

# Thanks for all you do!

## Messages for Mentors

Through the Voices of New Teachers

- Observe us often.
- Give us feedback on even the smallest things.
- Check our lesson plans for practical applications.
- Make us pay attention to details.
- Get together with us socially early in the year.
- Be available and be willing to share resources and materials with us.
- Try to keep us ahead of the curve.
- Help us make a year-long calendar in August.
- Meet with us as much as possible.
- Be honest about the crazy quirks of the department so we know you see them too.
- Don't wait for us to come to you. Be proactive!
- Make time to talk to us once a week, even if it's just to chat.
- We cannot grow if you don't offer suggestions for improvement.
- We love the support, ideas, flexibility, and humor. You keep it real!
- Leave a note that says, "I've noticed..." regarding positive actions in the classroom.
- Share the remarkable ideas and expertise you have.
- Support teachers forever, not just one year.
- We couldn't do it without you.
- You give endless support in all areas, academically and emotionally.
- You make a difference in our lives!

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