



BUCKET FILL-OSOPHY 101™

Words of Wisdom to Keep Your Bucket Filled

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Bucket Filling Means A Bright Beginning

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A few weeks ago, while in line waiting to pay for my groceries, I heard a grandmotherly shopper say to a person in line, "These 'dog days' of summer are almost over — my grandkids are waiting for school to start."

"Dog days" are those sultry days of intense summer heat during late July and August.

They are also the days that many teachers are revving up to begin planning for a new school year. Over the short summer months, many teachers have been busy working on required education classes for renewed certification, planning for new curricula, looking at changed district policies, finishing up part-time summer jobs, ... the list goes on.

And sooner than anyone thought possible, the dog days of summer have come face-to-face with that all-important first day of the school year for teachers, administrators, school support staff, students, and students' families.

Preparation, which includes some bucketfilling strategies, will help set the tone for positive expectations. As a subscriber to the Bucket Fillers newsletter, you are probably already familiar with the bucketfilling concepts. However, you may want to review the 12 steps to creating a bucketfilling school found on the Bucket Fillers website: www.bucketfillers101.com, under the [Free Resources](#) link.

To begin your first week, you will want to read *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* to your students. Each page, regardless of your students' ages, can generate enthusiastic conversation and some role playing.

Let your students come up with a list of their own



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ideas on how they could fill buckets during the year. How could they fill each other's buckets? What would fill the teacher's bucket? How could the teacher fill their buckets? Thinking and sharing bucketfilling ideas could lead to a collective activity, with the entire class involved in brainstorming, which could then spin off to individual lists. Sharing these lists in class and posting them in your room will also serve as an important reminder.

Beginning the year with a positive, proactive attitude will be one of your leading strengths. Essential to bucket filling is self-awareness of your attitudes and thoughts. It is impossible to keep your bucket filled if your thoughts and attitudes are not positively focused. This awareness will help you accomplish your role to fully teach and lead your students, and also fill their buckets

Best wishes for a bucketfilling year!

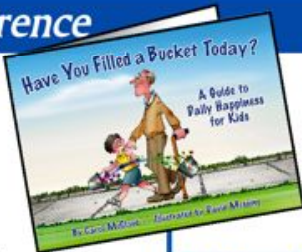
Making a Difference

Another Milestone

Have You Filled a Bucket Today? continues to rank in the **Top 100** of all children's books sold in the United States and Canada!

Source: Amazon.com

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Congratulations, Taylor!

Taylor Westerfeld, of Wixom, Michigan is our bucket filler of the week. You have a book coming your way. Every bucket filler is a winner. Encourage your friends to get their buckets filled by subscribing to our free e-newsletter at www.bucketfillers101.com

Words of Wisdom

"The beginning is the most important part of the work."—Plato