

2 Week Homeschool Transition Workbook — Elementary (K–5)

A friendly, printable workbook with checklists, passport pages, vision board time cards, and a showcase rubric.

Quick Start Checklist

- Create a simple learning space
- Set one first-day tradition (breakfast, photo, picnic)
- Make a Homeschool Passport (folder + stamp space)
- Choose 1 interest-based mini-unit for Week 1.
- Prepare 3 anchor activities (10–15 min each).
- Collect basic supplies (index cards, glue, poster board)



Vision Board — Cut & Paste / Draw Here (Use this box for pictures, goals, & dreams)

Homeschool Passport — Stamp When You Try Something New

Date	Activity / Field Trip	Stamp or Sticker
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Time Card Tetris — Cut these cards and let your child assemble the day

Read Aloud (15 mins)	Math Play (20 mins)
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Nature Walk (20 mins)	Snack/Break (15 mins)
Art/Creative (20 mins)	STEM/Build (20 mins)
Quiet Time (15 mins)	Showcase Prep (15 mins)

Gentle Assessment Games (disguised as play)

- Treasure-Map Baselines—rotate through 4 stations (reading, writing, math, science)
- Teach the Toy—child teaches a stuffed animal a short task
- Story Dice Snapshot — roll, tell, and you scribe the tale

Plug-and-Play: First 2 Weeks (Elementary)

Week 1

- **Mon:** First-Day Tradition + All-About-Us Café + Passport
- **Tues:** Vision Board + Time-Card Tetris + Anchor Activity (Read-Aloud)
- **Wed:** Treasure-Map Baselines + Kitchen Chemistry demo
- **Thurs:** Interest Mini-Unit Day 1 + Supply Nook Build
- **Fri:** Mini-Unit Day 2 + Friday Showcase

Week 2

- **Mon:** Tweak Time-Card + Anchor Activity (Audiobook) + Mini-Unit Day 3
- **Tue:** Microservice Project + Mini-Unit Day 4
- **Wed:** Field Experience + Passport Stamp
- **Thurs:** Mini-Unit Wrap + Brochure or Poster
- **Fri:** Final Showcase & Gratitude & Growth Jar

Friday Showcase Rubric (Kid-Friendly)

Criteria	Yes / Almost / Needs Practice
Tells us what they made/learned	Yes / Almost / Needs Practice
Shows one thing they are proud of	Yes / Almost / Needs Practice
Asks one question about next week	Yes / Almost / Needs Practice



Pinterest-Style Visual Ideas (Print & Pin)

- Photo Booth Props: Makes simple props from skewers and paper. Use for First-Day photos.
- Mini Vision Board Examples: Use magazine cutouts and stickers to tell a short-term goal story.
- Learning Nook Setup: Label bins & let child choose a focus buddy (plant or plush).

Notes & Weekly Plan

Absolutely—here’s a practical, research-informed deep dive you can put to work right away. I’ve organized it into a simple framework, a big activity bank with fresh twists (and Pinterest inspo), plus a plug-and-play “first 2 weeks” plan.

The Transition Framework (FAST)

- F—Form the vibe: low-pressure, celebratory start; build connection & rituals.
- A—Assess gently: quick, game-like baseline checks to see where to pitch work.
- S—Set the systems: routines, spaces, and tools you’ll actually keep.
- T—Tie to interests: hook each subject to what your child already loves.

Sources that echo these ideas on first-week tone, rituals, and smooth transitions: (first-day ideas), (connection > perfection), and (micro-transitions & anchors).

Activity Bank (easy, fun, unique, engaging)

1) Vibe-setting rituals (Day 1–3)

- “All About Us” Café: set up a pretend café; kids “order” activities from a menu you made (math snack, art smoothie, nature walk special). They circle 2–3 items to start.
- Homeschool Passport + Stamps: stamp for trying, not perfection; add “field visas” for outings.
- Vision Board Studio: cut/paste goals, values, & dream field trips. Quick prompts: “What do I want to get better at?”
“Where do I want to explore?” “What makes me proud of me?” Guidance & kid templates are here.

(connectionsacademy.com, [Gratitude The Life Blog](https://www.thegratitudeblog.com), [Carrie Elle](https://www.carrielle.com), [Waco Moms](https://www.wacomoms.com))

- First-Day Tradition: pancake breakfast, photo booth, or nature picnic; pick one signature yearly ritual. Idea lists here.

2) Gentle assessment (disguised as play)

- Treasure-Map Baselines: place 4 stations (reading, writing, number sense, and science talk). Each completed card earns a map piece; assemble to reveal a tiny prize or riddle.
- “Teach the Toy”: child explains (to a stuffed animal) how to read a page, add to 10, or measure 1 cup—great for spotting strengths without pressure.
- Story Dice Snapshot: roll picture dice, narrate, then you scribe; checks vocabulary, sequencing, & stamina.

3) Systems that stick (routines & spaces)

- Time-Card Tetris: print subject cards + 15-min “blocks.” Kids build a day that must include movement & outdoors; you finalize v1.0 and revisit weekly.
- Anchor Activities: 10–15-minute “start/shift” habits (copywork, audiobooks, typing, map tracing) to smooth transitions. Examples here.
- DIY Learning Nooks: The child labels supplies, chooses a “focus buddy” (plant or plush), and designs a desk tent with their goals on the inside.



4) Interest-tied launch mini-units (3–5 days each)

“City of Cups” (STEM + Civics): design a cardboard “city,” add cup towers, plan roads (measurement), set a budget (math), write a brochure (ELA), and vote on park vs. library.

Kitchen Chemistry Week: emulsions (dressing), solutions (lemonade), states of matter (ice cream bag). Graph taste-test results.

Backyard BioBlitz: 20-minute daily species hunt, sketch in a nature journal, tally counts, build a simple field guide.

5) Community & Reflection

Friday Showcase: 3 slides or 3 artifacts (photo, page, model) + 30-second talk.

Gratitude & Growth Jar: “One thing I tried” and “One thing I learned.” “One person I helped.” Pull a slip each Monday. Pinterest-Powered Idea Starters (curated)

Use these boards to visually spark your exact version (traditions, printable checklists, room setups, crafts).

Back-to-Homeschool Boards: a broad mix of first-week activities, printables, and photos.

Vision Boards for Kids/Students: design prompts, layouts, and examples.

Tip: Pin 8–10 ideas total for this year; ignore the rest. “Save less, do more.”

Plug-and-Play: First 2 Weeks Plan

Week 1 (Connection + Orientation)

Mon: *First-Day* Tradition + “All About Us” Café + Passport setup. (20-minute nature walk photo scavenger)

Tue: Vision Board Studio + Time-Card Tetris + Anchor Activity #1 (read-aloud + sketch).

Wed: Treasure-Map Baselines (4 stations, 12–15 min each) + Kitchen Chemistry demo.

Thu: Interest Mini-Unit Day 1 (choose theme) + supply-nook build.

Fri: Mini-Unit *Day 2* + Friday Showcase + Family game (math or logic).

Week 2 (Systems + Mini-Unit)

Mon: Time-Card v1.1 tweak + Anchor Activity #2 (audiobook) + Mini-Unit *Day 3*.

Tue: Community service micro-project (cards for neighbors, library shelf help) + Mini-Unit *Day 4*.

Wed: Field Experience (park bioblitz or museum); stamp passports.

Thu: Wrap mini-unit; brochure/poster; practice 30-second talk.

Fri: Showcase; Gratitude & Growth Jar; plan next week together. Unique Twists You Can Drop Anywhere “*Learning Playlist*” Cards: kids pick 3 cards (Move, Create, Read) to assemble a 45-minute session.

Challenge Coins: cardboard “coins” you hand out for effort, helping, or presenting; trade 3 coins for choosing Friday’s experiment.

Subject Sketchnotes: one page of icons/words per lesson—keeps attention high without full summaries.

Passion Friday: 60–90 minutes for pure interest projects; you model by doing your own mini-project alongside them.

Quick Supply List (first month)

The supply list for the first month includes index cards, washi tape, binder rings, cheap stamps, and an ink pad, a folder for passports, mixed magnets, cup tower packs, a large poster board, glue sticks, painter’s tape, a kitchen scale, droppers or pipettes, and one clipboard for each child.

Parent Notes (so it stays joyful)

Do less, deeper. One focused mini-unit with daily anchors is more effective than ten scattered tasks.

Protect the ritual. First-day tradition and Friday Showcase your consistency pillars.

Co-own the plan. When kids help set schedules and goals, it leads to higher buy-in.

(Vision boards & student goal-setting are helpful on this front.)

Use micro-transitions. Audiobooks, copywork, or typing bridge energy dips.

Stay comparison-free. Pick what serves your family this season.

