






Simple Steps to Card Making

Appreciating Teachers

May is **Teacher Appreciation Month**. While we encourage children to express appreciation and kindness all year long, this is a special time for them to celebrate their teachers. Students and their families can share their thanks with teachers by making cards that come from their hands and hearts.

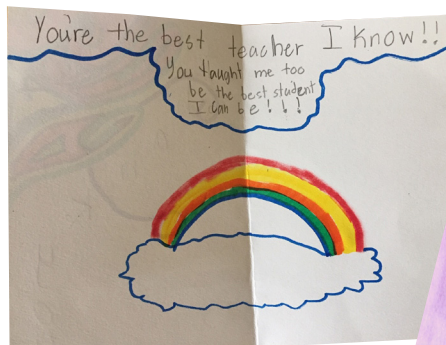


CONNECT your favorite memories of working with teachers during the year and how you could express your appreciation. What special leadership qualities, kind acts, and encouragement were demonstrated to students and the broader community? Children can consider the following questions and start to list reasons they enjoy working with and learning from their teachers.

-  What makes this teacher special?
-  Who else has helped you learn and grow, in school and beyond?
-  How do teachers influence your growth and your life?
-  In what ways can students, families, and the overall community thank teachers?
-  How can you customize a thank you card to make it unique for each teacher you want to thank?



RESPOND to and build upon the answers to those questions by thinking of ways to weave memorable stories and examples of each teacher's influence into the card. What keywords and visual symbols communicate the relationship you have with a particular teacher or a team of educators?



CREATE a card that uses words and visuals to share your feelings. Use colors, lines, and shapes to help communicate your thoughts.



PRESENT your appreciation card to your teacher(s). If you can see each other in person, that is great. If not, plan how you will share your card(s) using a mailbox, email, or social media.