Teaching Is...

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Teaching is a lifestyle, as well as a career

That, whether we teach young or old, holds our values dear.

"My class would love this!" we exclaim when viewing Pinterest posts.

Our budgets suffer just a tad when red our bankbooks boast.

Teaching is a calling, a mission attitude

That pushes us to action and fosters gratitude.

We went to school to learn our craft yet keep on going back;

The knowledge gained is critical and keeps our work on track.

Teaching is a service, a yen for betterment
That leads us all to research, and then experiment.
We pore through what the experts say and try suggestions out.
If they succeed, we add them to our repertoires, no doubt.

Teaching is a passion, a cause for jubilee

That brings us joy when we deploy bursts of energy.

Whene'er we see that understanding look of sheer delight

It makes our efforts worth it, and thus all the world seems right.

Teaching is a talent, a true ability
That, with a bit of nurturing, yields humility.
A chance to share a skillset that results in learning's love Is surely a great blessing, an endowment from above.

Teaching is a union, a fellowship of kinds
That joins together people with student-centered minds.
We advocate for policies that help our colleagues thrive
And validations of our needs that keep our hopes alive.