

CORNERSTONE CORNER

lietz elementary school

WHAT IS PROJECT CORNERSTONE? Every month, a dedicated group of parent volunteers receives training to be ABC (Asset Building Champions) readers in our classrooms. They read stories, lead discussions, and share activities to help all kids feel valued, respected, and known at school. In past years, we have distributed letters to inform parents of the book that was read in their child's class. This year, we are trying something new, and you're looking at it! We hope that you like this new way to share the important lessons that your children are learning at school.

LIETZ UPSTANDER PLEDGE

I AM AN UPSTANDER
I PLEDGE

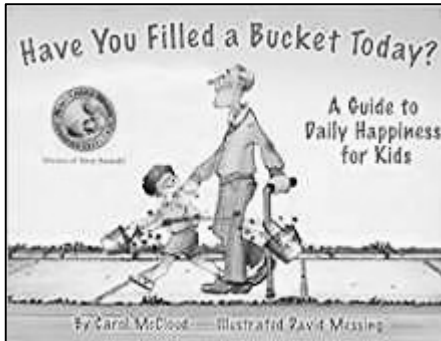
TO FILL PEOPLE'S BUCKETS,
INCLUDING MY OWN.

TO SAY OR DO SOMETHING
WHEN ANYONE, INCLUDING
MYSELF, NEEDS HELP.

TO SEEK CARING ADULTS.

TO NOTICE AND TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY IF I DIP.

I AM AN UPSTANDER AT HOME,
AT SCHOOL, AND EVERYWHERE I GO!



THIS MONTH'S BOOK:

HAVE YOU FILLED A BUCKET TODAY? A GUIDE TO DAILY HAPPINESS FOR KIDS
BY CAROL MC CLOUD

This book uses the image of a bucket to represent our need to be filled with positive, caring words every day. When we are kind to each other, we create *warm fuzzies* that fill our friends' and classmates' buckets. The book also discusses *bucket dippers*, whose negative behavior removes *warm fuzzies* from other people's

buckets and makes them feel sad. The lesson's goal is to help students intentionally choose to fill their classmates' buckets with kindness in order to treat each other with respect.

LIETZ STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

What fills your bucket?

Mrs. DeCastro: Random acts of kindness and hugs!

Miss Heacock: Students helping one another out of the kindness of their hearts.

Mrs. Gustafson: When students are genuinely kind to each other and look out for one another. Hearing children laugh also fills my bucket!

Mr. Hernandez: When I see others practicing empathy through forgiveness and second chances.

WHAT CAN WE DO AT HOME?

ASK YOUR CHILD TO TELL YOU MORE ABOUT:

- ✓ **WARM FUZZIES** - WHAT ARE THEY?
- ✓ **BUCKET FILLERS** - HOW CAN YOU FILL YOUR BUCKET AND THE BUCKET OF OTHERS?
- ✓ **BUCKET DIPPERS** - HOW CAN YOU KEEP A LID ON YOUR BUCKET AND HOW CAN YOU HELP *BUCKET DIPPERS* FILL THEIR BUCKET?

REINFORCING THIS LESSON AT HOME WILL HELP YOUR CHILD PRACTICE HOW TO CREATE A POSITIVE, CARING SCHOOL CLIMATE WHERE STUDENTS TREAT EACH OTHER RESPECTFULLY.

