

SEPTEMBER 9
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TEDDYBEAR DAY




THE HISTORY OF TEDDY BEARS

Did you know that the Teddy Bear was invented in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt? It all began when Theodore Roosevelt was on a bear hunting trip near Onward, Mississippi on November 14, 1902. Mississippi's Governor Andrew H. Longino had invited him, but unlike other hunters in the group, Theodore had not located a single bear.

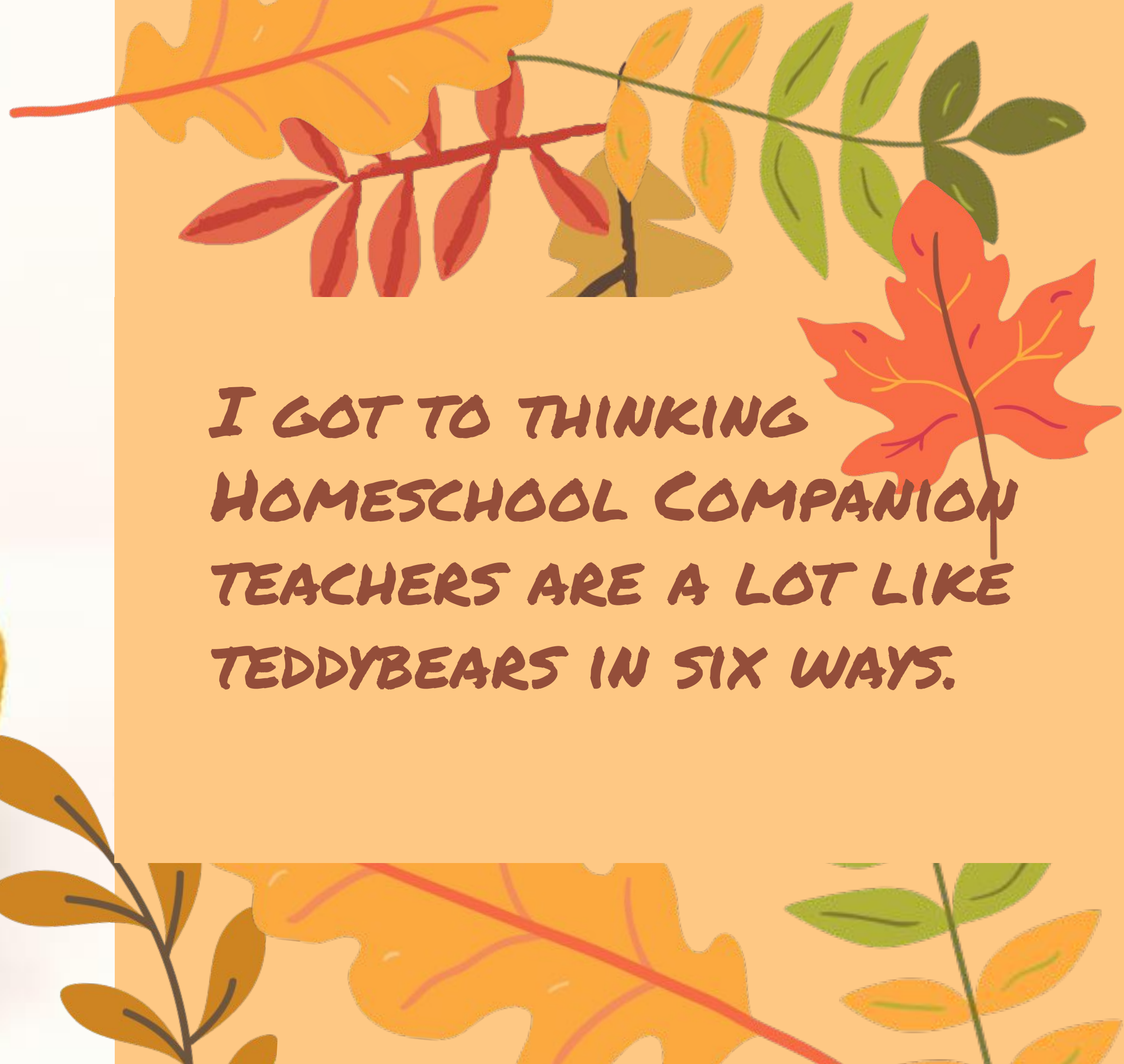
Roosevelt's assistants, led by Holt Collier, a born slave and former Confederate cavalryman, cornered and tied a black bear to a willow tree. They summoned Roosevelt and suggested that he shoot it. Viewing this as extremely unsportsmanlike, Roosevelt refused to shoot the bear. The news of this event spread quickly through newspaper articles across the country. The articles recounted the story of the president who refused to shoot a bear. However, it was not just any president, it was Theodore Roosevelt the big game hunter!





Clifford Berryman, a political cartoonist, read the article and decided to lightheartedly satirize the president's refusal to shoot the bear. Berryman's cartoon appeared in the Washington Post on November 16, 1902. Morris Michtom, a Brooklyn candy shop owner, saw the cartoon and had an idea. He and his wife Rose also made stuffed animals, and Michtom decided to create a stuffed toy bear and dedicate it to the president who refused to shoot a bear. He called it 'Teddy's Bear'. After receiving Roosevelt's permission to use his name, Michtom mass produced the toy bears which were so popular that he soon founded the *Ideal Toy Company*. To this day the Teddy Bear has worldwide popularity.





I GOT TO THINKING
HOMESCHOOL COMPANION
TEACHERS ARE A LOT LIKE
TEDDYBEARS IN SIX WAYS.



1. **Comforting Presence:**

As teddy bears provide comfort and security, we offer emotional support and reassurance to our students, making learning a safe space.



2. Consistency:

Both a teddy bear and a Homeschool Companion teacher are always there—reliable and consistent, forming a vital part of the child's daily experience.



3. Personalized Support:

Teddy bears are unique to their owners, much like Homeschool Companion teachers offer tailored, individualized guidance based on each student's needs and learning style.



4. Patience and Understanding:

Both teddy bears and Homeschool Companion teachers are known for their patience. Teddy bears "listen" to children's worries, and you take the time to work through challenges, offering understanding and care.



5. Encouragement of Growth:

A teddy bear is a child's companion through their growth stages, and Homeschool Companion teachers walk alongside students, encouraging their academic and personal development.



6. Fluffy & Fuzzy

One of us is fluffy and has a fuzzy face.

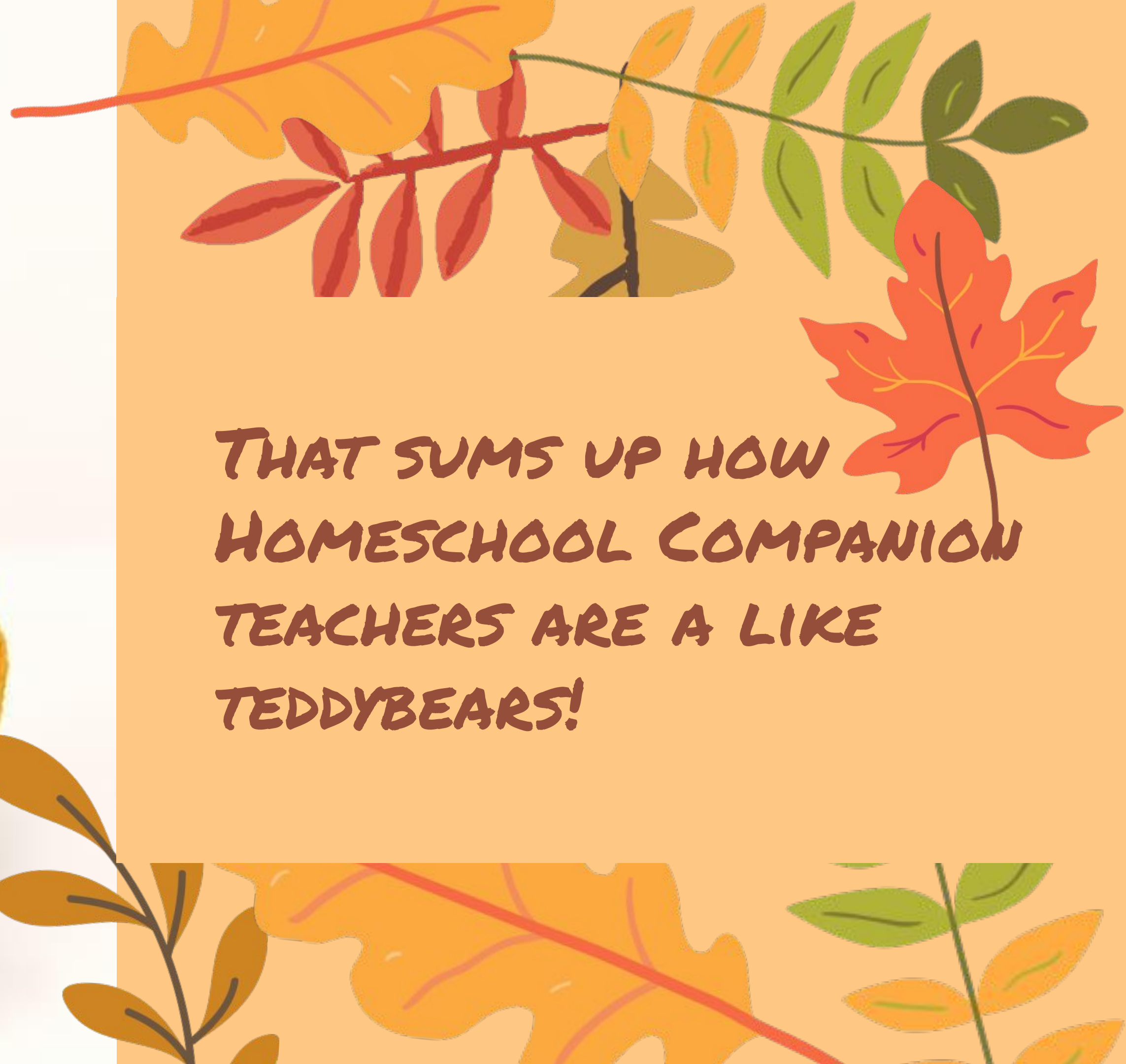


2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)

says,

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble, with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.”





THAT SUMS UP HOW
HOMESCHOOL COMPANION
TEACHERS ARE A LIKE
TEDDYBEARS!



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