

## MEMBERSHIP IDEA OF THE MONTH

### HELPING OUR NEW TEACHERS

FROM LINDA DAVIDSON

Linda Davidson shared her idea about providing support for some of our newer members who are in the classroom. Teachers spend a lot of time cutting items out for their classroom or making patterns for activities or making items for a bulletin board. The teachers might also like to have some folder games that students could take home to practice skills. All of these activities take time. Wouldn't it be great if, as part of the end of a chapter meeting, current teachers could bring projects for which they need help and members could stay and help them with those projects. What a great support and help for teachers currently in the classroom.

Note from Bev Johns:

In thinking about Linda's idea, I thought back to a chapter I visited where some of the retired teachers said they really missed the classroom and felt like the schools no longer needed them and they really would like to help in some way. What a great way to make our retired members feel like they are needed by newer teachers. Retired teachers might also bring in some of their favorite folder games or bulletin board ideas and share them with the new teachers.