

“I teach because it reminds me that every day I can choose to make the world a better place by **making a difference in one life**. On some days, that life is mine.” — Janet Allen

“I teach to throw back **light** at the beautiful world.”
— Jeff Anderson

“I love the **‘ahha’ moment** when my students make the connection between what they know and what they are learning and use this to propel their learning forward.” — Ranu Bahattacharyya

“I have the privilege of being witness to **students discovering** a book they enjoy, finding their voice as writers, and realizing that who they are and what they think really does matter.”
— Kim Campbell

“I teach because there is always a new challenge and it **never bores** me. I teach because I cannot imagine a job I could enjoy more.” — Linda Dacey

“My love for learning compels me to share what I am discovering with others. Teaching is, to me, as **natural as breathing**. It is what I do.” — Debbie Diller

“We teach to create a culture of **question maker**—students who cherish the journey as much as the final destination.” — Lynne Dorfman & Rose Cappelli

“I teach because I **can’t get enough** of those moments when a student shares a discovery or insight, and simultaneously realizes that he or she is a creative, smart thinker.”
— Jennifer Jacobson

“I teach to **learn**. I teach for a better future.” — Peter Johnson

“I teach because I want our children to **see what’s possible** when they question, wonder, dream, imagine and disrupt the status quo.”
— Katie Keier

“I teach because each day I get to participate in **a grand research project** figuring out what students know and need.” — Cris Tovani

“I teach because I recognize that the **building blocks** of each student’s success are in my hands.” — Marco Ramirez

“To **enlighten** minds and spark excitement, that is why we teach.” — Tony Stead

“I teach because I am deeply, unrepentantly grateful for life, and the most potent way I know to express that gratitude is **to build a world** worthy of the next generation, then give them the tools to make it their own.”
— Rick Wormeli

“The very best thing about teaching is helping young writers to find their voices and then listening—showing them that **their voices matter**, not only in their classrooms but in the world.” — Kate Messner

Why We

Teach