

- Leader Appreciation Day
- Inexpensive goodies with notes of thanks:
  - "Thanks for planting seeds in the lives of preschoolers and children." (packet of seeds)
  - "Take a coffee/tea break on us. We appreciate you." (bag of coffee/tea)
  - "Thanks for your warm hand of love in teaching our children." (oven mitt with candy)
  - It's Been Such a "Treat" to Have You as a Volunteer! (Any candy item)
  - Thank You for Always Going the "Extra" Mile! (Chewing gum)
  - Thanks a Latte! (Coffee item)
  - Thank for Your "Commit-mint"/ Your Help "Mint" So Much! (Mints)
  - You are Worth a Million / Thanks a Million! (1,000,000 Grand candy bars)
  - We "Donut" What We Would Have Done Without You! (A donut)
  - No One Holds a Candle to You! (Small candle)
  - Have a "Toe-riffic" Summer / Mani-Thanks! (Nail polish or gift cards)
  - Faith/Education is Like a Seed. If Planted, It Will Grow (Seed pack)
  - Take "Note" - We Love You! (Note cards)
  - We Need S'more Volunteers Like You! (chocolate, marshmallow, 2 graham crackers)
  - Thanks for Popping in to Help! (Microwave popcorn)
  
- Plan a leader brunch before or after teaching responsibilities.
- Enlist parents to substitute for teachers for the summer.
- Enlist support from your church's prayer ministry.
- Use your church's Facebook pages or Twitter to spotlight a volunteer each month. Encourage "likes," compliments and shares.
- A simple handwritten, signed card with a nice message.
- Movie gift card and package with popcorn and candy from the dollar store.
- Team T-shirts
- Hand out mixed bags of Hershey's Hugs and Kisses.
- Serve birthday cake and celebrate everyone's un-birthday.
- Have a "Root Beer Float Party" with kids as the hosts.
- Host a volunteers' barbecue.
- Have a Volunteer Hallelujah Luau that's island-themed.
- Make random phone calls just to say thanks.