

BUCKET FILL-OSOPHY 101™

Weekly words of wisdom to keep your bucket filled

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Making a Difference



Her Rx is Love and Laughter

Granny Grace has been married 38 years and has three grown sons and five grandchildren. She brings the joy of laughter to little ones in her role as a clown. She posted this on her website.

"When a book impresses a great lesson on my heart, I use the story in my show.

For instance, I just found this great little book by Carol McCloud called, *Have you Filled your Bucket Today?* The illustrations are adorable.

When I read the book to my granddaughter who's in kindergarten, she was delighted with the concept. Even pets have buckets!

A person can be a bucket filler or a bucket dipper. The way to fill a bucket is to be kind to someone. A smile is an excellent way to fill a bucket and it makes you happy. On the other hand, a bully-type person can dip into your bucket and then you feel sad-but he feels sad too. He not only dipped into your bucket, but emptied his as well.

What a concept we can teach little kids!

We can change the world, beginning with the children with whom we minister." *Edited for space*

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*Bucket Nuggets from
Carol McCloud, The Bucket Lady*

Buckets full of kind words

As I travel from place to place presenting the bucket filling concept, I meet many wonderful people. I have been so impressed with the creative ideas that dedicated and caring educators from California to my own backyard here in Michigan have used to make bucket filling fun and meaningful to young children.

A month or so ago, I met Chanda Levene, a Dresden Elementary School teacher in Sterling Heights, Michigan. New to bucket filling, Chanda was eager to implement the concept in a way that would make it relevant and fun.

We discussed ideas over lunch the day I visited her school and I later received an e-mail from her.

In it, she described what was happening at Dresden Elementary:

"I drew a bucket on paper and made copies for each child, then each child listed five things they like about the star student of the week.

We assemble and laminate each page, then bind the pages together to make a Bucket Filler book for each child. Each teacher does a page as well.

It's a pleasure to see each child's face light up while reading their very own book."

Chanda has also added a real bucket to her classroom. She and the children fill it with written accounts of bucket filling they observe.

"Our goal is to have the bucket filled all the way to the top in one week and if we can, we will give the children an extra five minutes of recess to fill their buckets. We just started it today and the bucket is half full. I guess we already had a classroom full of bucket fillers."

Teachers like Chanda are making a difference in the lives of children and their families.

Nothing could do more to fill my bucket!



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This week's winners

Congratulations!



Carol Idalski, of Charlotte, Michigan, is our Bucket Filler of the Week.

Congratulations, Carol! 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

www.bucketfillers101.com.

Quote of the Week

"What a child doesn't receive he can seldom later give"—*P.D. James, Author*