



DID YOU KNOW?

There are about 3 million teachers in public schools throughout the US.

How to...



Show your teacher you care

Celebrate the amazing educators in your life during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Teachers dedicate a tremendous amount of time and energy to their students. In addition to the hard work of creating lesson plans, assessing progress, and managing a classroom, they do so much more. National Teacher Appreciation Week, taking place May 6–10, is a great time to show your teacher you're thankful for all they do. Here's how you can get started.

Learn the history

Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt persuaded Congress to establish the first National Teacher Day in 1953. In 1985, the National Education Association established Teacher Appreciation Week, to be recognized every year during the first full week of May.

Express your gratitude

One way to show appreciation for your teacher is to write them a letter. (You can fill out the form on the next page and hand it to them!) Take a minute to think about the qualities that make your teacher special. For example, they may be patient at explaining new concepts or they make learning fun. You could include a positive memory of school this year, like a favorite book you read as a class or a fun science experiment led by your teacher.

Be a respectful student

Another way to show your teacher how much you appreciate them is to give them your respect. You can do this through your actions. For example, you can demonstrate you care by coming to class prepared and doing your best work. Remember to be polite to your teacher and to everyone else in the classroom. You can also express appreciation by taking an interest in the lesson the teacher is teaching.

Find out what they need

Teachers often pay for classroom supplies with their own money. Talk to your family about how you can support your teacher by providing items they may need, whether it's books for their classroom library or cleaning wipes and tissues. You and an adult could also help organize a spring drive with other families to replenish classroom materials.

Pledge your support

"More than appreciation, teachers need us to take action," the National Education Association states on its website. Teachers need support and resources all year long. With an adult's help, find out more about how your family can support educators at nea.org/TAW#.



Tell teachers they're special!

3 simple gestures

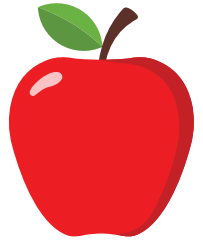


A touch of nature. Brighten your teacher's workspace with a potted plant or a bouquet of flowers in an upcycled vase. Personalize it with a note in your own words.

A special photo. Capture a fun classroom moment with a camera, then print the photo and frame it for your teacher. Attach a card explaining why this memory is meaningful to you.

A sweet treat. Surprise your teacher with an edible gift, whether it's candy, fresh fruit, or homemade baked goods. Tie on a gift tag with a handwritten note of appreciation.

Thank you for being my teacher!



Use this form to show an educator your appreciation! Fill it out any way you wish, then give it to your teacher. More forms can be found online at theweekjunior.com/activities.

To: _____

From: _____

You are important to me because:

Three words I would use to describe you are:

A favorite memory I have of you is:

Here is a drawing I made to show my appreciation:

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