

BUCKET FILL-OSOPHY 101™

Weekly words of wisdom to keep your bucket filled

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Making a Difference

She loves it!

Another enthusiastic Amazon.com 5-star review of *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* from Dimitra Parsons:



If possible, I would rate this book 10 stars!

My two and four-year-olds love this book because it explains (how) kids can be hurtful and how they should handle the situations.

We end each day by asking one another whose bucket did you fill.

It has even become a part of our behavior chart!

LOVE, LOVE, LOVE IT!

BUCKET CHUCKLES

A mother was walking with her four-year-old daughter one day when the daughter picked up something off the ground and started to put it into her mouth. The mother stopped her and said she shouldn't do that.

"Why," asked her daughter.

"Because it's dirty. It was on the ground. You don't know where it's been. It probably has germs."

The little girl looked up at her mom with admiration and asked, "How do you know so much?"

Thinking quickly, the mother said, "All moms know so much. We have to. It's on the Mommy Test. If you don't know it, you don't get to be a mommy."

The little girl pondered this for a few minutes, then her face brightened. "I get it!" she said. "If you don't pass the test, you get to be a daddy!"

"Yup," said the mom.



*Bucket Nuggets from Carol McCloud,
The Bucket Lady*

If at first you don't succeed...

We often hear from teachers who have introduced bucketfilling to their classes and from those who teach in bucketfilling schools.

This week I'd like to introduce you to Jaime Taylor, a counselor, for Rollingwood Elementary School in Oklahoma City. Some of what she told us may be familiar to those of you who have one of the most important professions in society today—teaching our children.

Last year, Jaime and her colleagues introduced *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* to their students. They challenged the students to fill buckets each day. They put buckets in their classrooms and in the halls of their school along with displays throughout the school.

"However, it was late in the school year and did not catch on as quickly as we'd hoped," Jaime told us.

This year is a different story. Bucket filling began with the school year. They have read the book to each class—kindergarten through fifth grade and each student has colored their own bucket. All of the buckets are on display in their classrooms and throughout the week the children write "bucket slips."

Each writes something nice and put a slip in their classmate's buckets. At week's end, the students empty the buckets and share their slips with the class.



Older students work from a class list, checking off each name as they fill that student's bucket. Each name must have at least one check beside and if not, the counselor and teachers make sure that student's contains a kind note.

We were excited when Jamie told us that the school's entire curriculum for the year is centered on bucket filling.

Jaime and her colleagues love the simplicity of their bucket filling program and are enthused about how easily the whole school can use it.

"The students are so into it and I can hear the 'bucket language' as I walk in the hallways. We, as a staff, have implemented several ways we can remain closer this year using

bucket filling ideas," said Jaime in her e-mail.

If you are a teacher there are some good ideas here. Whatever creative ways you choose to bring bucket filling into the life of your school and your students, remember Jaime and...

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This week's winners

Congratulations!



Sarah Kopluku, of www.MomsMarbles.com, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is our Bucket Filler of the Week. Congratulations, Sarah! You have a book coming your way. Every bucket filler is a winner! Encourage your friends to get their buckets filled every week by signing on for our newsletter at

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Quote of the Week

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." — Benjamin Franklin



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