

Dear Cardinal Nation – this week (Monday, May 8 thru Friday, May 12) is Teacher Appreciation Week. And we have an awesome group of teachers to appreciate!

Every year at this time I am reminded of the following story – It is called “The Star Thrower” or the “Starfish Story,” and it was part of an essay written by Loren Eiseley and published in 1969. The story, in one of its adaptations, goes like this:

A girl was walking along a beach upon which thousands of starfish had been washed up during a terrible storm. When she came to each starfish, she would pick it up, and throw it back into the ocean. People watched her with amusement.

She had been doing this for some time when a man approached her and said, “Girl, why are you doing this? Look at this beach! You can’t save all these starfish. You can’t begin to make a difference!”

The girl seemed crushed, suddenly deflated. But after a few moments, she bent down, picked up another starfish, and hurled it as far as she could into the ocean. Then she looked up at the man and replied, “Well, I made a difference for that one!”

And that she had! Just like our teachers are making a difference each and every day. We may not be making a difference in the lives of starfish, but we are certainly making a difference in the lives of our students – The Cardinals!

Please take the opportunity to thank one, two, or as many teachers as you can this week! They certainly deserve it!

Sincerely,

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