

*Shrewsbury Borough School*  
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October 3, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

During the week of October 3-7, all schools throughout New Jersey will be participating in a Week of Respect. Here at SBS, students and faculty will focus on age appropriate lessons and activities that will create a more positive school environment.

In celebration of the Week of Respect, children in grades Pre-K to 4 read the book, *Have you Filled A Bucket Today?* by Carol McCloud. It is a wonderful story with a simple message about how our kind words and deeds fill our imaginary buckets and other peoples buckets too! In the book, students are shown how rewarding it is to show others daily acts of kindness, respect, and appreciation. The metaphor of “fillers” and “dippers” provides children with a visual of how our actions and words – both positive and negative – affect the people around us as well as ourselves. As McCloud says, “Bucket filling is easy. It doesn’t cost any money. It doesn’t take much time. It doesn’t matter how young or old you are. Bucket filling makes everyone feel good.” In an environment where kindness, responsibility, respect, and fairness are seen, our students are sure to grow as caring individuals.

Our older students (Grades 5-8) will be focusing their lessons and activities across the curriculum in classes such as Literature and Language Arts, Mathematics, Art, and Social Studies. Additionally, older students will be visiting primary students to bring this Week of Respect school-wide.

Please encourage your children to continue to use acts of kindness in school, at home, as well as in the community. Thank you for your support in making this week a success!

Sincerely,

Marisa Shaheen, School Counselor and The School Safety Team