



Dear Parents,

A birthday is more than presents, **it is a celebration of your child's accomplishments that year.** Young children change so much from year to year, and even month to month when they are very young, that it is important to celebrate their accomplishments and experiences of the year.

☀️ In a Montessori classroom, we do just that.

☀️ A candle, representing the sun, is lit in the middle of the room. Labels with each month of the year are laid out in a circle radiating out from the "sun."

☀️ The children and teachers sit in a wide circle around the sun and months of the year, while the birthday child stands next to the month of his or her birth holding a globe to represent the Earth.

☀️ The child then walks around the sun one time for each year of his or her life.

☀️ After the child walks, the teacher talks about what the child was doing when he or she was that age.

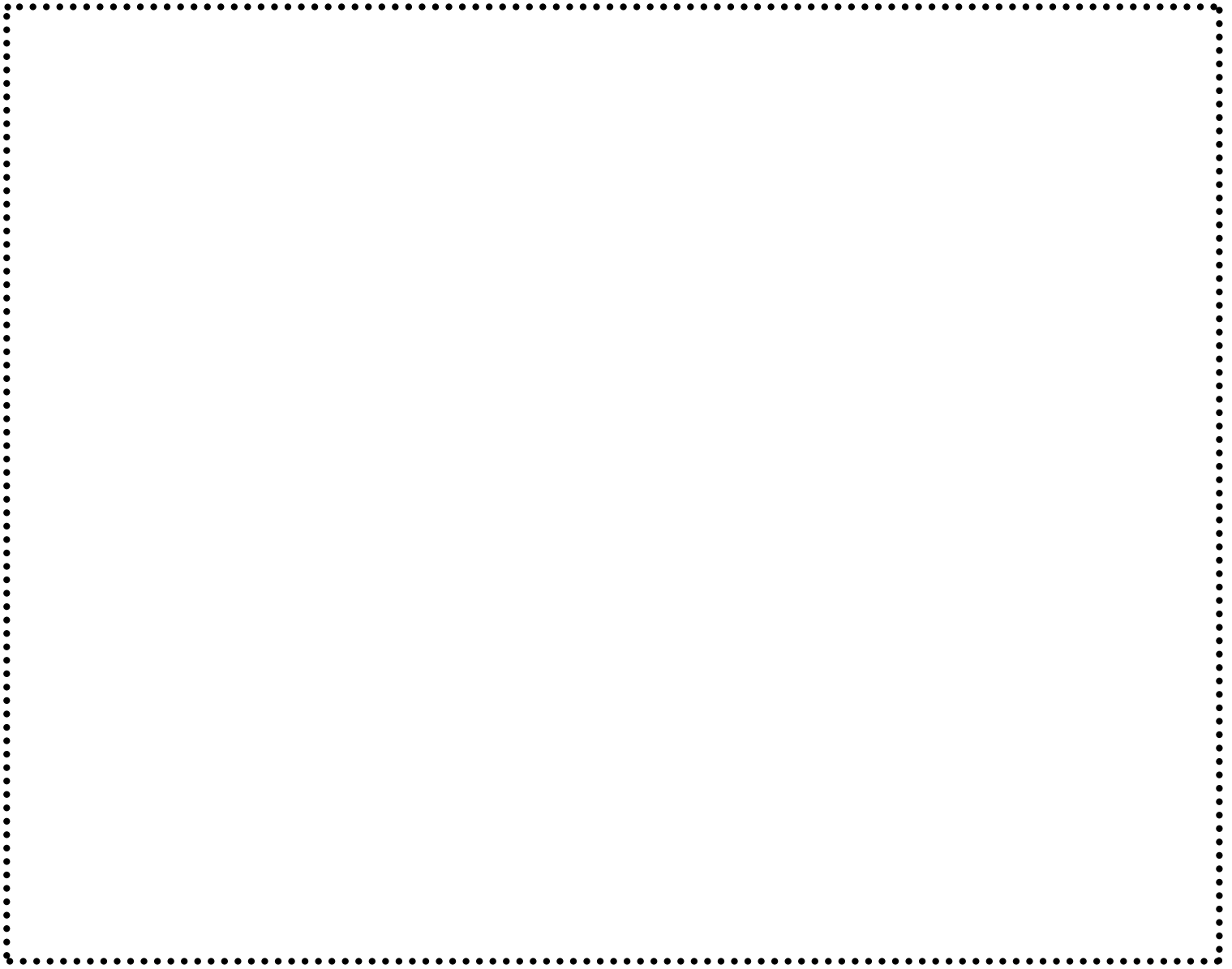
☀️ At the end the child may extinguish the candle and the class sings "Happy Birthday".

We are asking you to **write a few sentences** and **attach a few photos** to the attached pages (only the pages that correspond with the ages your child has experienced). This will help make the Walk Around the Sun more personal and unique for them.

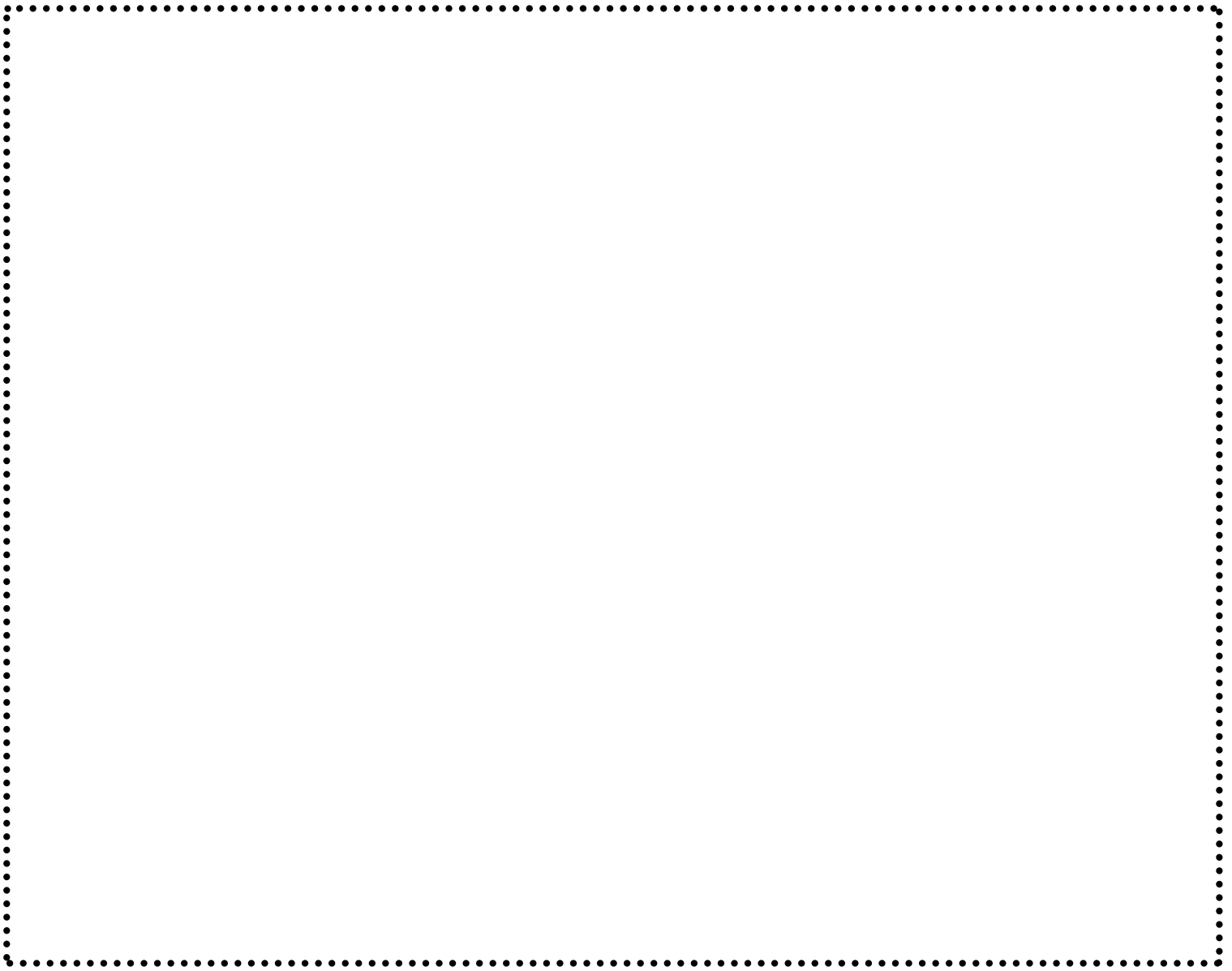
We would also love for you to **join us as your child walks around the sun.** Please let us know some times that work for you.

Thank you for your participation!





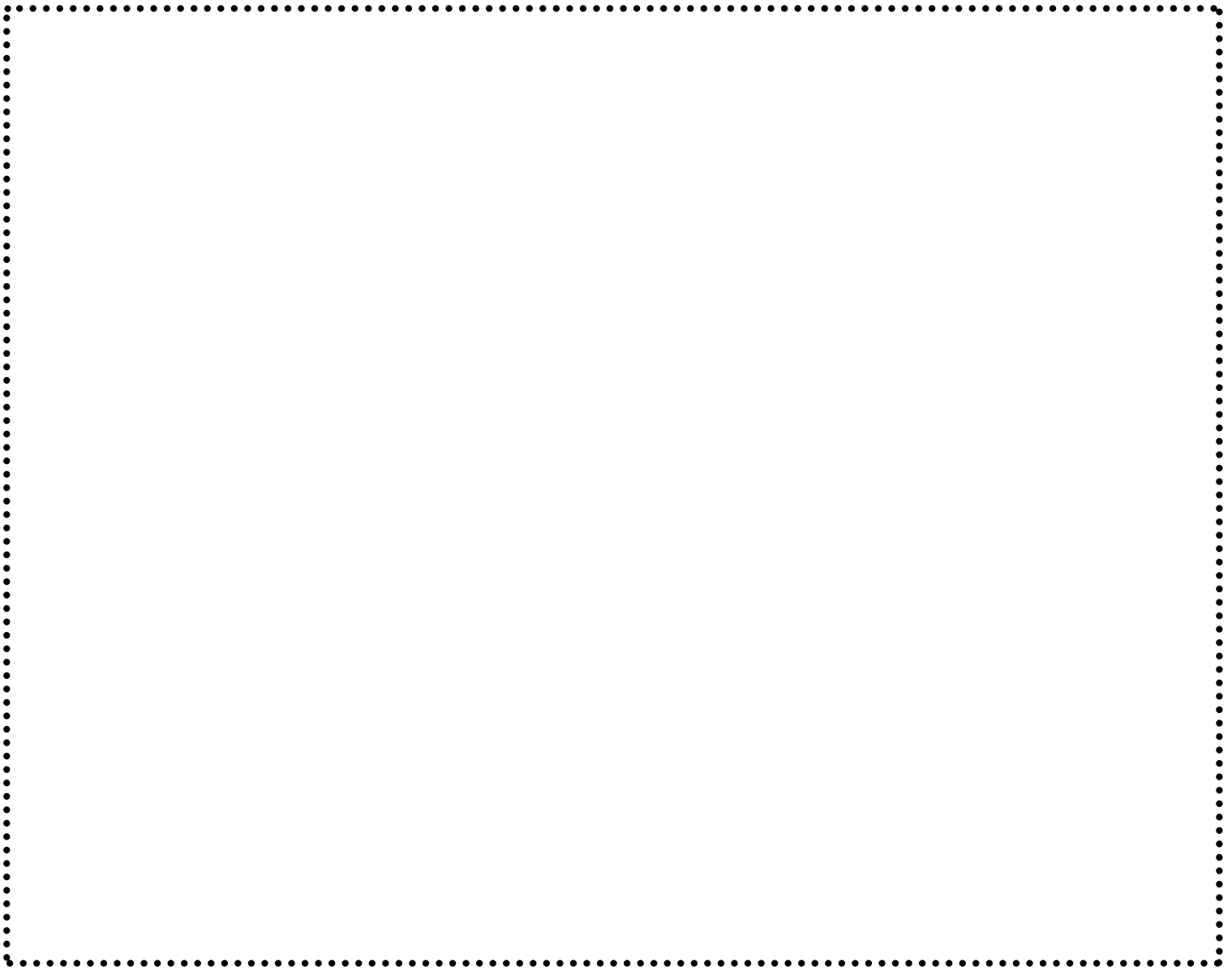
Birth to 1 Year - During _____ first year,



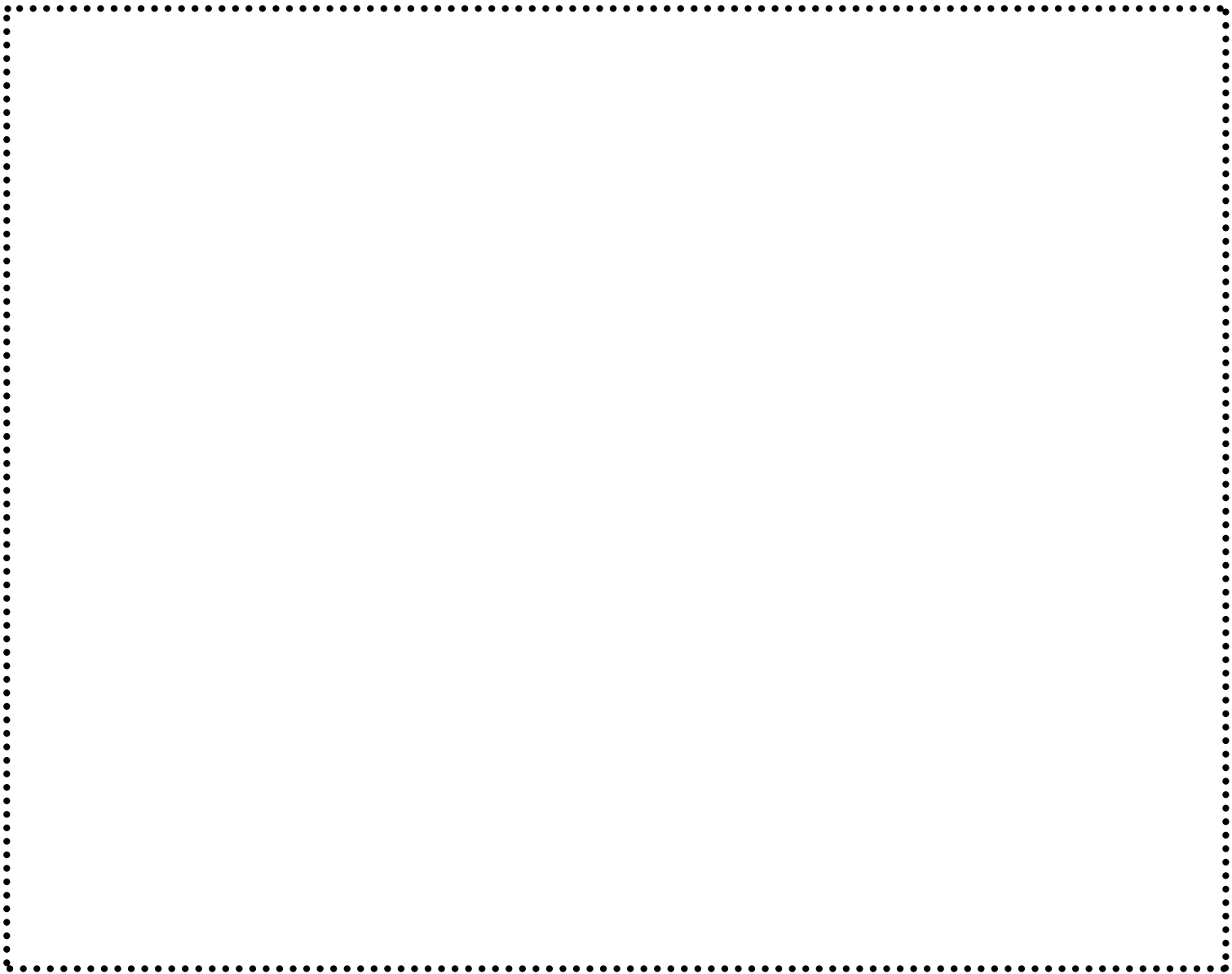
1 Year to 2 Years - During _____ second year,



2 Years to 3 Years - During _____ third year,



3 Years to 4 Years - During _____ fourth year,



4 Years to 5 Years - During _____ fifth year,



5 Years to 6 Years - During _____ sixth year,
