



Thank a Teacher

Guide For Parents



Writing down your appreciation for a teacher is a great way to thank them for all their support, dedication, and passion for teaching students. Consider also thanking the paraprofessionals, bus drivers, custodians, principals, administrative assistants, and/or lunch staff who have made an impact on you or the students in your life this year.

Activity: Thank You Note

Parents with school-age children often notice firsthand the knowledge and skills their students bring home. This activity is meant to inspire parents who wish to write a thank-you note to their student's teacher.

Items you will need:

- Paper or card
- Pen or pencil

Instructions:

1. You might already have an idea of the lessons and skills your student is bringing home, or you can ask them about what they're learning in class. This will help make your thank-you more specific and meaningful.
2. You could also use some of the following prompts to get started:
 - a. "I saw my child doing _____ the other day and it made me realize how much you're teaching them."
 - b. "When my child told me about _____, I could see them taking to heart the lessons you share in class."
 - c. "I was so glad to hear my child mention _____. I loved that [book/topic] when I was in school, so it was fabulous to hear them excited about it too!"
3. It's recommended that you write the note by hand for a personal touch. If that's not possible, that's all right! Any way you can share your thanks is great. And if English isn't your first language or you are self-conscious about your writing, write what you can anyway. It's the thought and intention that counts, not grammar or spelling!
4. To end your thank-you note, it might be a good idea to let the recipient know that you don't expect a response. Many teachers and staff are overwhelmed, so a simple line like, "There's no need to respond to this thank you," can remove one more to-do from a teacher's list.
5. Send your thank-you to the teacher. You could ask your child to deliver this or mail it to the school directly. Parent-teacher conferences or after-school events may also be good opportunities to deliver your note.

