

Highlights of the Week

As we continued our study of Europe, this week we took a look at the country of **Italy**. It was again mentioned that on the map Italy looks like a woman's tall high-heeled boot. They have also familiarized themselves with the flag of Italy (green, white and red rectangles.) They also were surprised to learn that pizza and ice cream originated in Italy.

During the month of March, the children will learn about another vertebrate. This month's focus will be on **reptiles**. To date, the children have learned that reptiles are vertebrates (animal with a backbone), are cold blooded, have rough and/or scaly skin and lay eggs. Alligators, crocodiles, lizards, turtles, tortoises and snakes are all reptiles. (Next week we will discuss the largest reptiles that ever lived.)

As **St. Patrick's Day** approaches, the children were told the story of St. Patrick, which of course includes learning about the island of **Ireland**. Patrick as a young boy had been kidnapped from his family and home then taken to Ireland. He was there for many years and was eventually able to escape and return to his home safely. Later however, Patrick returned back to the country of Ireland, which he had grown to love.

Dr. Maria Montessori's Words:



"The essence of independence is to be able to do something for one's self."

Reminders:

- Spring Break **March 30 through April 6 No Regular School** (Childcare available with extra cost **April 2nd through April 5th**)
- Professional Development for all staff **April 6 No School/No childcare**
- School resumes **April 9th**

Home/School Connection

Due to a special presentation on India by SMA parents on Friday, our special St. Patrick's Day treat may be postponed until next week! The children have been looking forward to it, but time may not permit being able to on this Friday!

