#### YOU KNOW YOU'RE A TEACHER WHEN...

YOU'VE MADE AN IMPACT ON SOMEONE'S LIFE

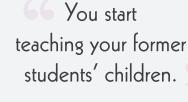
Your students make visible gains day by day!

LORRAINE, HAWAII



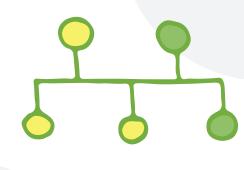
The students' faces light up when they learn something or remember how to do something.

AMBER, SOUTH DAKOTA



AIMEE, GEORGIA





On rainy days, the children play school and they use your hand actions to teach the class.

SHERRY, TENNESSEE







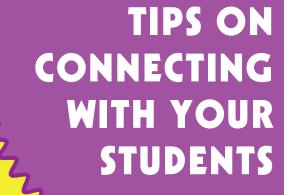
working hard or words of encouragement after a rough day, your actions should show your students that you're on their side. Make sure your students know you believe in their abilities to handle a difficult assignment or improve their behavior.



### INITIATE

## ONE-ON-ONE CONVERSATION Purchase a small notebook for each

of your students to keep in their desk. (Check out your dollar store for deals.) When they want to start a conversation, they can write you a note in the notebook and leave it on your desk. You can write a message back in return.



# CORRECT IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY Correcting and disciplining don't

always have to be negative. When teachers use a positive approach, students are able to keep their dignity and are more likely to reflect on their behavior and make better choices in the future. Students will recall how you made them feel long after they have forgotten the consequences.





### REWARD STUDENTS WITH YOUR TIME

Consider inviting students to have lunch with you when they've made big accomplishments. It makes them feel special and can start conversations you wouldn't otherwise have.



