

Looking Ahead — What Elementary Will Be Like

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child learns about what to expect in lower elementary (1st-3rd grade) Montessori work. This gentle introduction to the next stage reduces anxiety and builds excitement about continued learning.

What You Need:

- Paper
- Pencil
- Globe and timeline (optional)
- Pictures or books about elementary Montessori work (optional)

Steps:

1. 'You have learned so much! Do you want to know what comes next in your learning adventure?'
2. In elementary, you will learn about the WHOLE UNIVERSE — how it started, how life began, how language was invented!
3. Briefly describe the Great Lessons: the Big Bang, the coming of life, the story of numbers, the story of writing.
4. You will read longer books, solve bigger math problems, and do research projects about things YOU choose.'
5. What are you excited about learning? What questions do you want to answer?'
6. Write down their questions: 'These are the questions that will drive your learning next year!'
7. You are READY for elementary.'

Work Space:

