Dear Rising Sixth Year and Family,

Next August you will begin your Expert Project! Parents, this is a delightful year-long Montessori project in which your child will become an expert on a topic of his/her choice. It will combine the skills your child has been mastering throughout his/her elementary years in reading, research, technology, writing, grammar, publishing and presenting.

Students, we are asking you to spend some time this summer thinking about possible topics, reading about them, and starting a bibliography of books you might need again in the fall once you make your final topic selection.

Read and work on the enclosed assignments. Get the juices flowing! But DON'T make any final decisions about your topic. There's time for that in the fall. Keep yourself open to possibilities. Talk it over with family and friends. Let this summer be a time to daydream about things you've always wanted to know about, and see where those daydreams lead.

Throughout this entire project, it is important to stay organized. Please purchase a two-inch, three-ring binder. Keep all of these summer assignments, and anything related to your potential Expert Project, in this binder. We look forward to seeing what you've been thinking about when we meet again in August.

Happy reading, writing, and dreaming! See you in the fall.

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