

## MY FAVORITE TEACHER

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Dear Ms. Triplet,

You influenced my life because you never gave up on me. Remember when I gave the Senior Speech? You were the only one that helped me push myself. You also have your ears open when we have problems. You helped me when I was arguing with my friends. You made it right between us. I admire you because you accomplished your dream.

Leslie, 11<sup>th</sup> gr., Amundsen H.S.

My favorite teacher of all time was Ms. Velazquez because she was funny. She made class fun by not always reading out of the text book and by making things more interesting by showing us pictures of examples of how the experiment is done.

I remember when she used to have raffles very week. Once she gave a fish to the winner. I also remember when once I won some googly eyes as a prize.

Kevin, 9<sup>th</sup> gr. Amundsen H.S.

My teacher's name is Stephanie Fueret. She helped me read books. She taught me how to form sentences. She is funny, nice, happy, and also smart and good at math. Because of Ms. Stephanie I've learned how to read much better. She taught me how to pay attention.

Jonathan, 8<sup>th</sup> gr., Cove School

My Favorite Teacher: Mr. Lee

He was very helpful. He explained everything very clearly and was easy to understand. He always answered questions, unless they were too personal. He was a great artist, and an awesome science teacher. He always chose great books to read with the class. He wasn't scared to show the class his personality.

Mr. Lee showed us not to be afraid of who we are. He also taught us that we can become anything we want if we try. The one thing I will never forget that he told us was that we can express ourselves as much as we want and not be afraid to.

Gerardo, 7<sup>th</sup> gr., Goudy School

Mr. P.

He is a teacher for volleyball. He is nice to everybody because he buys people food who were good in school. He is good on volleyball. The people learned it and speak to each other so the players know who wants the ball. What I learned from him is life is so hard, and don't be bad to the teachers or students.

Armando, 7<sup>th</sup> gr., Goudy School

Dear Mrs. Garcia,

You helped me when I was stuck on something. You also helped me like school in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. I admire you because you helped me learn how to dance, also because you make school fun. Because of you, I've learned how to understand complicated words. Also, I've learned how to multiply big numbers. Finally, I've learned to NEVER give up. Thank you for always helping me!

Josephine, 7<sup>th</sup> gr. Volta School

Dear Mr. Lee,

Thank you so much for all that you've taught me. Because of you I've learned that hard work and perseverance can pay off. You also taught me that learning can be fun. I miss having you as my science teacher. I admire your good humor and your ability to make learning easier. You've influenced my life a lot, and I just can't thank you enough. Now I work harder. You have made me a better student. Thank you for not only teaching me science but teaching me good character. I miss you.

From Christopher, 6<sup>th</sup> gr. Goudy School

Mr. Lee

Mr. Lee is my favorite teacher. He was my science teacher last year, but this year he is my math teacher. Last year in science I learned about the nine planets, and because of that he made me want to learn more about space. This year in math I am learning about ratios, fractions, and percents. In both classes we had fun and we got our work done. He also made me focus on my work. Now I'm good at math and I want to be a math teacher.

Jovanny, 6<sup>th</sup> gr., Goudy School

Dear Mr. Gordon,

You influenced my life because I talk to you. We talk about scary stuff like the Ouija board and dead people. I admire you because you're funny, nice, and a good teacher. I've learned about mummies and ancient Egypt. We read in textbooks and do research. Thank you for being a great teacher.

Sincerely,

Valerie, 6<sup>th</sup> gr., Goudy School

Dear Mrs. Gonzales,

Thank you for influencing my life because you were nice. You treated me like my mom. You treated me wonderful, like a real mom that I have. And you played movies for us and gave us hugs and hot warm blankets when it was cold, and gave us hot chocolate and candy!

I admire you because you treat me and all of us with love and caring, and that is why I admire you because when you had a baby you cared for us and the baby with the same love.

Because of you, I've learned that sharing is caring for people, and also about mother's love—she cares about all of us.

Sincerely,

Jaely, 6<sup>th</sup> gr. Goudy

P.S., I miss you!

I wrote this poem with my friends, Carl and Graeme.

Dear Mr. Lee,

You influenced me

Because your lessons are fun.

Thank you, Mr. Lee.

Now science doesn't make me want to run.

I admire you.

Your experiments are cool.

You taught me what to do.  
You definitely are not a fool.

The nervous systems presentation  
Was way cooler than discoloration.  
So all in all you are great.  
10/10 is what you rate.

Your incredible student,  
Roberto, 6<sup>th</sup> gr., Goudy School

Mrs. O'Callahan helped me with my math. She helped me with division and fractions. She explains the problems. She's helpful. She sometimes is fair. She told me to never stop trying. She gets mad when we speak Spanish, and that's good. She's fun and funny. At the right times she gets mad. I admire her because she's my favorite teacher.

By Cinthia, 6<sup>th</sup> gr., Goudy School

Dear Mr. Wasson,

Thank you so much for being such a kind and patient teacher, as well as for everything you have taught me. You have inspired me to work harder and get better grades. I'm so glad you challenged me to get better! I have learned so much better because you are such a nice teacher. Because of you, I have learned to be more respectful and kind to others, as well as to work harder. Thank you for being one of the best teachers! I appreciate that you take the time and effort to explain things to me. You have the ability to be patient as I'm understanding the topic.

Thank you. Dictated by Lexy, 6<sup>th</sup> gr., Swift School

My favorite teacher is Mr. Rodriguez. He explains science better than other teachers explain their classes. He makes us laugh while he shows us things about science. He explains the work more than once. He gives us fun projects to do. He also makes funny jokes about what we are learning. When we are sad he makes our day better. He sat down with me when I was crying.

Because of Mr. Rodriguez, I've learned about birds. The big birds have more than 120 bones. We also learn what happens when owls eat birds. We dissected an owl pellet.

All this is why he is my favorite teacher.

Melissa D., 6<sup>th</sup> gr., Goudy School

Mr. Gordon was my history and math teacher. He is my favorite teacher because he taught me harder math, he made people laugh, and I also learned from him how the United States began. At first I was impressed with the entertaining way he taught history, and then I was fascinated even more by his expertise in math.

Math has been most easy for me of my school subjects, but Mr. Gordon made it a piece of cake. He influenced my life because without him I wouldn't do higher math. If he didn't put me in a group with students working on higher math, I wouldn't be doing the math I do now in sixth grade. If Mr. Gordon didn't show me different ways of dividing, it will be harder for me to just do it in a regular way. Mr. Gordon also taught me how to multiply in different ways to find the answer of a multiplication problem.

Fernando, 6<sup>th</sup> gr., Goudy School

Dear Ms. Wasson,

You are a nice teacher. You helped me with my math and reading. Thank you for your time for me. Because of you, I've learned how to be caring and nice to others. You are funny, but sometimes you were hard with me in reading. That was good because now I'm a better reader. I admire you because you are a good teacher. I miss you and love to see you in the hallway.

Dictated by Rosalinda, 6<sup>th</sup> gr., Peirce School

Dear Ms. Caitlin,

You are my favorite teacher [tutor] because you helped me with my homework at the library. Thank you for showing me things that I did not know. You helped me learn how to do math better.

I admire you because you taken more time in explaining stuff to me so I can understand better.

Ms. Caitlin, you really showed me how to divide and taught me new words that I did not know.

Sincerely, Ana, 6<sup>th</sup> gr., Goudy School

Mrs. Ruiz is my favorite teacher. She has influenced my life because she helps me read. She helps me on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. She reads with me and helps me read. She is a good teacher. I admire her because she helps me with my reading.

Also I admire her because she helps other kids with their reading. Mrs. Ruiz is a hardworking teacher and she helps kids with their reading.

Because of Mrs. Ruiz, I've learned to become a hard worker. I have learned to become a hard worker because she works with all the kids.

Nathan, 5<sup>th</sup> gr., Goudy School

My favorite teacher is Mr. Lee. He has influenced my life because he helps me in math and helps me understand better. I admire him because he helps me when I'm stuck. I'm very comfortable around him. Because of Mr. Lee, I've learned how to do math and to problem solve. Some things I like about Mr. Lee are that he is funny, nice, and strict when necessary. My favorite teacher is Mr. Lee.

Esthefany, 5<sup>th</sup> gr., Goudy School

Dear Mrs. Quiroz,

You influenced my life to become a teacher like you, and I will miss you so much when I'm in high school. So I will always love you as a teacher, and I will always remember you, Mrs. Quiroz.

Sincerely, Celeste, 4<sup>th</sup> gr.

PS. I will love you always.

PPS. I will always remember you for the rest of my life. ~Celeste, 4<sup>th</sup> gr.

Ms. Grgin

I like Ms. Grgin because she's funny and nice. She always talks funny and lets us watch movies. She always makes us laugh and laugh. We watched a movie and we were actually supposed to be doing math. She also lets us eat candy. She lets us bring our own candy and eat it while we're working.

She also influenced me to be a teacher. She influenced me because she always writes on the smart board, and I also want to write on the smart board.

She's so nice. I also want to be nice like her. She also gets to stay in school until 6:00 p.m., and I like school.

Ms. Grgin also taught me math. She taught me long division. She also taught me multiplication. She also teaches me math with games.

Litzi, 4<sup>th</sup> gr., Goudy School

Ms Grgin helped me learn about chemicals. She taught us that chemicals are dangerous from the first day of school when we started learning about chemicals. She wanted us to learn more about science.

Ms. Grgin is nice, and she is patient. She helped me learn. She is kind. All the time she is happy. She is fun. She is more helpful. She is patient every day because she helps everybody.

Because of Ms. Grgin I've learned a lot of things. She taught us more about science. She helped me all year. She wanted us to learn more about science.

Dioselyn, 4<sup>th</sup> gr., Goudy School

Dear Mr. Ross,

You are so funny. You fall down to the floor. I admire you because you give money away and make us learn a lot. Because of you I learn math, like multiplication.

PS: You're my favorite teacher.

Sincerely, Keydy, 4<sup>th</sup> gr., Goudy School

Ms. Grgin makes me work harder. Also she makes me do interesting stuff. I admire her because she got to be what she wanted. Ms. Grgin taught us a lot of stuff. One thing she taught us is division. She also taught us how to divide by big numbers.

Jesus, 4<sup>th</sup> gr., Goudy School

Ms. Grgin has influenced my life because she teaches me many subjects, such as English, Math, Reading, Social Studies. She is funny and listens to me. She has taught me fractions, multiplication, and division. She also taught me about our fifty states and capitals. Ms. Grgin taught me about the six major biomes which include tundra, grassland, taiga, temperate forest, rainforest, and desert. She is very organized and clean.

Guadalupe, 4<sup>th</sup> gr. Goudy School

Mr. Sviokla

Mr. Sviokla is a music teacher. He taught me how to play piano. Also, he taught me how to play guitar. Our class has learned many things about music. We learned stuff like the letters in piano and guitar, G, E., D., C, and other letters.

The reason why I admire him is because he helps us understand music. Mr. Sviokla teaches the beat, rhythm, melody, pitch, and harmony. He uses notes to create music. He plays music for the talent show in our school.

Our music teacher teaches us music and helps us understand music problems. He has taught us notes: This means ♪ titi, half note, tici tici,

Prince, 4<sup>th</sup> gr., Goudy School

My Favorite Teacher

Ms. Grgin is so smart. She knows how to do hard math, and she knows how to say big words, and she knows how to do long division, and she knows how to do decimals and fractions.

Ms. Grgin influenced my life. She is nice because she made me realize that school is great and you should not get nervous in tests and you should have fun learning and take your time. She helps a lot and she is very kind and knows a lot of stuff.

Ms. Grgin taught me a lot of things. I've learned how to do long division and how to say big words, and she taught me about owl pellets and about latitude and longitude. She also taught me about muscles.

Ms. Grgin is the best teacher. Ms. Grgin is very nice and very kind and she helps a lot and she does not shout. That's why she is the best teacher in the world.

Frankie, 4<sup>th</sup> gr., Goudy School

Ms. Grgin wanted us to learn more about science. On the first day of school we started learning about chemicals, that chemicals are dangerous.

She is helpful. She is patient every day and she helps everybody. Because of Ms. Grgin I've learned a lot of things.

Dioselyn, 4<sup>th</sup> gr., Goudy School

Dear Ms. Lopez, You have influenced my life because you are nice. You teach me handwriting. You also teach me writing. I admire you because you are pretty! I like your curly hair, and you have pretty eyes, and your hair is pretty. Because of you, I've learned poetry! I wrote a poem about apples, and read poems about flies.

Love, Cindy, 3<sup>rd</sup> gr., Goudy School

#### My Favorite Teacher

My favorite teacher is Mrs. Lopez. She has influenced my life because she never got mad at me. I admire her because she was the best teacher. Because of Mrs. Lopez I've learned a lot of reading.

Mrs. Lopez never gave us homework. She gave us a lot of candy after school. If we were good from Monday to Thursday, we had parties on Friday. I knew her in second grade.

I saw Mrs. Lopez in second grade walking with her class. She gave my class a lot of compliments. We had bags with candy and toys. We had dance parties on Monday if we had two compliments. Mrs. Lopez is the best teacher because she never got mad at me. She was a nice teacher.

Edwin, 3<sup>rd</sup> gr., Goudy School

Dear Ms. Carmen,

Thank you for helping me with math and science and reading. You are very nice. Thank you for letting me play with my own Legos and all games and free time.

Fidel, 3<sup>rd</sup> gr., Swift School

Ms. Carmen lets us write on the board. She helps me with math and multiplication. When I don't pass my multiplication, she gives me a lot of multiplication. She smiles at me.

Fidel, 3<sup>rd</sup> gr., Swift School

Mrs. Lopez influenced my life because she is nice and she used her money for us. For example, she was nice to buy us hot chocolate, teddy bears, and new books. Second, I admire Mrs. Lopez because when she was sick she came to teach us. Mrs. Lopez came because she likes to teach us and she wants us to have a party. Lastly, she is helpful. Because of her I know math, new words, and science. She helps us understand it, she explains it, and she teaches us how to do it. I love Mrs. Lopez.

Giselle, 3<sup>rd</sup> gr., Goudy School

Dear Ms. Algado,

You always help me when I get stuck. You help me with subjects. I admire you because you are nice and strict.

Sincerely, Lucia, 3<sup>rd</sup> gr.

Dear Ms. Stacy,

You are very fun and funny. I have fun in your class. You are very beautiful and tall.

From Maria, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Passages School

Mrs. Collier

She always cares about me. She never ever doubts me. She tells the bully to go away. This teacher is my favorite, my very, very favorite. She's always kind, and she's all mine. I love, I love, I love, I love, I love, I love this teacher.

Katie, 2<sup>nd</sup> gr., Goudy School

Dear Ms. Lerner,

Me and Luz miss you. I wish you will come. You are fun. Thank you because you showed me how to read and write more. You are nice because you took me to different places, and I am thanking you because you helped me to write in cursive. I love you, Ms. Lerner.

From Itzel, 2<sup>nd</sup> gr., Goudy School

Ms. Lerner was my teacher. She was nice. She is cute and funny. I love her. She smiled. I love Ms. Lerner.

Luz, 2<sup>nd</sup> gr., Goudy School

Mr. Ross

He is funny. He is smart. He reminds me of me. He is cool. He is awesome. He is the best. He is not dumb. He is not stupid. He is not ugly.

Shannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> gr., Goudy School

My favorite teacher is Mr. Ross because he is funny, nice, and fun. When I see him I say, "Hi, Mr. Ross."

Kimora, 2<sup>nd</sup> gr., Goudy School

Ms. Quiroz.

She gives us candy and she gives us toys, and my favorite thing is that she gives us everything we need. Carlos, 2<sup>nd</sup> gr., Goudy School

Mr. J.

He is fun because he makes funny things. He is fun to work with. I learn to do math in a faster way. He wears glasses. He is from Colombia. He works at our

class to teach us some math. He is nice. He never screams at us. He makes math fun. He makes math games. He is making class fun and funny.

Tania, 2<sup>nd</sup> gr., Goudy School.

Dear Ms. Collier,

You are fun and funny. You influenced my life because you are funny. I admire you because you are fun. Because of you, Ms. Collier, I've learned.

Kimora, 2<sup>nd</sup> gr., Goudy School

Miss Mayo is my favorite teacher because she is nice. She gives me chips and juice when we get stars for doing work. She acts funny.

Phyllis, 2<sup>nd</sup> gr., Goudy School

Dear Ms. Lopez,

I'm very thankful that you were my teacher. I like how you are funny and nice.

Luna, 1<sup>st</sup> gr., Inter-American School

Dear Ms. Cooney,

I love you because you are nice to me and respect me. I respect you. I'm going to be good. You are beautiful. You are creative and taught me how to spell. I love you.

Cherish, 1<sup>st</sup> gr. McCutcheon School

Dear Ms. Bane,

Thanks for being nice and helping me write. You are a great teacher!

From Jeffrey, 1<sup>st</sup> gr., Swift School

Dear Ms. Khobel,

Thank you for being the best teacher. You make me laugh. You helped me learn new words.

From Juan, 1<sup>st</sup> gr.

Yaritza, *[her sister]*

I like when you play with me. You are the best sister ever.

Love, Nely, Kindergarten, Goudy School

My Mom

My mom has influenced my life because she shares candy with me and teaches me. She teaches me when she has time and because she loves me a whole bunch. I admire her because she buys me clothes to keep me warm. I know my mommy wants the best for me. Because of my mommy, I have learned my ABC's and my numbers. She teaches me when I don't understand. She teaches me because I listen. I love my mommy!

Dictated by Sophia, Kindergarten, McCutcheon School

Dear Ms. K.,

You are very funny. You teach me new things. I really like being in your class. People pay attention in class.

Dictated by Omaree, Kindergarten, McCutcheon School

Ms. K. teaches me things that I didn't know before. She's nice. She's honest. She's smart. She gives treats to good kids. She teaches me how to read and write and learn my ABC's.

Dictated by Omaree, Kindergarten, McCutcheon School