



“Teacher Appreciation Week” Ideas

Here are few idea themes to show teachers how much they are appreciated:

Our Favorite Superheroes

- Decorate a bulletin board with personalized superpowers, such as “Mrs. Smith’s superpower is getting kids excited about reading!”
- Make T-shirts or capes for each teacher with a “super teacher” iron-on design.
- Give each teacher a take-home certificate with their superpower on it.



A Little Pampering

- Stock the staff restrooms with soft toilet paper, nice soap, and rich hand lotion.
- Put out mini scones and muffins in a basket in the teachers lounge.
- Offer gourmet finger sandwiches and mini quiches for lunch one day

Our Teachers Are Stars

- Arrange an applause parade in the hallways as teachers walk to their classrooms.
- Give out small bags of Starburst candy with a tag that says “You’re the star of our school!”
- Deliver fan mail (notes from students that start with “My teacher is a star because...”) to teachers during class.
- Give each teacher a personalized “You Set the Stage for Success” certificate; use categories like “Most Encouraging” and “Best Team Player,” or draw from students’ fan mail comments.

Major-League Awesome

- Decorate a bulletin board with “stats” on each teacher designed like baseball cards.
- Give each teacher a baseball cap or baseball jersey-style shirt with the school and the words “Major-League Awesome” or other catchphrase.
- Provide a “home run” luncheon: hot dogs with all the fixings, chips, large soft pretzels, Cracker Jacks, and Baby Ruth candy bars.

It’s Such a Treat To Have You as Teachers

- Send teachers home with a treat they can enjoy whenever they want. For example:
 - S’mores kit
 - Hot Cocoa mix
 - Candy (such as chocolate-covered strawberries)
 - Trail Mix

Public Displays of Affection

- Decorate classroom doors with expressions of love for that room's teacher.
- Decorate a bulletin board with "I love my teacher because..." notes.
- Draw and write chalk messages on the sidewalks outside the school.
- Give each teacher a take-home autograph book with their "I love my teacher because..." notes inside

It's the Thought That Counts

- Clean-up or organize the classroom without the teacher having to ask
- Ask for parent volunteers to give teachers a "free recess" where they don't have to watch students
- Offer an extended lunch for teachers while parent volunteers cover cafeteria duty

Teachers Are "Pund"erful

- Give your teacher a gift that is highlighted with a silly pun. For example:
 - **Hand lotion:** *"We're in good hands with you"*
 - **Doughnuts:** *"We doughnut know what we'd do without you"*
 - **Goldfish crackers or gummy fish:** *"You are oFISHally the best!"*
 - **Seed packet or potted plant:** *"Teachers plant seeds of knowledge that will grow forever"*

Nacho Ordinary Teachers or Taco 'Bout Great Teachers (Tex-Mex)

- Set up a taco, burrito, or nacho bar for lunch.
- During breaks, offer a teacher a *paleta* (Mexican popsicles) dessert
- Offer teachers piñata time in the gym, and they get to keep the candy and other treats inside.

We Think the World of You

- Decorate a bulletin board with a map showing where your school's teachers are from and include a fun fact about each person.
- Send teachers home with a variety of cookies from around the world; attach a gift tag that says "Thank you!" in different languages.

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