

# LIGHTHOUSE



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A good education can change anyone, but a good teacher can change everything with the right mix of chalk and challenges. Each day, teachers come to school- ready to tackle a job that is critically important, extraordinarily complex, often joyful, and at times heartbreaking. It is believed that teachers are the most important members of society because their profession impacts the fate of the world.

Take the example of Helen Adams Keller. Helen lost both her sight and hearing due to an unidentified illness when she was just 19 months old. As she grew, Helen became an unruly, spoiled but very bright child. Her life changed on March 3, 1887, when Anne Mansfield Sullivan came to Tuscumbia to be her teacher. Anne believed that the key to reaching Helen was to teach her obedience and love without stifling her spirit. Anne began her task of teaching Helen and she quickly learned. Helen's extraordinary abilities and her teacher's unique skills were noticed by Alexander Graham Bell and Mark Twain. The closeness of Helen and Anne's relationship was truly remarkable.

What is intriguing, is whether this beautiful bond that a teacher shares with her students can be replicated by Artificial Intelligence. Is AI, a program based on instructions and algorithms, as intelligent emotionally as it is logically? Being the best technological advancement of the era, AI is fully equipped with the knowledge to be taught to students. However, only teachers can understand the nuances of what is happening in the students' minds in the classroom, and give learning a human touch necessary for motivating students to learn, practice, and grow.



We are grateful to our teachers for standing by us and making the effort to groom us to become resilient, humane, and confident citizens of tomorrow. Thank you, Teachers!

**By the Editorial Team**



## WHAT IF THERE WERE NO TEACHERS?

What if there were no teachers,  
How silly and ignorant we would be?  
We would not know the colors of the rainbow,  
Or find the answer to "3+3".



The Earth, we would say, is a circle,  
Unaware that it is a sphere.  
History would be so difficult,  
How would we remember Gandhiji's birth or year?



What is a chemical reaction?  
How do we get rain?  
Learning scientific theories  
Would give us aches and pains.



Grammar too, would not be easy,  
Spelling would make us cry.  
Tenses anyway, make us so tense,  
No matter how hard we try.

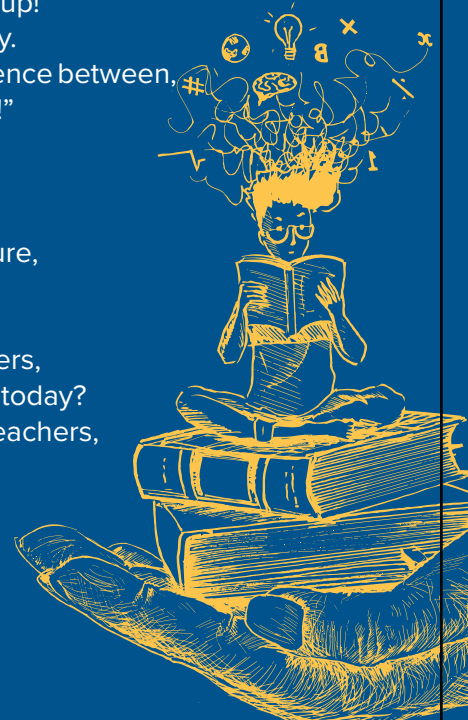


We would greet and say, "Wassup!"  
To even the Principal passing by.  
How would we know the difference between,  
"Good morning, Ma'am!" or "Hi!"

Values and life lessons,  
Are taught to us each day.  
By teachers who shape our future,  
And lead us the right way.

So, what if there were no teachers,  
Would we be the minds we are today?  
Let's be grateful that we have teachers,  
We owe them in every way.

**Submitted by Arianna Pinto  
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## GUIDING LIGHTS OF GROWTH: THE PROFOUND SIGNIFICANCE OF TEACHERS IN OUR LIVES

**“Everyone Who Remembers Their Education, Remembers Their Teachers, Not the Techniques or Method.”**

Teachers are the compasses that help us navigate the intricate landscapes of knowledge and personal development. They are the dedicated individuals who illuminate our paths with wisdom, instilling curiosity, and a hunger for learning. Beyond textbooks and lesson plans, they offer patience, encouragement, and a supportive hand that helps us overcome obstacles. Teachers are mentors who believe in our potential, fostering an environment where we can flourish. Their influence extends far beyond the classroom, shaping our values, perspectives, and aspirations. They are the unsung heroes who empower us to become critical thinkers, compassionate individuals, and engaged members of society. In essence, teachers are the architects of our futures, and their impact resonates in every aspect of our lives.

**Submitted by Dhiaan Shah  
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## A RECIPE CARD WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A TEACHER

Welcome to God's Kitchen!

Today, we will work on creating a Teacher. To start, we'll gather a bowl of persuasive power. Gradually, we will add a teaspoon of firmness, carefully blending it with plenty of discipline and dedication.

Simultaneously, we will bind this mixture with the dough of experience and fill it with the lessons learned from the struggles. Parallely, we will soak affection and mix it with relentless effort, infusing it with inspiration.

Next, we will finely chop their peace of mind, grinding it with hectic schedules and sleepless nights. We'll infuse generosity and glaze it with a coating of understanding power. Swiftly, we will squeeze in hard work along with the expertise of an in-built psychologist, and add an ounce of knowledge.

Lastly, we will add a pinch of humour and a dash of managerial skills. We will whisk these elements together and heat them on low flame. The dish is almost ready, but it's not done until we sprinkle care and love, garnished with logic and practicality.

And voila! An ideal teacher is ready.

Happy Teachers' Day to all my wonderful teachers!



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## THE SIGNIFICANCE OF TEACHERS IN BUILDING PERSONALITY

Have you ever appreciated your teacher for having your back, and teaching you about enhancing your personality? If not, you should, as teachers play a pivotal role in shaping an individual's personality.

Personally, for me, my teachers have been like catalysts, embedding core values, attitudes, and outlook on life - knowledge beyond any book! They have helped me recognize and nurture my strengths and talents. They have always boosted my confidence from small interactions to large stage performances.

They silently contribute to the holistic development of a child. The smile on their face is a treat in itself. It's definitely not easy to smile regardless of how tired you are or whatever problems surround you. Behind every bold and buoyant doctor, engineer, or entrepreneur, there is a teacher who has worked hard. They never ask for appreciation but undoubtedly deserve it!

So, on this Teacher's Day, make sure you thank all the teachers around you and let them feel their vitality in your life. The confidence we have is a gift of their efforts.

On that note, HAPPY TEACHER'S DAY!

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## WHAT IT TAKES TO BECOME A GREAT TEACHER

The famous quote by Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, "Teachers are the backbone of the education system", displays the significance of a teacher in grooming the future of their students.

Becoming a great teacher requires a lot of hard work and dedication as the life of a teacher is very challenging.

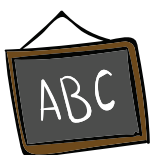
**Friends, in order to become a great teacher, you need -**

1. To have qualities of effective communication, superior listening skills, empathy, patience, and adaptability.
2. Immense knowledge of the subject, and also the willingness to learn new things.
3. To be ethical and fair in your interactions.
4. To be able to build trustworthy, productive relationships.
5. To have a good understanding of your students.

The amalgamation of all the above qualities will definitely result in an Amazing Teacher who can inspire and educate students like us.

Happy Teachers Day To All My Amazing Teachers!

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## A SPECIAL BOND – ME AND MY TEACHER

I don't know if I can adequately express the special bond that I share with my teacher, a bond that is filled with love and care. If I were to give it a name, it would be similar to a bond of friendship or a connection between a parent and a child, which has been very evident from the day I joined the school.

For me, my teachers are like 'God', as they show me the right path which assists me in achieving great heights. Even their scolding serves a purpose, helping to correct me and shape my personality.

Teachers are like parents, who support children in every situation, and they extend the same love and affection towards all their students.

For me, they are a source of inspiration, as they teach me to never give up and to persevere.

Teachers are the architects of the future. Without them, one cannot imagine, how we would survive in this competitive world.

A big SALUTE to all my teachers as well as to all the Torch Bearers out there.

**Submitted by Yashvi Yashwant Singh**  
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## SCULPTORS OF SUCCESS

Teachers play an important role in shaping our lives. As a student, I wholeheartedly acknowledge the profound impact teachers have on our journey of growth and learning. They are more than just educators; they are mentors, guides, and inspirations.

Teachers ignite curiosity and fuel our thirst for knowledge by providing a safe space to ask doubts, make mistakes, and explore new ideas. Just as a foundation is crucial to build a strong structure, teachers lay the foundation for all professions. Their dedication contributes not only to our academic success but also to our personal development. Without their unwavering support, many of us wouldn't have discovered our passions or unlocked our true potential.

In essence, teachers are the architects of our futures, moulding us into capable individuals. Their importance extends far beyond the classroom, shaping us into responsible, empathetic, and empowered citizens. Thank you to all the teachers out there!!

“To the world, you may be just a Teacher, but to your students, you are a HERO.”

**Submitted by Tanvi Shinde**  
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## ROLE OF TEACHERS IN SHAPING MY PERSONALITY

In classrooms bright where minds take flight,  
Teachers stand as beacons of light,  
With knowledge vast and hearts so kind,  
They shape the soul, expand the mind.

Their words like keys unlocking the doors,  
To wisdom's realms and boundless shores,  
They plant the seeds of dreams anew,  
Nurturing talents, helping them grow.

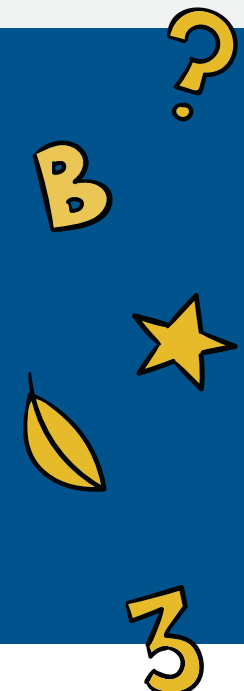
With patience and care, they guide the way,  
Through struggles and challenges, come what may,  
Their lessons woven with laughter and grace,  
Leave an indelible mark, a lifelong trace.



In shaping personalities, they play a role,  
Instilling values that make us whole,  
A symphony of minds, a harmonious choir,  
Teachers ignite passions and fuel our fire.

For in their hands, the nation's fate,  
They mould the leaders, the wise, the great,  
With gratitude in our hearts, we say,  
Teachers, you brighten our day.

**Submitted by Pranav Chi**  
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## TEACHERS: THE NATION BUILDERS

As the famous proverb by Dan Rather goes, “The dream begins with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called truth.” Teachers indeed play an important role in shaping the nation as they nurture the minds of the next generation, instilling important values of honesty, hard work, and generosity. They help us students identify our strengths and weaknesses and guide us to transform our weaknesses into strengths. Their work is not only to impart knowledge but also to motivate us to become the best version of ourselves. This helps to shape

our future which in turn helps shape the nation and its economy, as we are the future generation. Teachers inspire us to pursue different careers and become future leaders, doctors, engineers, etc. based on our interests. Therefore, it is rightly said that teachers play an important role in shaping the destiny of a nation.

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## 365 DAYS OF YOU

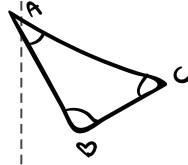


In the susurrus of knowledge's embrace,  
A symphony woven with wisdom and grace,  
Teachers, you're the stars that glitter and twinkle,  
Blooming our youth into a sugary periwinkle.

Oh, the euphoria of a curious mind,  
A journey of learning, so endlessly kind,  
You'll nurture our souls with a love that's divine,  
In the garden of intellect, you'll tenderly twine.  
Like the finest of wines, your patience does grow,  
A vintage of guidance in each ebb and flow,  
You'll pour your essence, selflessly true,  
In classrooms, they blossom with life's luminescent hue.  
Your words are a stream of honey so sweet,  
Flowing with insights into Melody's fleet,  
You illuminate pathways through darkness and mist,  
Igniting within, a gorgeous crystalline amethyst.  
Oh, how you'll shine, like the moon so high,  
With relentless dedication that shall never die,  
In your gentle hands, futures take flight,  
While you focus on the possibilities in sight.



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## OUR GUIDING LIGHT!

Teachers are the ones who guide us  
Through the maze of life and knowledge  
They inspire us to learn and grow.  
And prepare us for college.



Teachers are the ones who care for us.  
And shape us for the future.  
They encourage us to try again.  
And help us learn from blunders!

Teachers have some qualities.  
That we can learn from  
These qualities include resilience, hard work.  
And being really calm!

Thank you, teachers, for all your efforts.  
We are truly grateful to you.  
The path of life is challenging  
And you help us from feeling blue.



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## EXPLORING TEACHERS' DAY TRADITIONS ACROSS ASIA

**Teachers' Day in India** is celebrated on **September 5<sup>th</sup>** to honour the contributions of educators, coinciding with the birthday of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a revered philosopher, and India's second President, who was a teacher as well.

In **Thailand**, **Teachers' Day** is celebrated on **January 16<sup>th</sup>**, coinciding with the adoption of King Rama I's educational reforms, and emphasizing the importance of education and teachers within Thai society.

**Teachers' Day in Vietnam** is celebrated on **November 20<sup>th</sup>** marking the establishment of the country's first Teachers' Association, honouring educators and their role in guiding Vietnam's development.

**Teacher's Day in the Philippines** is observed on **October 5<sup>th</sup>** to coincide with World Teachers' Day and commemorate the adoption of the 'Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers' in 1966 by UNESCO and the International Labour Organization (ILO).

In **South Korea**, the observance of **Teacher's Day** is **May 15<sup>th</sup>**, coinciding with the birthday of King Sejong who is renowned for the creation of Hangeul, the Korean writing system.

## RIDDLES

- ◆ I'm a source of knowledge, patient, and kind  
In young and old minds, my influence you'll find.  
I have no wings, yet I help minds soar  
During exams, my value you adore.  
What am I?
- ◆ Which room in the school has the maximum number of stories?
- ◆ What is a Math teacher's favourite dessert?
- ◆ Where do you find lakes always empty, the mountains always flat, and the rivers always still?
- ◆ I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?

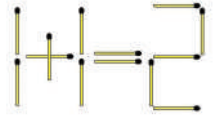
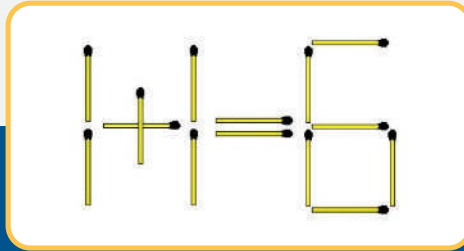
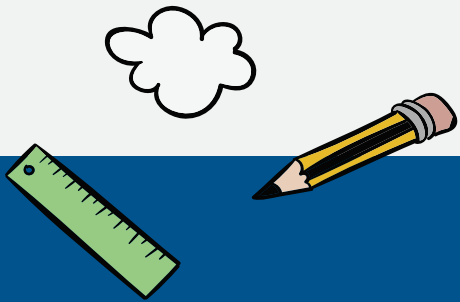


Answer:  
1. Book  
2. The Library  
3. A Pi  
4. A map  
5. Seven

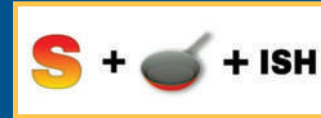




Move 1 and remove 1 matchstick to fix the equation



## A PUZZLE: IDENTIFY THE SUBJECTS LEARNED IN SCHOOL BASED ON THE EMOJIS



Answers: 1. Geometry 2. Science 3. History 4. Chemistry 5. Math 6. Spanish

### A NOTE OF THANKS!

On this very special day,  
A note of thanks I am sending your way.  
To share my ardent greetings,  
For someone who is like my mom.



You have been there whenever I need you,  
And you always teach me something new.  
Without you, I would not be here now,  
To follow your ways is my vow.

I'll always give you praise,  
for you put a smile on my face.



Submitted by **Dev Bhatt**  
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### THANK YOU, TEACHERS!

In classrooms where knowledge takes its flight,  
Guiding stars and teachers shine so bright  
With patience, they impart the art,  
Igniting minds, each with an eager heart.  
Their wisdom flows in every word,  
A steady hand in lessons heard.  
They kindle flames of curiosity,  
Planting seeds of creativity.  
Through challenges, they steer the way,  
Helping us learn and grow each day.  
In halls of learning, they inspire,  
Molding futures, lifting higher.  
Teachers, mentors, lights so true,  
Grateful hearts rise to honor you.  
For in your care, we find our key,  
Unlocking doors to what we'll be.



Submitted by **Rohan Kamath**  
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## INTERESTING RESEARCH

### Delving into Fascinating Information – A Few Great Teachers in the World



#### **FREDERICK FRÖBEL (April 21, 1782 - June 21, 1852)**

Fröbel, often credited with inventing kindergarten, established the first in Germany in 1837. His philosophy centered on play-based learning as the natural way for children to develop cognitively, socially, and emotionally. His methods aimed to nurture well-rounded individuals. Fröbel's ideas have left a lasting impact on early childhood education worldwide, emphasizing hands-on learning and a supportive environment.



#### **SAVITRI BAI PHULE (January 3, 1831 - March 10, 1897)**

Savitribai Phule, a trailblazer in 19th-century India, shattered gender norms by championing women's education when it was discouraged. In 1848, she, alongside her husband Jyotirao Phule, established India's inaugural girls' school in Pune, a revolutionary step during an era when girls' education was deemed radical. Her tireless advocacy paved the way for increased educational opportunities for girls and marginalized communities.



#### **ANNE SULLIVAN (April 14, 1866 - October 20, 1936)**

Anne Sullivan, a remarkable educator, was the teacher of Helen Keller, an esteemed American author and disability rights champion. Using path breaking methods, Anne bridged the communication gap for Helen, who had visual and hearing impairments, fostering her academic excellence. Their enduring partnership continues to inspire countless individuals with disabilities, showcasing the profound impact of persistent and compassionate teaching.

## ARTIST OF THE MONTH



Submitted by Khanak Gada  
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## SCHOOL CORNER

Dear Students,  
This month we celebrate teachers and their invaluable contribution. While students display heartwarming gestures of gratitude on Teachers' Day, a single day may fall short of expressing appreciation because a teacher's influence extends far beyond the classroom. Teachers not only impart knowledge/skills but are champions for your growth and well-being.

Your teachers invest time to nurture a positive relationship to understand the unique needs of each student. They modify their approach so that students with diverse abilities experience a sense of success. They inspire students to dream big, giving feedback to motivate students to reach their full potential.

Teachers are often the first to notice when a student faces difficulties and readily provide emotional support to help navigate life's challenges. They ensure students have the necessary resources and assistance. They continuously

seek ways to improve their teaching methods to engage students.

Dear students, your teachers play a crucial role in your educational journey. They are invested in your future. They take pride in your accomplishments, and your success is proof of their dedication and hard work.

It is essential to demonstrate respect for them. This isn't merely to follow a rule. It is to acknowledge the effort and energy teachers devote to their vocation and to appreciate the immense value they bring to your life and education.

So, let's go beyond one day and show our teachers what they mean to us through the year.  
Best wishes!

**Avni Vasavada**  
Editor for Lighthouse



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