What Fills Your Bucket?

You can fill other people's buckets, but did you know that you can fill your own bucket, too? If we could look inside each other's buckets, we'd see that we all have different things that fill our buckets. You might like to fill your own bucket by reading a book. Or you might like to fill your bucket by riding your bike. As a teacher, your students each have different things that fill their buckets.

This lesson incorporates a great activity to visualize what fills your students' buckets. A great time to do this is in the first part of the school year. It's a great ice breaker and gives the students the opportunity to get to know each other and what things fill each other's buckets! The items you'll need are:

1) A copy of the Bucket Fillers' blank bucket coloring page for each student, found online [here](#).
2) Crayons, markers or colored pencils
3) A variety of kid-friendly magazines, scissors and glue (optional)

Have each student follow these steps:

1) Put their name on their bucket
2) Color their bucket.
3) Draw 3 pictures of items that fill their bucket, or cut out 3 pictures from magazines of items that fill their bucket and glue them on their bucket.
Over the next few days, have each student give a small report explaining to the class the things they put on their bucket and why each fills their bucket. Once each student finishes their report, display the buckets around the room. These make a great conversational piece with parents when they visit the room during the back-to-school open house or parent/teacher conferences. It will fill their buckets and yours, too!

For even more ideas, be sure to check out our past *Bucket Lessons* on our [website](#)!