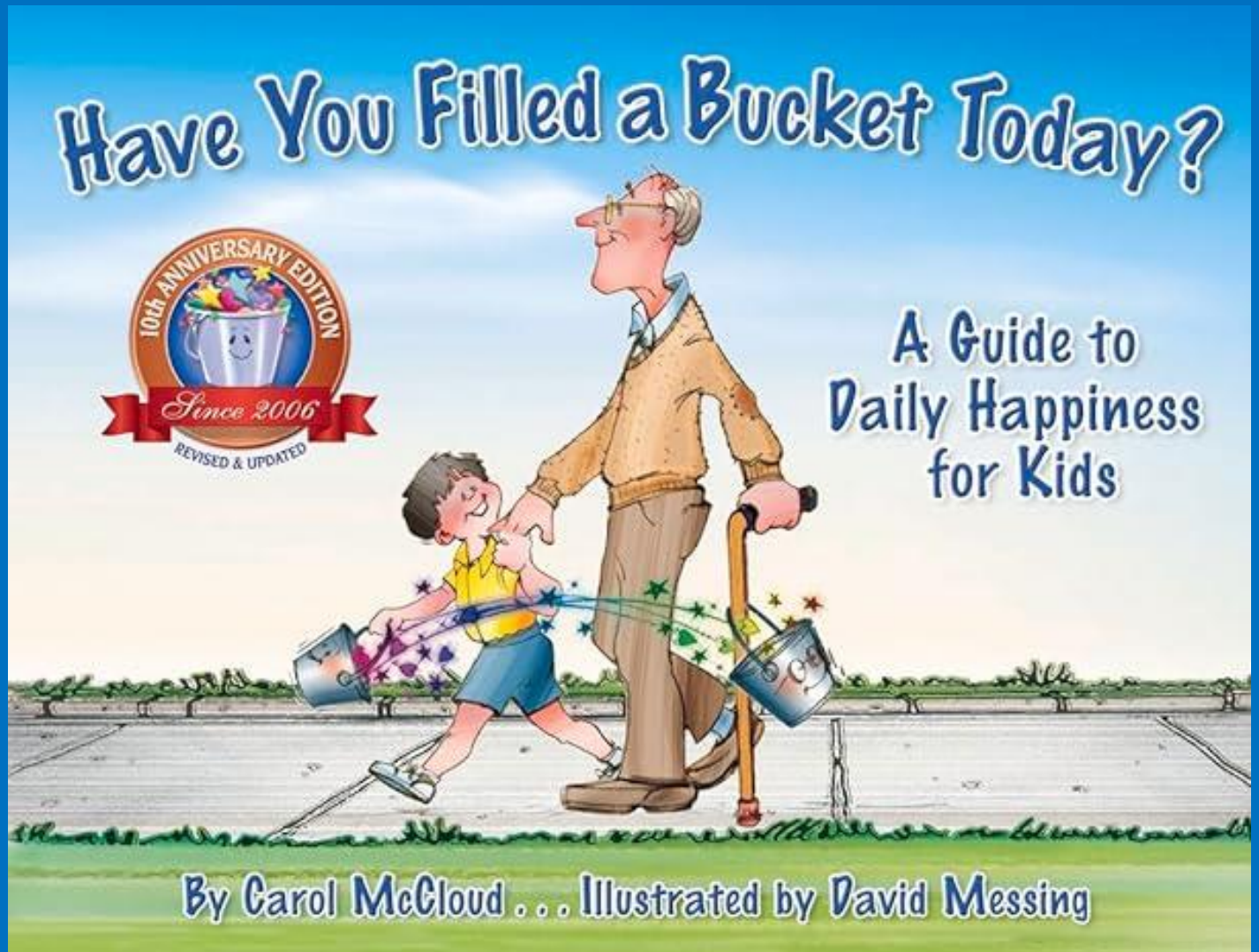


3rd Grade
Lesson Plan

Have You Filled A Bucket Today?
Live with Purpose & A Belief in the Greater Good



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OBJECTIVES: CCSS.ELA R3.1: Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.	STRATEGIES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing/Coloring <input type="checkbox"/> Writing <input type="checkbox"/> Think/Pair/Share <input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Questions <input type="checkbox"/> Small Groups/Large Groups
MATERIALS:	Computer/laptop; internet (with access to YouTube); Smart Board; copies of Comprehension Questions- <i>Have You Filled Your Bucket Today</i> ; copies of My Pledge of Kindness; copies of 12 Months of Kindness Calendar; copies of National Salute to Veteran Patients Project
Engage: Hook the students	Explain: Nelson Mandela spent almost 30 years in prison for fighting against apartheid in South Africa. Apartheid was a government policy that separated people of different races. After being freed from prison, Mandela was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and became South Africa’s first black president. The Nobel Peace Prize is one of the most important awards a person can receive. It is awarded to a person who has worked to encourage peace among countries or groups of people anywhere in the world. Think/Pair/Share Activity- Pair the students with a partner. Explain the T/P/S directions. The students will think of their answer, get with their partner, and share their answer. Read the following quote by Nelson Mandela aloud or write it on the board: “We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in our hands to make a difference.” T/P/S Questions: What things can you do to make your school a better place? Your community? Your country? The world?
Explore: Students make sense of a concept through observations.	Play the YouTube Read Aloud: <i>Have You Filled a Bucket Today?</i> Author-Carol McCloud, Illustrator-David Messing. https://youtu.be/wAQpbecOPOI?si=waEvt8xmSOGAAPoI Hand out copies of the Comprehension Questions <i>Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?</i> Allow students time to complete the assignment. Hand out copies of the My Pledge of Kindness. Allow students time to complete the activity. Hand out My 12 Months of Kindness Calendar. Complete calendar as a class. Hand out the National Salute to Veteran Patients Project. Allow students time to complete the activity. Find your nearest Veteran hospital or facility, mail the coloring sheets! Print project completion certificates here .
Explain: Teacher introduces formal vocabulary and language to students.	apartheid responsibility Nelson Mandela Nobel Peace Prize values responsibility
Elaborate: Students apply what they have learned.	Students will demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.
Evaluate: assessment.	Teachers will select which activities to use as formal/informal assessments.
Enrichment/Service-Learning Project	Students will brainstorm a classroom project to extend kindness to others in their community or in their country. The National Salute to Veteran Patients takes place during the week of February 14 every year. This year, it takes place from February 11 to 17. See the last page for more information.

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Comprehension Questions *Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?*

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1. According to the author, who is carrying around an invisible bucket?

2. According to the book, *Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?*, what do you carry around in your bucket?

3. What happens to a person when their bucket is full?

4. What happens to a person when their bucket is empty?

5. How can you fill your bucket and the buckets of other people at the same time?

6. What does the author call it when you show these things to others?

7. What is a Bucket Dipper?

8. What happens to your bucket when you are a Bucket Dipper?

9. Can you fill your bucket by dipping into someone else's bucket?

10. What happens when you are a Bucket Filler all of the time?

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Comprehension Questions *Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?*

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1. According to the author, who is carrying around an invisible bucket?

The author says everyone in the whole wide world walks around with an invisible bucket.

2. According to the book, *Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?*, what do you carry around in your bucket?

According to the book, you carry your good thoughts and feelings about yourself in your bucket.

3. What happens to a person when their bucket is full?

When a person's bucket is full, they are happy.

4. What happens to a person when their bucket is empty?

When a person's bucket is empty, they are sad.

5. How can you fill your bucket and the buckets of other people at the same time?

When you show kindness to others, when you show love to others, or even something as simple as giving someone a smile.

6. What does the author call it when you show these things to others?

When a person is showing love or kindness to others, they are called a Bucket Filler!

7. What is a Bucket Dipper?

A Bucket Dipper is someone who dips into someone else's bucket by being unkind. For example, when you make fun of someone or you mean things to someone.

8. What happens to your bucket when you are a Bucket Dipper?

When you hurt others, you dip out of their bucket, but you dip out of your bucket, too.

9. Can you fill your bucket by dipping into someone else's bucket?

NO!

10. What happens when you are a Bucket Filler all of the time?

When you are a Bucket Filler all of the time, you make your home, your school, and your community better places to live.

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What is a pledge? A pledge is a serious formal promise. You can pledge allegiance to your country, you can pledge to keep a secret for a friend, and you can pledge money to a cause. A pledge is a reminder of our responsibility-it turns our values, or what is important to us, into reality. A pledge gives you purpose.

My Pledge of Kindness

I _____ make a promise today,
to show kindness in all that I do and I say.

To be helpful to every person I see,
if they need a friend, they can count on me.
I can help change the world, and I really should,
live life with purpose, for the Greater Good.



**I Will Show Kindness Everyday
by doing the following:**

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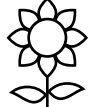







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12 Months of Kindness Calendar

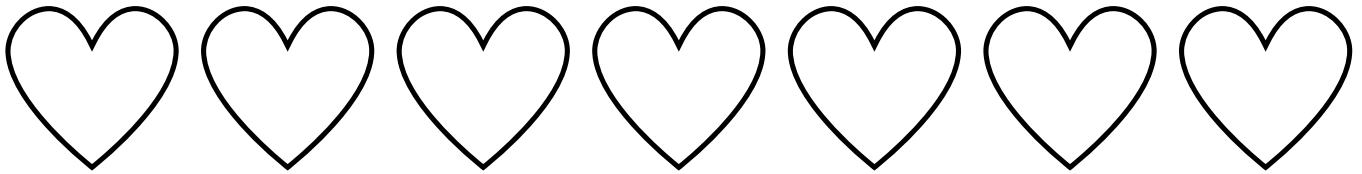
Directions: As a class, create a list of 12 acts of kindness you will practice-one for each month of the year. Think of things you can give others that are free-this type of gift comes from the heart! For example, Give a Smile or Give a Helping Hand.

January 	February 
March 	April 
May 	June 
July 	August 
September 	October 
November 	December 

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National Salute to Veteran Patients Project



We Love Our Veterans!

Thank You for Your
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Suggested Service Project for February

The National Salute to Veteran Patients takes place during the week of February 14 every year. This year, it takes place from February 11 to 17. The purpose of the National Salute to Veteran Patients Program is to:

- pay tribute and express appreciation to Veterans;
- increase community awareness of the role of the VA medical center;
- encourage citizens to visit hospitalized Veterans and to become involved as volunteers.

The week of February 14 each year is your opportunity to say thank you to a special group of men and women, the more than 9 million Veterans of the U.S. armed services who are cared for in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers, outpatient clinics, domiciliaries, and nursing homes. During the National Salute, VA invites individuals, Veterans groups, military personnel, civic organizations, businesses, schools, local media, celebrities and sports stars to participate in a variety of activities at the VA medical centers. The activities and events include special ward visits and valentine distributions; photo opportunities; school essay contests; special recreation activities and Veteran recognition programs.

The week also provides an opportunity for the community to become acquainted with the volunteer opportunities within the medical center.

Contact your nearest VA Medical Center and ask for Voluntary Service to discover the wonderful things you, your group or organization can do to salute America's Heroes. Locate the facility nearest you.