



Sharing Bucketfilling Ideas Bucket Lesson #22 August 23, 2015 Volume 9, Issue 13

We are Bucket Fillers!

Would you like to begin the new school year as a Bucketfilling Classroom? This Bucket Lesson will help you begin the process.

First, you'll want to talk to your students about what a bucketfilling classroom looks like. You could do this in one of several ways. With your class, you could brainstorm TWO lists: "What fills buckets in school?" and "What dips buckets in school?" You could also come up with lists of "What fills students' buckets?" and "What fills teacher's bucket?" Or, you could create ONE brainstorming list that answers the question, "What fills everyone's bucket?" Write down all ideas shared and add suggestions of your own.

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When your lists are complete, discuss and vote for the top ideas. Post the final lists. Start by writing on the board: WE ARE BUCKET FILLERS! Then, ask your students what they would expect to see in their Bucketfilling Classroom. You may want to set a maximum number of ideas based on student age. For the early grades, you might want only two or three actions and then have a lively conversation about what these look like. You can also post pictures of these actions. We've created the list below to help get you started in your classroom.

We are Bucket Fillers!

We take turns.

We speak kindly.

We help each other.

We are ready to learn.

We keep everyone safe.

We treat others with respect.

We include everyone in the fun.

We ask for help when we need it.

We pay attention when others talk.

We always do our best!

You can expect a kinder, friendlier climate when begin your year with a classroom of enthusiastic bucket fillers and your students take ownership of the list they've created.

Why not use this lesson and start off the school year as a Bucketfilling Family? What a great way to reinforce bucket filling at home and everywhere you go!

For even more ideas, be sure to check out our *Create a Bucketfilling School* series on our **website**!