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Words of Wisdom to Keep Your Bucket Filled

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Reading *isn't* fun?

Dear Fellow Bucket Filler,

While growing up, I always enjoyed reading. Books were always such a big part of my life. I remember how much fun it was to get books from the library or the book programs at school, like RIF (Reading is Fundamental) or Scholastic. Ahhh . . . the smell of a new book or the sound of the crack of the spine as you opened it for the first time. I still get excited about it, even as an adult. It truly fills my bucket. As a mom, I'm trying to instill that same joy of reading in my son that I had as a child.

But what happened to the joy in reading? Why *isn't* reading fun? Children are becoming so bombarded by technology, giving them instant gratification. Most of the time, this is far more interesting than reading a book and using their imagination. My son is always telling me about a cool iPod game that one of the kids showed him on the bus. There's rarely talk about the book he took to read on the bus ride that day.

As adults, we need to help make reading fun again for our children! This month is National Reading Month. Do something special to fill the buckets of the children in your life - whether you're a parent, grandparent, teacher, neighbor, etc. Read a book together. Go on a field trip to the library. Dress up like your favorite story book characters. Donate to an organization that helps give books to children (like RIF or Scholastic). Better yet, pick out some of your used books to give to a family that might not have money for books. Whatever it is, take the opportunity to help at least one child discover again that reading *is* fun. It will fill your bucket, too!

Happy reading to you,
Caryn Butzke
Bucket Fillers Business Manager & Author



Our Bucket Filler of the Week*

Brunella DeMarco, a school social worker, from McGuire AFB, NJ.

*E-newsletter winners are randomly selected to win a free copy of our latest book, "Bucket Filling from A to Z!"

Bucketfilling Showcase



This issue's picture was shared with us by Brunella DeMarco from **Atlantis School** in **McGuire AFB, New Jersey**. One of her first grade students created a bucketfilling game out of Lego, inspired by our book *Bucket Filling from A to Z*.

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