

# Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8-12, 2023

    **#ThankATeacher**

Post your #TeacherAppreciationWeek photos and make sure to #ThankATeacher



## Ways Parents Can Thank a Teacher

- Ask teachers for a supply wish list and work with other parents to fill the list. Place all the supplies in a large planter or window box. Add a pencil with a construction paper flower taped to the top with the name of each child. Add a note stating, "Thanks for helping us grow!"
- Set up a walking taco bar for the teachers' lunch with a note saying, "Let's TACO 'bout how special teachers are!"
- Wash the classrooms windows and leave a note that says, "Thanks for helping kids shine!"
- Donate a book to the classroom.
- Volunteer to help clean the classroom after hours.
- Host a cereal bar breakfast with fruit, milk, and a variety of cereals. Display a sign that says, "We cereal-sly appreciate our teachers!"
- Volunteer to decorate the classroom door. Choose a theme such as adding green shamrocks with the children's names on and a sign that says, "We are lucky you are our teacher!"

## Ways Programs Can Thank a Teacher

- Include information about Teacher Appreciation Week in all program communications.
- Write each teacher a handwritten thank you note with specific examples of what makes them special.
- Have each class in your program record a short video saying why they like their teacher(s) and thanking them. Then post the video on your website or social media page.
- Contact the local newspapers, TV stations, and radio stations and let them know it is teacher's week. Ask them to mention your great teachers.
- Contact area merchants to see if they have any give aways or special deals for teachers. Make a list of the deals and give them to the teachers. Title it "Special deals for special teachers."
- Have an afternoon ice cream sundae bar. Display a sign that says, "Here's the scoop, teachers are special!"
- Call local yoga studios or gyms and ask if they will host

a relaxation session at your program for the teachers after hours.

- Work with a local spa to provide mini chair massages for the teachers.
- Give teachers refrigerator magnets that say, "Teaching is my special power!"

## Ways to Help Children Thank a Teacher

- Help children use chalk to draw stars with the teachers' names inside to create a mini walk of fame into the building.
- Take several pictures of your child with their favorite artwork from the year and print them out on a mini poster for the teacher. Help your child add why they were their favorites.
- Help your child make a large batch of homemade playdough for the class. Give it to the teacher with a note saying, "I'm dough glad you are my teacher!"
- Have your child decorate a wooden note box with a note inside thanking the teacher. The teacher can use it to store all their thank you notes.
- Take a picture of your child with a "My teacher is special" sign and post to social media.
- Help children create heartfelt letters, cards, messages, and artwork thanking their teacher.
- Help your child put together a s'mores kit to give to the teacher with a note that says, "We need s'more teachers like you!"

## Teachers are Special

Just as each child is special, so is each teacher. Teachers work tirelessly to support and engage their children every day. They adapt to their children's needs. They research ways to create classrooms that every child can thrive in. They create opportunities for children to learn new skills and concepts. They help children gain the confidence to achieve. They find joy as their students learn and grow. It is important for us to thank them and recognize the selfless work they do every day to help children succeed. Teacher Appreciation Week is the perfect time to let teachers know how special they are!