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Our mission is to create a learning community that prepares all students to be productive, responsible, and successful.

In Good Hands

When talking recently to one of my old classmates from high school, I was reminded of one of my favorite teachers. This teacher had a passion for teaching, seeing students succeed, and always made learning fun. He was a big reason I decided to become a teacher and had a huge impact on how I taught my classes. Hopefully, we can all think of a teacher from our past that inspired us to try harder and achieve more than we thought we could. The following poem sums up the difference that a gifted and caring teacher can make in his or her students' lives.

In Good Hands

In the hands of a gifted teacher
a **classroom** is a magical place
In the hands of a gifted teacher
There's a smile on each child's face
In the Hands of a Gifted Teacher
Creative Energy is Everywhere
In the Hands of a Gifted Teacher
There's a Catalyst who Genuinely Cares
In the Hands of a Gifted Teacher
Desire and Wonder is Awakened
In the Hands of a Gifted Teacher
The Educational Agenda is Shaken
In the Hands of a Gifted Teacher
Self-Management Skills are Modeled
In the Hands of a Gifted Teacher
The Best of Reality is Bottled
In the Hands of a Gifted Teacher
Gifts and Talents are Refined
In the Hands of a Gifted Teacher
The Willed Future is Designed

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As we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week May 2nd through May 6th, I encourage you to thank our teachers for all of their hard work and dedication. While we set aside a week to honor our teachers, I hope that we show our appreciation each and every day.

Important Upcoming Dates for May:

May 6th-In-Service-12:17 Dismissal

May 27th-End of 4th Quarter

May 29th-High School Graduation-2:00-OVHS

May 30th-Memorial Day-No School

May 31st-Teachers' Institute Day

June 1st-Report Card Day

Through the school improvement process, we hope to promote a positive atmosphere and increased communication and welcome your input and suggestions on ways to accomplish this. Please use the opinions and ideas link on our website at www.okawvalley.org to share any ideas or concerns.