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In Honor Of Educators

Strolling through the mall on a Saturday morning, Miss Drew sees a Spiderman toy. Knowing how much her 3rd grade student will love it, she buys it instantly. Thank you! You have our gratitude!

She walks into the lesson on a Monday morning bright and cheery. "Good morning Joe, lets start with reading today". Joe is having a difficult time expressing his thoughts verbally and responds with a kick in her shins. Miss Amy patiently sits down and helps Joe work through his frustration. Thank you! You have our gratitude!

Steve has been trying to learn the word "toothbrush" for two weeks now. Suddenly he blurts it out. It's hard to tell who is happier. Steve who got the correct answer or Mrs. Mack who is cheering wildly. Thank you! You have our gratitude!

It's 1:45 am and the behaviorist is exhausted. Bleary eyed, she persists at the computer. Her new idea will help countless students manage their anxiety. Thank you! You have our gratitude!

There's a new seminar on helping children with autism to learn and grow. Knowing there will be no re-imburement, Mr. Jones registers because the knowledge he'll gain might help one more child. Thank you! You have our gratitude!

The Occupational Therapist spends hours searching for pictures that Jake will love. She knows these will motivate him to learn to cut with a scissor. Thank you! You have our gratitude!

It's Sunday morning and a beautiful day. While most are relaxing, the speech therapist is dedicated to completing the worksheets that will increase her student's language. Thank you! You have our gratitude!

For two months she has reminded Mark to unpack his bag. Today Mark did it independently. The Paraprofessional's face shines with joy and pride. Thank you! You have our gratitude!

Miss Lisa is out with friends but her mind is on Annie, one of her students who is struggling with transitions. Miss Lisa knows she can help Annie and is determined to find a way. Thank you! You have our gratitude!

Its parent-teacher evening. Tom's mother is nervous because her son's progress is important to her. The teacher makes sure to spend some of the time concentrating on all the positives about Tom. Thank you! You have our gratitude!

Ben can't do the Math worksheets. The Special Educator takes the time to modify how the questions are asked and Ben does it easily. Thank you! You have our gratitude!

The team of educators that work with Julie want her to succeed. They are determined that school is a great experience where she learns the maximum. They consistently get together to discuss and implement new methods to achieve this goal. Thank you! You have our gratitude!

A "SPECIAL" Educator is one who gives their support, not their judgment. How do I know you're one of the special, top notch educators? Simple! You wouldn't be reading this if you weren't! We thank you and acknowledge you for making the world a better place for people with autism.

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