

Ideas for

Teacher Appreciation

- Have a teacher Spa Day (with parent volunteers that do hair, nails, facials, massages, etc. if possible)
- Put together a class-made thank you book
- Goody baskets (each child/family can bring in a small item)
- Wash the teacher's cars in the parking lot
- Frame teacher poem(s)
- Appreciation plaques
- Memory book/scrapbook with each child/family contributing a page
- Certificates (appreciation, longevity, achievements, etc.)
- Bulletin board with each teacher having a 'flower' /blank 'petals' for parents to write compliments on
- Teacher pins or service-length pins
- Have a breakfast or luncheon (with parents &/or children cooking)
- Gifts or gift certificates (possibly donated by local businesses)
- A home-cooked "take out" meal provided for each teacher's family
- Books purchased for the classroom in honor of that teacher (with bookplate/dedication inside)
- Send flowers
- Bring in cake, cookies, or treats
- Make-over of the staff lounge by parent volunteers (painting, new curtains, etc.)
- Parent volunteers sign up to assist in the class each day of the week
- Nomination for a teacher award (Disney's American Teacher Award, Scholastic, local PBS station-sponsored, etc.)
- Personal thank-you notes or letters
- Engraved professional nameplates or business cards
- Posterboard for each teacher (with marker attached) for children and parents to write notes and sign
- Corsages for each teacher
- Create a bulletin board with "*The Many Hats a Teacher Wears*"
- Have a "Hug a Teacher" Day
- Write a Letter to the Editor of your newspaper
- Ask local businesses to offer a discount on purchases to teachers in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week
- Create a staff "kudos" board, where recent achievements are posted
- Invite the mayor or a newspaper reporter to spend the day in a classroom; Ask the Mayor to Proclaim Teacher Appreciation Day
- Contact the local newspaper and see if they are going to be running a special section of ads or stories saluting teachers; Send a press release





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- Do a dictation chart with children on what they like/love about their teacher, recording their comments (to be given to that staff member)
- Give each child in the classroom a square of material to decorate, to be sewn together to make a classroom quilt
- E-mail a teacher a card or note
- Make a thank you card that looks like a "report card", "grading" the teacher in several areas (Makes learning fun, etc...)
- Have interested parents spearhead a committee to do all of the planning and decide on the events for Teacher Appreciation Week
- Have a picnic, BBQ, or potluck
- Have a day with a parent volunteer "Mr Fix It" at the teachers disposal to do any classroom or equipment repairs
- Make a classroom children's fabric-painted handprint project (apron/ totebag/ t-shirt, sweatshirt, etc.) as a gift
- Bring in bagels or donuts for breakfast
- Have co-workers/parents write "Pats on the Back" (paper handprints) then tape them to the teachers' backs (to be read at the end of the day)
- Have children plant a tree or a bush dedicated to the teaching staff
- Have several local businesses "adopt" a teacher, displaying a picture of that teacher with notes and pictures from children and parents
- Start or expand upon a fund for staff to attend workshops or conferences. Encourage parents to donate in a teacher's honor.
- Make a teacher name plaque or small wall decoration with a phrase about teaching. Wooden apples and "chalkboards" can be purchased at craft stores, then painted and personalized.
- Have each classroom create a "Wish List" of items to be donated
- At the end of the week, put all of the names of the teachers in for a drawing for a larger prize item/gift
- Have parents see if their employers sponsor grants for equipment or training of the childcare providers of employees
- Put a poem about teaching in the center of a large piece of posterboard. Put a handprint of each child around it.
- Make "**Teacher Survival Kits**" (*A Rubberband*: to remind you to be flexible; *A Lifesaver*: for all you do; *Kisses*: to remind you that you are loved; *\$1000 Bar*: what you are really worth; *An emery board*: when things get a little rough; *A penny*: for your thoughts; *A puzzle piece*: without you, things are not complete; *trial-size Calgon*: to "take you away"; *A crayon*: to color your day; *Some marbles*: to replace the ones you may have lost; *A Mounds*: for the mounds of stuff you teach; *A gold star*: you're a star, etc...)