



### **Invitation to Reflect**

This week it seems like a good time to take a closer look at some of the activities within the elementary environments. Look at the list:

- parts of the flower
- exports and imports of consumable goods
- minerals
- the powers of words and the feelings that accompany them such as joy, anger, hurt, confusion, etc.
- SCIENCE FAIR
- the study of the sugar cane to include tasting actual sugar cane!
- The Story of Numbers from the beginning of existence to the present time
- Greek Mythology Exam
- The story of Written Language: how the formation of letters arose across time
- Simple Interests in Math
- Lateral and Total Surface Area
- squaring
- LION KING
- Recess/Lunch/ visitors=grace and courtesy in greeting guests
- birthday baking

I particularly enjoy this comment from one of the Elementary teachers:

*"We have been studying biographies. We had a fascinating discussions related to Martin Luther King Jr., Snowflake Bentley, and Thomas Alva Edison. In fact this week we spent some time talking about the filament in the lightbulb and being "wowed" by the lightbulb. " -Trista Gamble.*

The list doesn't stop there. I invite you to reflect upon this list for a moment. What do you see? Can you imagine yourself participating in some of these lessons and how would you feel? Would you have liked to have lessons that gave you real-life experiences like these? What about the quote provided by Trista about the children being "wowed"?

Here, at TMS, we offer a curriculum that is rich and unique! We provide real-life opportunities, inspiration, challenges for growth, and we offer what Maria Montessori would have envisioned for the children of the future; a place to construct their personality, develop their imaginations and become a valued member of society.

Thank you to all for supporting Dr. Maria Montessori's vision for a peaceful future.

Hakuna Matata,

*Lisbeth and the Elementary Team*