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We moved to Maine from very urban area where we were very concerned for our daughters education. Since joining the MESA program at Molly Ockett we have seen our daughter blossom and excel in school. She is more engaged, happier and excited to go to school. She has always been interested in animals and has said since a young age that she wants to be a herpetologist when she grows up. The MESA program has really fostered this dream. We are bombarded each day with stories about the latest hike, nature that they encountered and things learned from experiments conducted in the field. And she is constantly teaching us new things as well. And beyond personal enrichment that this program has given our child and our family the greatest gift programs like MESA provides is to the earth and society in whole. In a world where children are becoming less connected to nature at a time when

nature needs us more, it is very important to have programs like MESA to bring up environmental advocates and responsible stewards of the earth.