



BUCKET FILL-OSOPHY 101™

Words of Wisdom to Keep Your Bucket Filled

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Summertime Bucket Filling

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Students and teachers from coast to coast are looking forward to the summer of 2013. Before saying goodbye to your students, we'd like to suggest ways to encourage them (and you) to continue to use the bucketfilling skills you've been practicing this school year.

While much has been written about how to retain reading and math skills over the summer months, most suggestions center on practice. It's no different with bucket filling. To continue the bucketfilling momentum you've built this year, have a conversation with your students about different ways they can fill buckets over the summer. Brainstorm. Be specific. Discuss who, what, and where:

Who are the people they may see in the summer? Whose bucket can they fill? Friends, family, neighbors, workers, young, old, handicapped, visitors, people they meet on trips, etc.

What can they do to fill buckets? Help with siblings, visit a neighbor, hold a door open, carry something, give a compliment, wash a car, return a shopping cart, recycle, pick up litter, help with yard work, read to someone, and/or make cards for family or neighbors.

Where can they fill buckets? Home, parks, beaches, vacation spots, sports venues, movies, local libraries, day camp, away camp, walks around the block, shopping, and many more.

You can also offer suggestions for ways that parents can help their children keep a record of how many buckets they fill.

For example:

- They can use a calendar, or print one from the internet, to record how they filled a bucket each day.
- If they like collecting rocks, they can place small rocks or stones in a bucket as counters.
- If some of your students aren't excited about rocks, they can



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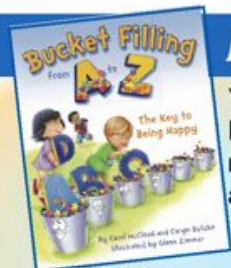
visit a dollar store and purchase a bucket and some colorful pompoms to keep track of their bucket filling. Or, they might want to visit a paint store and select paint chips in their favorite colors to show how they "colored" their vacation days.

■ They might want to keep a journal on what they did over the summer to fill buckets.

If you would like to see your students' progress, set up a new email address (mr.smiths/bucketfillers@gmail.com) and invite them to describe their bucketfilling actions.

Plan to arrange a meeting when you return in the fall to reconnect and share memories of summer bucketfilling experiences. Be sure to share memories of your bucket filling, too.

Have a safe, happy, and very bucketfilling summer.



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Words of Wisdom

"Remember there is no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end." — Scott Adams, author and creator of the "Dilbert" comic strip.