

BUCKET FILL-OSOPHY 101™

Weekly words of wisdom to keep your bucket filled

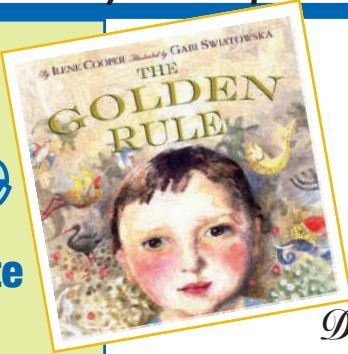
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Making a Difference

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Presentation Update

Sessions: 56
Attendance: 8,750



Bucket Nuggets from Carol McCloud,
The Bucket Lady

The Golden Rule

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

A beautifully illustrated, hardcover children's book, *The Golden Rule*, by Ilene Cooper and Gabi Swiatkowska, contains a wonderful explanation of why this rule is truly golden: "It's golden because it's so valuable, and a way of living your life that's so simple, it shines!"

So begins one of my favorite new books. Published in 2007, and written for children K-Grade 5, it's a must-have for every elementary school.

We were introduced to this book last January while visiting seven bucketfilling schools in Saratoga Springs, New York. I'm always amazed by the people we meet and the inspiring ideas they share with us. Teachers in the Saratoga Springs schools are no different. We were delighted to learn that they had been reading, *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* to their students for a year.

Madeline Daley, one of the counselors in the school district's central office, filled our buckets when she told us that two of her favorite books are our book and *The Golden Rule*.

That night, we were off to Barnes & Noble and when we read this lovely book, we felt honored to be in the company of *The Golden Rule*.

Cooper and Swiatkowska's book is not a story. Like *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?*, their book uses simple examples of the Golden Rule that children can easily understand.

In the book, a grandfather tells his grandson about this ancient rule and explains how all religions teach the Golden Rule.

He asks his grandson to imagine the feelings of another child, perhaps someone who is new in his classroom. His grandson admits that as a new student, he would probably feel scared. The grandfather then asks, "What would make you feel better?" "If someone smiled at me," said the grandson. With that exchange, his grandson quickly understands the Golden Rule.

The book is filled with thought-provoking questions. One question, "How would things change if everyone lived by the Golden Rule?" is sure to inspire a lively discussion and foster understanding.

As bucket fillers, we know that living the Golden Rule always benefits both those who give and those who receive.

This week's winners

Congratulations!



Linda Hunt-Bishop, a teacher in St. Vrain Valley Schools, Longmont, Colorado is our Bucket Filler of the Week. Congratulations, Linda! 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

"If you can't return a favor, pass it on." — Louise Brown

- Brookfield Academy, West Bloomfield, MI
- Camden Elementary, Camden, OH
- Cesar-Chavez Academy, Detroit, MI
- Cherokee Elementary, Clinton Twp., MI
- Cherry View Elementary, Lakeville, MN
- Cheyenne Elementary, Macomb., MI
- Clinton Valley Elementary, Mt. Clemens, MI
- Country Meadow Elementary, Ashley, IN
- Elmwood Elementary, Bloomdale, OH
- Elwell Elementary, Belleville, MI
- Erie Elementary, Clinton Twp., MI
- Fox Elementary, Macomb, MI
- Greater Flint Association for the Education of Young Children, Flint, MI
- Huron Elementary, Clinton Twp., MI
- Macomb County School Board Assn, Clinton Twp, MI
- Madison Elementary, Adrian, MI
- Miami Elementary, Clinton Twp., MI
- Michigan Reading Conference, Grand Rapids, MI
- Mohawk Elementary, Macomb, MI
- Ojibwa Elementary, Macomb, MI
- Ottawa Elementary, Clinton Twp., MI
- Prairie Elementary, Adrian, MI
- Sequoyah Elementary, Macomb, MI
- Shawnee Elementary, Macomb, MI
- St. Joseph School, Conklin, MI
- St. Mark Christian Academy, Troy, MI
- St. Mary's CDC, Troy, MI
- Waterloo Elementary, Waterloo, IN

Total Bucketfilling Sessions through 3/31/09

Sessions: 1,217
Attendance: 162,380



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