



### **If I Could Teach You, Teacher**

If I could teach you, teacher,  
I'd teach you how much more  
you have accomplished  
than you think you have.

I'd show you the seeds  
you planted years ago  
that are now coming into bloom.  
I'd reveal to you the young minds  
that have expanded under your care,  
the hearts that are serving others  
because they had you as a role model.

If I could teach you, teacher,  
I'd show you the positive effect  
you have had on me and my life.

Your homework is  
to know your value to the world,  
to acknowledge it, to believe it.

Thank you, teacher.

-Joanna Fuchs

I picked this poem because I think we lose sight, at times, of what our lasting effect is on our students. Think back on your school experience. What teachers do you remember? I actually contacted some former instructors this week and thanked them. It was fun to do and I received some great email back!

I will keep this short this week! I didn't want to miss the opportunity to acknowledge all of you during Teacher Appreciation Week! Know that you all are in my thoughts and my daily work. You would have been proud of your FR's this week as they represented your buildings. Our virtual FR meeting was almost better attended than our in-person meetings....hmmm what does that say. J I think there is room for growth for our union. Please make sure you take the time to read the meeting notes. I have questions that were posed using the Google form that was sent out. I will be addressing some of those questions with the specific individuals or to our whole group depending on the information needed. Have a great week end!

Thanks for all you do!

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