your child’s education as we work to educate the whole child. Therefore, hearing your perspective is critical in us supporting your child’s emotional, social and intellectual development. We thank you for your support, enthusiasm, and time, but most of all for sharing your children with us.

Here’s to a happy weekend!

Sincerely,
The E1 Teachers
Losing teeth and finding our place in the world! Gabriel celebrates losing his second tooth, while Zina, Jack, Aidan and Hugo study their puzzle maps.