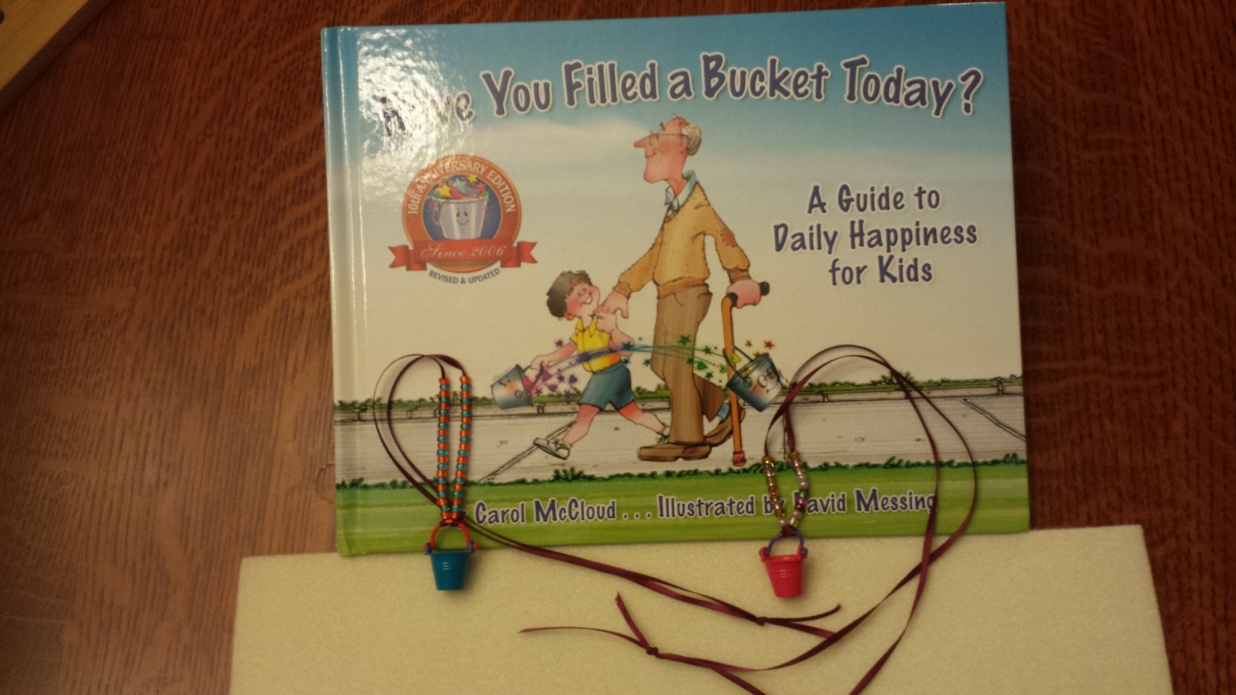
**Friendliness**

Crafts: Bucket Necklace to accompany story "Have you Filled a Bucket Today?"





Materials

1. Beading mats (help keep beads from scattering). You can use a felt-square for a beading mat

2. 1/8-inch satin ribbon for each child, about 22 inches long

3. Needle and thread for each ribbon

4. #6 beads of various colors

5. Miniature "buckets"

(Michaels, "Sparrow Innovations Miniatures, Bright Plastic Buckets, set of 6 buckets for about $3)

http://www.michaels.com/10314271.html#q=miniature+buckets&start=1

# Prep before class:

# 1. Thread needle with about 10 inches of thread, double, and tie around the ribbon about 4-6 inches from end

# 2. Into each child's zip-lock snack bag place the satin ribbon, needle and thread, and tiny bucket.

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# Directions

# 1. Each child can select one or two colors of beads. Pour a dozen or so beads onto their beading mat.

# If you allow the child to pour the beads, they can end up all over the floor and clean-up is more difficult.

# 2. Show the child how to thread one bead onto the needle, then slide the bead down the thread over the

# doubled satin ribbon, one bead at a time. Sometimes the bead-hole is so narrow that the bead will not slide over the doubled-ribbon, so just remove that bead and set it aside.

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# 3. Our experience is that young children become bored after putting 6 to 20 beads on the ribbon.

# However many beads to onto the ribbon is fine.

# 4. Pull off the needle-and-thread from satin ribbon by pinching the satin ribbon where the thread is tied,

# and simply sliding the thread off.

# 5. Fold the satin ribbon exactly in half. Split the beads so half are on each side of the ribbon,

# and push the beads up in the direction of the end, so that there is a loop of ribbon in the center

# about 2-3 inches long. Thread this loop into the handle of the bucket.

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# 7. Loop the ribbon around the bottom of the bucket, then pull tight, to secure the bucket to the ribbon.

# Then slide the beads back towards the bucket loop to secure the loop.

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# 9. Holding the ribbon around the child's head at the largest diameter, pinch the ribbon, then tie a knot so that the length of the necklace easily slides over the child's head, but is not excessively long.



