

BUCKET FILLING IS HERE TO STAY!!!



We hope your child has been coming home saying he or she is a "Bucket Filler" or that someone helped fill his or her bucket today? The book we selected for our Highview students to model their behavior on this year is "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" By the author, Carol McCloud. Ms Hink, librarian read the book to all students. It teaches children the concept of giving back in a light-hearted but appropriate way. The concept of giving to others is called being a "bucket filler". While hurting others, irritating them, or bullying is when people are being "bucket dippers". This book coupled with our school wide theme, "Kindness is the Key to Everything" will foster an environment of KINDNESS and INCLUSION.

This is our third year using this new character education program called Bucket Filling. Bucket filling is an easy-to-understand concept: Everyone carries an invisible bucket that holds our good thoughts and feelings. When our buckets are full, we feel happy and when our buckets are empty, we feel sad. Children quickly understand that they can fill buckets when they do and say things that are kind, considerate, caring, and respectful. They also learn that when they are mean, inconsiderate, uncaring, or disrespectful, they dip into buckets and remove those good feelings. Even the youngest child understands that actions and words can either fill a bucket or dip into it. During this school year we are encouraging, reminding, and recognizing everyone's efforts to be bucket fillers at home, at school, and everywhere they go. We are excited about this program and look forward to your support.