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Keepsake Box: My Time Capsule

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CONNECT.

Have you ever found something from your past that instantly brought back a memory? It might have been a photo, a toy, or even a note you wrote to yourself years ago. A time capsule is a container filled with items from the present, sealed and saved to open in the future.

INVESTIGATE.

Turn your Keepsake Box into a time capsule filled with items that tell the story of who you are right now. When you open it in the future, you will be able to look back and remember what life was like at this moment.

As you choose what to include, think about how different materials might change over time. Paper can fade, photos can curl, and some plastics can become brittle. Select items you believe will still be in good condition when the capsule is opened, and decide if any need extra protection, such as placing them in an envelope or wrapping them in tissue.

You'll need:

- Your Keepsake Box
 - Paper
 - Pen
 - Tape
 - Small keepsakes (like photos, ticket stubs, small toys, or notes)
1. Think about items that represent your favorite hobbies, memories, and experiences from this year.
 2. Gather small items that fit inside your box, such as photos, ticket stubs, or small toys. Choose things you can live without for a long time. Also, consider how each item might look in the future and choose ones you think will still be in good condition.
 3. Write a letter to your future self describing your life, friends, favorite activities, and hopes for the future.
 4. Decorate your letter or add illustrations to make it more personal.
 5. Place your items and letter inside the Keepsake Box.

INNOVATE.

Seal your Keepsake Box with tape to keep everything secure. On the outside of the box, write the date you plan to open it, like 3 or 5 years from now. Store it somewhere safe so it can wait for you until that special day arrives.

You could also create a time capsule log: a small list taped to the outside that hints at what is inside without giving away all the surprises.

Share a photo of your sealed Keepsake Box time capsule with the date you will open it using #kidsworkshopexplore.



Building a keepsake box is a lot like what a construction worker does. Both jobs are about creating a strong, safe container that will last a long time and protect what's inside. **Construction workers** build and repair our world with a variety of projects, from small homes to towering skyscrapers, roads, and bridges.

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