



Thank a Teacher

Guide for Younger Students



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

Activity 1: Postcard

In this activity, you will create your own postcard for a teacher. You can deliver this postcard in person or through the mail.

Items you will need:

- A piece of cardstock or paper, folded to make a postcard-sized rectangle (ranges from 4"x6" to 6"x9")
- Pencils, crayons, markers, pens, or other favorite writing/coloring instrument

Instructions:

1. On the front of your postcard, draw a picture of anything that reminds you of your teacher. For example:
 - a. Can you remember a time that this teacher helped you? What did they help you with? Draw a picture of this memory.
 - b. What does your classroom look like? Draw a picture of a few things you see in your classroom each day.
 - c. What do you look like when you're really happy? Draw a self-portrait to show just how this teacher makes you feel.
2. After you've drawn a picture, color it in. Focus on making your postcard bright and full of color.
3. On the back of your postcard, write a message to your teacher. You can ask an adult for help if you'd like. Get as creative as you'd like! Some ideas include:
 - a. List three things you'd like to thank your teacher for. Start your message with "Thank you for ..."
 - b. Write a poem that expresses your feelings about the picture you drew on the front of the postcard.
 - c. Write a story about the picture you drew on the front of the card. Tell your teacher what you drew and why it is important or meaningful to you.
4. Make sure to sign your postcard so your teacher knows who created it!
5. Deliver your postcard in person or through the mail.



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Activity 2: Thank You Note

In this activity, you will write a thank-you note to a teacher. This could take the form of a handwritten note or card.

Items you will need:

- Paper
- Pen or pencil
- Markers or crayons for decorating (optional)

Instructions:

1. Think about why you are thankful for your teacher. Below are some prompts to get you started:
 - a. My favorite part of the day is ...
 - b. It was so funny when ...
 - c. The coolest/most interesting/most fun topic we studied was ...
 - d. It was really nice when you ...
 - e. I will always remember ...
 - f. You are really good at ...
2. Write your note! Start with "Dear Ms./Mrs./Mr." and then "Thank you for being my teacher!" or a similar opening. Then write down why you are grateful for your teacher.
3. You could include a drawing or other hand-drawn decorations to make what you write stand out. Some ideas include:
 - a. Draw a border around your note. This could be a vine with leaves, squiggly lines, or even dashes.
 - b. Draw a few pictures of things that remind you of your teacher, like a favorite mug they drink out of or a notable person or subject they taught you about.
 - c. Draw your school mascot if you have one.
4. Make sure you sign your note so your teacher knows who wrote it.
5. Put the note in an envelope and write your teacher's name on the front. You could decorate the envelope too!
6. Deliver your note in person or through the mail.

