

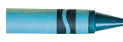




# Because of You

## Appreciating Teachers

May is **Teacher Appreciation Month**. Teachers have enduring influence on people's lives. The ways they help children become knowledgeable, capable, caring, and responsible leave long-lasting impressions on everyone. This is a great time for students and their families to reflect on the impact a teacher has made on a child.



**RESPOND** to the following questions, thinking about a teacher's influence on you. Children and parents can enjoy this memory exercise, tell their stories, and compare their thoughts.

-  When and how did a teacher help me understand myself and consider the needs of others?
-  How did a teacher spark my curiosity and help me explore what I find fascinating?
-  When did I use the problem-solving skills I learned from a teacher?
-  What memories do I have of when a teacher made me feel special?
-  Who might I become and what career might I choose because of a teacher who believed in me?

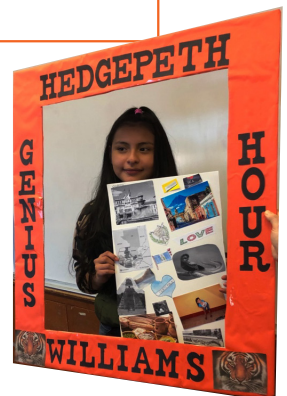
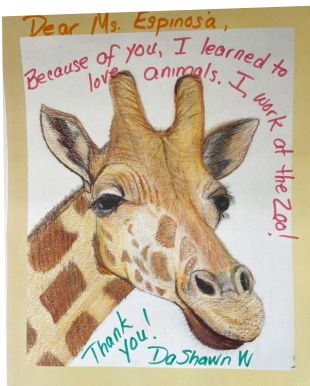


**CONNECT** your teacher memories to those that others shared when answering the questions. What patterns did you hear? What examples were described most vividly? How might those reflections be represented in art?



**CREATE** an illustrated collage or poster that brings your memories to life. Use art and words to represent how a teacher influenced you. You could use the "Because of you, I \_\_\_\_\_" statement as a title, finishing it in a personal way. You could add the teacher's name, a story about the experience you remember, and one or more sketches that show how this impacts you today or your vision for the future.

Because of you, I...



**PRESENT** your artistic work to the teacher you remembered either in person, through the mail, by email, or social media. It can be exciting and gratifying to let teachers know how much they are appreciated for the influence they have made in students' lives.



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