

Dear Teachers and Caregivers,

Gratitude expressed in the moment is refreshing to hear, but there's something extra special about receiving a note of thanks from someone who took the time to reflect on how much they really appreciate you. Let's give kids some tools to create and deliver those messages (and not on a predetermined, national holiday or for someone they don't personally interact with). Let's encourage them to do it when presented with genuine opportunities and when they actually feel inspired to say thanks!

Since there are so many different people supporting our kids, we created this free booklet in two versions—one for children spending time with adults and students in a traditional school setting and one for children looking to show appreciation to the community helpers, neighbors, and family members they see in their world outside of school. We leave it up to you whether it is presented as a "just-in-case-you-need-it" addition to their school supplies or as an actual challenge to complete by the end of the year.

And...bonus!...instead of a plain, protective cover for the back of the packet, we opted for a final page to give children the chance to acknowledge their own efforts. Awkward? Maybe, but it's so easy for kids to be critical. How often do they catch when they do something to be grateful for? Positive self-talk is a habit worth developing, and we wanted children to see that even if someone else doesn't hand them a thank you card, they can always appreciate themselves.

Please send any additional ideas or feedback to <u>countingonyounow@gmail.com</u>. We would love to hear from you once you get these cards into the hands and minds of children. What happened next?

Forever grateful,

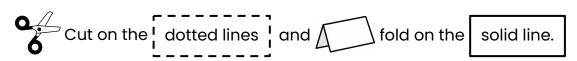
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My Community Thank You Cards

Directions

LOOK for a chance to say "thank you" and find a card for that person.





Write a letter and draw a picture on the inside.
Sign your name.





Server or Restaurant Owner

