Dear Parents,

What a wonderful week we had! The children continue to receive their individual or small group lessons in reading and math on a daily basis. When the children have completed their required academic work, students are invited to conduct research on a topic of their interest or choose any shelf work for which they have had a lesson. The children may also study one of the Montessori puzzle maps of the world. Dr. Maria Montessori designed the geography puzzle maps for every continent so that the children may learn the countries, states, and capitals of the world. By learning about the world in which we live, the children not only become educated, but an awareness is created within the child that we are all human beings, no matter what our race, religion, customs, or beliefs may be. By knowing about the countries and peoples of the world, Dr. Montessori believed that these young children would become not only creative in problem solving, but also advocates for peace.

Finally, we were thrilled to host Grandparents and Special Friends Day today in celebration of Thanksgiving. The children had a small program and gift for their guests, and then we shared a special healthy snack. In the spirit of community and sharing in thanksgiving, we are grateful to so many families who contributed fruit or vegetables to our healthy snack. We were also happy to share this special time with your children and their special guest. Please know when we gather around the table next week for Thanksgiving with our own families, we will be grateful for your trust in us and for sharing your children with us.

We wish everyone a safe and wonderful fall break, as well as a Happy Thanksgiving. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday, December 2.

Sincerely,

The E1 Teachers
Happy Thanksgiving!