

Title: Family Time Capsule	Grade: 2nd Grade
Content: Social Studies/English Language Arts	Duration: 15-30 minutes daily for five days

Standard:

- **HGSS:** Relationships among people, places, ideas, and environments are dynamic.
- **SL.2.3:** Ask and answer questions in order to gather information or deepen understanding.
- **Content:** Social Studies/English Language Arts Demonstrate command of the conventions of English grammar when writing.

Objective: Children will work with their families to create a Family Time Capsule to be opened at a later date.

Resources Needed:

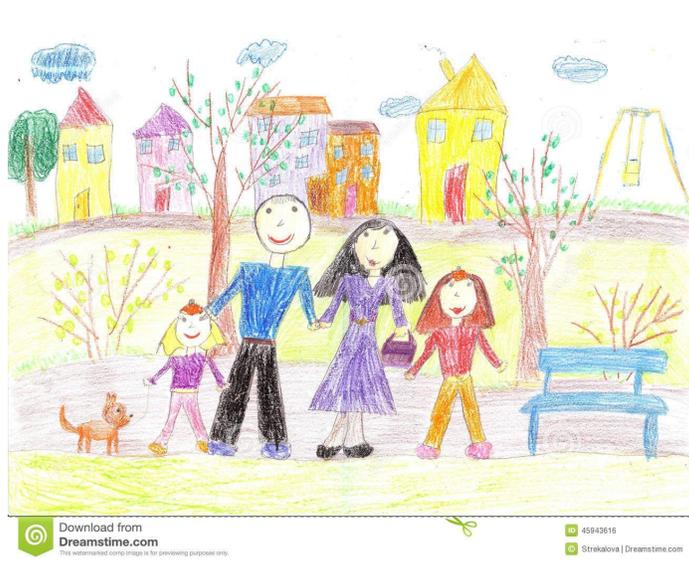
- Paper for daily writing or a notebook/journal
- Something to use as a time capsule—it could be a coffee can, jar, shoebox or ziplock bag
- Paper towel tubes or envelopes
- Markers, crayons, and pencils/pens
- Free printables for making a family time capsule:
<http://homegrownheartsacademy.blogspot.com/2015/01/make-time-capsule.html>
- Videos to give you some ideas:
<https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Family-Time-Capsule>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bq-eKllx-Zo>

Introduction/Description: Creating a family time capsule will give you opportunities to capture this moment in time and what's going on in your life right now! You can add things that are important to you and your family.

Day 1

Decide what you will use to hold your valuable collection of memories. It could be a jar, a shoebox, or a plastic container. The size depends on what you want to put in your time capsule.

- ❑ Draw and write a **secret message** that you want everyone in your family to see, but don't show them today. It will be a surprise when you open it later!
- ❑ Be sure to sign your picture, write the date on it and roll it up.
- ❑ Put it in a paper towel roll. Tape the ends shut and decorate the roll. If you have enough rolls, let everyone in your family do this. If you don't have any paper towel rolls, just roll it up and tape it shut or place it in an envelope.



Day 2

Have each family member fill out an **All About Me** page similar to this.

ALL ABOUT ME

NAME: _____ AGE: _____ years

Picture here

FAVORITES	FAMILY
Color: _____	Birthday: _____
Animal: _____	I am the _____ Child in
Activity: _____	my family.
Food: _____	Sibling(s): _____
Movie: _____	Parent(s): _____
Character: _____	Pet(s): _____
Song: _____	
Thing to do: _____	

STRENGTHS: _____

WEAKNESSES: _____

This form is available at the end of this lesson or you can download one from one of the

websites provided.

Day 3

- Conduct an **interview** with a family member and ask some of these questions.
- Record the answers in a journal or on paper for your time capsule.
 - What do you like most about yourself right now?
 - What is the funniest thing you've ever done?
 - What are you good at?
 - What's the most important rule you know?
 - How do you like to spend your time?
 - What makes you feel proud?
 - What do you know that you could teach me?

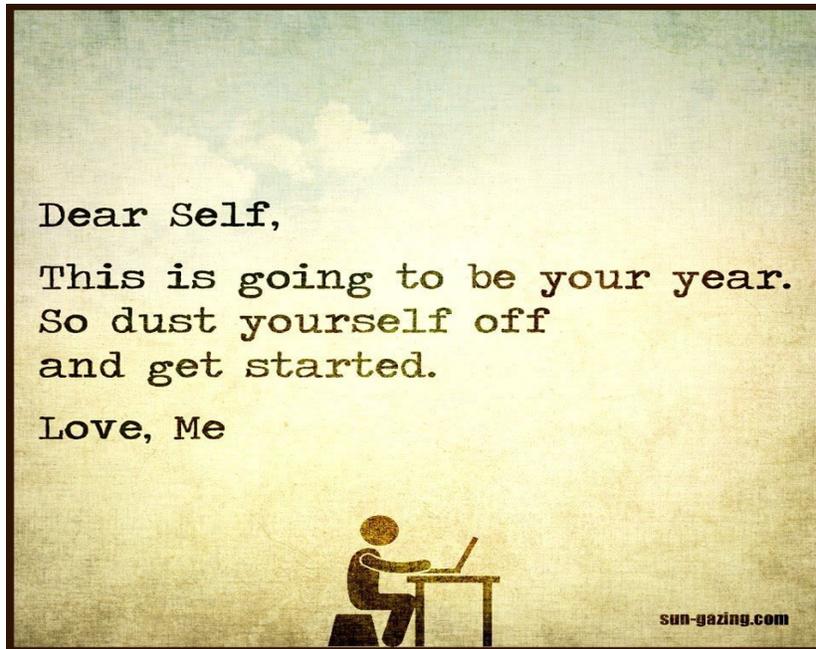
Day 4

- Write or draw about something you like to do with your family, or a favorite memory you made together.
- Create a wish list of things you want to do with your family when you can.



Day 5

- Write a letter to your future self. What do you want to say?
- Write or draw a letter and place it in an envelope addressed to you!



Finished Product: At the end of this week, decide with your family if there are more things you want to collect for your time capsule. Do you want to put photographs in your time capsule with captions about what's happening in the pictures? Do you want to write about your favorite toys and tell why? Do you want to include a family recipe? If so, keep going! When you're finished seal up your time capsule and save it to open at a later date! Have fun!

Adaptations:

- Other real items could be placed in the time capsule as long as they would be safe.
- Make a family birthday book describing each family member's favorite birthday, cake, food and how they like to celebrate.
- Enjoy this time making new memories with your family!

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Picture
here



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FAMILY

Birthday: _____
I am the _____ Child in
my family.
Sibling(s): _____
Parent(s): _____
Pet(s): _____

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

