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About Wordy Worm

Wordy Worm is the mascot of the Buck a Book Literacy Campaign held annually in Cumberland County PA. During the campaign, students in Carlisle Area School District's seven elementary schools pledge to read books while gathering donations of support from family, friends, and community members. Individuals, businesses, and organizations sponsor the campaign by donating funds and fun incentive prizes for the kids.

All funds collected go directly to support adult literacy and adult education programs offered to the community through the Employment Skills Center. Kids get excited about reading and feel pride in helping adults in the community.

The Buck a Book committee plans events and activities that encourage kids to become life-long readers. During our 2016 campaign, our "Buck a Book Kids" were given writing prompts featuring Wordy going on various trips and adventures. The following responses were selected for publication.

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To learn more about the Employment Skills Center and the Buck a Book Literacy Campaign, visit www.employmentskillscenter.org. Other school districts in the county are welcome to participate in future Buck a Book campaigns.

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Camden, Grade 5, LeTort Elementary School

Wordy Worm, I suggest you go to Seattle, Washington. While you are there, I recommend you visit the Pike Place Market. The Pike Place Market is a fresh market where people go to shop. A good thing to take pictures of at the market are the fish mongers throwing fish. A fun thing to do is to go for a ride on the Great Wheel which is 175 feet tall. At the top of the ride, you can take a good picture.

For dinner, you can go 500 feet high in the Space Needle to the revolving SkyCity Restaurant. At the top, you can take great pictures of the city. If you visit the Seattle Aquarium, the ninth largest aquarium in the US, you can take pictures of cool fish.

Mount Rainier is a popular place to hike, bike, and ski. While you are there, you can take pictures of wildlife and many other things in nature. These are the reasons I recommend you and your family visit Seattle. There are so many fun things to see and do.



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I would take Wordy to a Yankees and Dodgers baseball game. It would be 3-3 in the World Series. This is how our day started.

"Dad," I yelled, "would you take Wordy, Dale, and me to the World Series?"

"Sure," he said with a smile, "but who's Wordy?"

"I'll explain on the way." I told Dad all about how I met Wordy.

"Red house on the right?" Dad asked.

"No, the yellow house," said Dale.

So I went up to the doorbell and rang it, *ding dong*. "Hello, wanna come to the World Series with us?" I asked.

"Sure," said Wordy. So we drove and drove until we got to Brooklyn.

"Let's go get seats," said Dad.

"Ok," we all said.

"Row number three, seats 17, 18, 19, and 20," said the man.

"Ok," we said.

Dodgers hit one to right but Nick Swisher caught it. "Yay!" we yelled.

One out. So the game went on until the eighth inning. We were up to bat, and it was 9-8, them. Derek Jeter was up. *SMACK!* Homer! 10-9, us. "Yay!" we yelled. "Boo!" the Dodgers fans yelled.

Two outs. They were up to bat with the bases loaded. *SMACK!* That's gotta be a homer! But Jacoby Ellsbury was running. Home run?! NO! Jacoby Ellsbury caught it! "Yay!" we yelled. "We won, yay!"

So we got autographs and then drove to drop off Wordy. "Bye," I said. "You too," said Wordy.



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Lucas, Grade 5, Hamilton Elementary School

My name is Wordy Worm, and I am taking a trip to London because of a family reunion. I plan to have great adventures in this new place. I went on the Internet to look up cool places to visit. I'm going to visit Westminster Abbey; then I am going to visit Buckingham Palace. Finally, I am going to visit a football game in London. I bought my ticket, and I'm on my way.

After the family reunion, it was time to explore London. My first stop was Westminster Abbey. Westminster Abbey is a beautiful gothic church complete with stained glass windows, paintings, and other religious artifacts. I liked the museum because it holds the wax figures of many previous monarchs. There are more than 450 tombs and monuments in the Abbey.

My next stop was Buckingham Palace. The Queen of England lives there. It was built in 1703 by John Sheffield III. The palace has more than 750 rooms in it. The people who guard the palace are the Queen's guards; they also don't talk to random people.

Finally, before I had to leave and go home, I went to a football game. In London, football is American soccer. In London, the football games are in Wembley Stadium. I wanted to see an actual football game because I used to play for a team. Wembley Stadium is huge; it can hold 90,000 people inside.

In London, it's cool to see the differences between here and there. My trip was fun, and I learned some cool facts about London. I'm grateful to see London from my own perspective. I can't wait to see where my next family reunion leads me!



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Summer, Grade 1, Mooreland Elementary School



The best part of Wordy Worm's visit to the orchard is spending time with friends. It is great to pick apples with friends. Why does he like picking apples? Because you get to eat the apple.

Maya, Kindergarten, Bellaire Elementary School



Wordy Worm and I went on a field trip to the Paulus Orchards. Wordy's best part of the day was when he climbed up the apple tree and ate the juiciest red apple in the whole world. He played on the slide too.



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Kayla, Grade 5, Mt. Holly Springs Elementary School

I think Wordy Worm should go to the Caribbean islands. The Caribbean is a beautiful place. He could also take pictures.

The ocean is very cool and relaxing. The water is so relaxing and quiet, you might hear crashing waves. Wordy and his family could take pictures by the sparkling ocean. The water would make an amazing background. There would be waves and foam.

The sun shines very brightly. Sometimes the waves have shadows. You can see the water clearly glimmering in the sun. The sun makes the water look diamond-like. The sun lights up the water and the islands.

The islands have hotels. The rooms are big and clean. The hotels are beautiful. When you're on a high or top floor, the water looks beautiful. You get great views of the ocean. Wordy Worm and his family could go out on deck and take pictures of themselves and the ginormous sea. The hotels also have nice big beds. There are also closets.

Wordy Worm and his family will have a fantastic time in the Caribbean. He will get nice pictures. He will not want to leave when his vacation is over.



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Stella, Grade 4, LeTort Elementary School

Well, hello there! My name is Wordy Worm, and I am so excited to tell you about one of the best places to visit! One of them is Carlisle. There are a lot of artifacts in the history of Carlisle. One of them is the Old Carlisle Cemetery. You can see Molly Pitcher's gravestone. One fact that I know is that her real name was Mary Ludwig.

Wow, I am actually here in Carlisle! I am so excited to see Molly Pitcher's gravestone. Did you know that Molly Pitcher was born in 1754 and died in 1832 when she was 78 years old?

Wow, I see a school from here! Oh, yeah, I forgot about you. Molly Pitcher got married at the age of sixteen. Do you think that is young? When Molly died, she was buried in the Old Carlisle Cemetery. Molly fired a cannon in the war.

Here are some more facts I learned. General Washington made Molly an officer, and afterwards Molly was called "Sergeant Molly." In 1789, her husband William died and Molly married George McCauley.

My adventure was so fun. I can't wait for my next visit!



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Roma, Grade 5, Mooreland Elementary School

My opinion on where Wordy Worm should go is Norway. Norway has majestic waterfalls, icy mountains, and whimsical fields. I know truly how amazing Norway is because I've been there, and it is "the cat's meow!"

High up in the breathtaking mountains, there are beautiful waterfalls. They come out of the earth naturally. If you want to hike up one of the mountains, you're going to have to hike up very high. Wordy would have to go past the sheep, which is pretty high up. The waterfalls pouring down and shining in the glorious sunlight is a sight worth seeing.

In addition to the waterfalls, the icy mountains of Norway are beautiful. They touch the sky and reach the clouds. The snow glimmers and shines (it's eye-catching for sure)! If Wordy goes to Norway and looks out the window, he will be pleased to see paradise before him. The mountains might have fairies or trolls living there; it is very magical.

Speaking of magical, the fields of Norway are very whimsical. If Wordy Worm looks out beyond the fjord, he will see tall grass blowing in the breeze. Wordy would be delighted to frolic and play in the fields.

The majestic waterfalls, towering mountains, and whimsical fields are what make Norway special. Norway is a graceful blow of the wind. It is as mysterious as a shadow. Wordy Worm should definitely go to this paradise!



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Dzejna, Grade 1, Crestview Elementary School



Wordy Worm loved the orchard. The best part was going to pick apples because we got to eat them. They were red and delicious. Then we went to pick pumpkins, and Wordy Worm could not decide which one to get. At the end, we went to lunch. Wordy Worm had a great time with the first grade. He promised to come back again next year.

Lindy, Grade 1, Bellaire Elementary School



Wordy Worm went on a field trip to the orchard. A monster tried to eat the apples. Wordy Worm said to stop, and the monster went away.



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Maya, Grade 5, Hamilton Elementary School

I know Wordy and his family would love to go to Florida for vacation. There are beautiful beaches and thrilling theme parks in Florida. It would be an amazing experience for Wordy.

Wordy could go to Disney World. It is a great attraction in Florida. One of my favorite rides is the spinning teacups. You can spin the cups yourself because there is a wheel inside the teacups. At Disney World, there are lots of water slides that would be entertaining for Wordy. Legoland is also an awesome place to go in Florida that everyone in his family will love.

When I went to Florida, Miami Zoo was one of my favorite places because I loved feeding the animals. I would recommend getting in line early for the giraffe feeding. I bet Miami Zoo would be Wordy's favorite place in Florida. Butterfly World is very close to Miami Zoo. The butterflies are everywhere. Some butterflies land on you. Wordy might even see his cousin! He would love it there.

If Wordy were to take pictures in fantastic Florida, he should take pictures of the castle in Disney World when the fireworks are going off. That is a legendary spot to take pictures. I would also recommend taking a picture of the Legoland sign right when you get in. Wordy could take a picture in Butterfly World when a butterfly is resting on a leaf. At Miami Zoo, Wordy could take a picture when the giraffes are eating in their habitat.

Florida is a wonderful place to visit. I have been there many times, and all of those times were splendid. Wordy and his family should definitely visit Florida. He will have fond memories of a fabulous time.



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Jahzayrria, Grade 3, Mt. Holly Springs Elementary School

Wordy Worm went to a baseball game with me and my mom. We went to Philadelphia. We all thought it was hot. So we went to go get some ice cold water. Wordy thought it was fun because this was his first time going to a baseball game.

The game started. Wordy was excited. The Phillies and the Orioles were playing. Chooch, number 51, was pitcher. My mom and I were rooting for the Phillies, and Wordy Worm was rooting for the Orioles.

It was intermission time, so Wordy, my mom, and I went to go get food. All the people started to do the wave when the *Take Me out to the Ballgame* song came on. I was very excited and started to dance when I saw myself on the big screen! It was a fun day at the baseball game. Wordy Worm, my mom, and I thought the day was AWESOME!



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Garrett, Grade 4, LeTort Elementary School

Hi! My name is Wordy Worm and I'm here to tell you about my trip to Carlisle, Pennsylvania to see the Old Carlisle Courthouse. I just got back yesterday. I got into my worm-mobile and was off to downtown Carlisle.

Here are some interesting facts about the Old Carlisle Courthouse. It was built in 1846, it was made from bricks, and it has an impressive bell-and-clock tower (that is my favorite type). It fueled a riot in 1847 which led to the first death of a slave-holder north of the Mason-Dixon Line. In 1863, it was partially destroyed by Confederate General Robert E. Lee.

Once I got there, finally, I looked and marveled at the structure. I kept snapping pictures of the cannonball damage on the courthouse. I couldn't stay for long because I had to get home to see my family and because of how slow the worm-mobile moves! No racecar here! So, see you next time to tell you about more awesome adventures!



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Logan, Kindergarten, North Dickinson Elementary School



Wordy Worm went to the farm. The farm was fun. He milked the cow. He also saw a pig play in the mud. The sheep was funny. He liked to wiggle. The End!

Makayla, Grade 1, Crestview Elementary School



The best part of my day with Wordy Worm at the orchard was picking apples. We loved eating the apples.



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Connor, Grade 2, Hamilton Elementary School

It was a sunny summer day. I asked my mother if Wordy Worm could come over to my house to play video games and then play soccer outside since I just got goalie nets for my birthday. We played until my dad came home from work.

Wordy and I asked my parents if we could go to Red Robin for dinner. Wordy said he would like a fresh salad with tomatoes and carrots. I said Red Robin makes their salads fresh and buys their produce from local farmers daily. We went to the restaurant and had a great “farm to table” meal. I even ordered onion rings. Even the onions were grown locally.

Annie, Grade 2, Mooreland Elementary School

I think that Wordy Worm and his family would enjoy a dinner at Brick. This is a farm to table restaurant. They serve meatballs that come from a cow. They serve tomatoes that come from a greenhouse. I think that Wordy Worm would enjoy a Caprese salad. It is made out of tomatoes, mozzarella, and basil. I bet his wife would enjoy the lemonade. It comes from lemon trees. I hope Wordy's family enjoys Brick.



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Lillian, Grade 3, Mt. Holly Springs Elementary School

On a hot summer day, I went to a baseball game with my dad, my five-year-old brother, and Wordy Worm. We were sitting on the bleachers toward right field. In the middle of the game, there was a beautiful sunset. It was the Yankees vs. the Orioles. I hoped the Yankees would win.

When it was in the middle of the game, we went to the concession stand. Up where the tables were, we took all kinds of pictures. We ate french fries, icles, and chicken fingers. Then we could go take our seats. Wordy Worm thought that the Orioles might win.

Look at that hit! It was coming towards us. Look, I caught the ball! The Yankees just hit that ball and they get an automatic home run! 3 to 2—I wonder who's going to win.

The game is now over. It is 5 to 5. It's a tie! Wordy and my family are so happy because both of our teams won! I can't wait until we go to the next game. I wonder who will win?



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Elisabeth, Grade 2, Crestview Elementary School

Wordy Worm is going to a library. I think he should go to the Bosler Library because it has really good books and programs.

I really liked the book *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies that I checked out because the title sounded interesting to me.

Some good library programs that I participated in are Candy Camp and the summer reading program. At Candy Camp you do experiments with candy and eat some. And for the summer reading program you read over the summer and then you get rewards. I recommend that Wordy Worm go to the Bosler Library.



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Aidan, Grade 1, Bellaire Elementary School



Wordy Worm went to the orchard. Wordy Worm picked lots of apples and plums. The plums were good, but that didn't stop Wordy Worm from eating apples and plums. Wordy Worm loved the apples. Wordy Worm ate the apples every day because they were so good!

Camdyn, Grade 1, Bellaire Elementary School



Once upon a time, Wordy Worm went to an apple orchard. He picked apples off the tree, and they were some good apples. Wordy Worm helped the other worm students make applesauce from the apples. After they made it, they ate the applesauce with cinnamon. Everybody had fun at the orchard with Wordy Worm.



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Logan, Grade 4, LeTort Elementary School

Hi, my name is Wordy Worm and I want to tell you about my visit to Carlisle Barracks. First, I went through security check. They do that because they need to know if you have anything harmful. They also told me that Carlisle Barracks is the second oldest Army post and it was established in 1757.

The first thing I wanted to visit was the War College. I went to a room called Thorpe Hall named after Jim Thorpe. Also, a teacher at the college told me that Jim Thorpe and ten-thousand Indians went to the War College. After that, I saw a sign that said the Confederate Army burned the Barracks in 1863.

A moment later, I went outside and took a photo of the War College. Then I went to the Commissary and the Post Exchange (PX) and I bought food, candy, and some souvenirs. Then I went outside and took a photo of those two places. Then I decided to go because it was getting dark, so I went back home and I thought what a fun day I had. I will never forget it.



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Ben, Grade 3, Mt. Holly Springs Elementary School

It was a crisp fall October night in New York City. Wordy Worm and I were at a baseball game. We saw the Royals and the Mets play in the World Series. The two of us had hot dogs and Pepsi at the game. We sat in the first row of the second deck in the outfield.

Now we just saw a person hit a home run, and I caught the ball. Wordy and I high-fived each other after I caught the ball. The game was a blast. One of the outfielders was playing catch with one of the other outfielders. Two players hit triples, three hit doubles, and five hit singles. Wordy and I were cheering for the Royals. They were winning, 15-0. The third baseman caught a ball in the air. The Mets scored only their first run of the game and then they scored again. The Royals were still winning game six of the World Series.

After that, Wordy crawled onto the field without anyone noticing. Then a Royals player hit a ball and the ball landed on Wordy's head. Wordy did not see the ball and he did not even know where he was at that time. After the game, we had ice cream and we both had tons and tons of fun.



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Nevia, Grade 2, Crestview Elementary School

Wordy Worm, you should visit Ocean City, Maryland and stay at Frontier Town. I recommend you and your family visit here because there are a lot of fun family things to do.

Wordy Worm, you and your family would have a great time playing in the waves and sand. There are all kinds of rides for all ages. You can play fun games and win prizes. You and your family can walk the boardwalk and find many places to eat and shop. You could also get on boats and jet skis. There are a lot of places where you and your family can go fishing and crabbing.

Once you're done at the beach having fun on the boardwalk, you can stay at Frontier Town Campground where you can camp and have more fun. During your stay, you and your family can watch western shows and ride horses. They also have a big water park with pools and slides and a Lazy River ride. You can also take your family to play golf right beside the water park. My family has a blast every year we go. Every moment is picture perfect.

Ocean City, Maryland is lots of fun. So carry your camera with you all the time. You and your family will have a blast.



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Blake, Kindergarten, LeTort Elementary School



Wordy Worm is at the apple orchard. He is picking apples. Last, he goes to the pumpkin patch.

Henry, Grade 1, North Dickinson Elementary School



Wordy is on a field trip. He had an apple. Mrs. Nye is on the field trip too. Wordy had two apples. The apples were good.



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Charlotte, Grade 4, LeTort Elementary School

Fall leaves had already started dropping by Dickinson College, and Wordy Worm was on a red leaf. "Hi, my name is Wordy Worm. Have you ever wanted to go on an adventure?"

Well, Wordy Worm took out a book about Carlisle. He scanned the page and said, "Oh my, I want to go to this place, but what is it called?"

Then along came the Carlisle Cat. "What's the problem, Wordy Worm?"

Wordy Worm said, "What is the name of this place?"

Carlisle Cat said, "That is Dickinson College. It's really old because it was founded in 1783 by Benjamin Rush."

"How did it get its name?" pondered Wordy Worm.

"Dickinson College got its name because Benjamin Rush named it after his friend, Pennsylvania Governor, John Dickinson."

"Wow, that's amazing, but I should start heading over to Dickinson College." When Wordy Worm finally got to Dickinson College, he looked up and down at the first school chartered in the United States which is Dickinson College. Wordy Worm wriggled up the stone steps and went inside.

"I wonder what they teach at this college?"

Then Wordy Worm's conscience said, "Wordy Worm, this is your conscience speaking, and Benjamin Rush wanted the school to be a place for 'instruction of youth in the learned languages,' in addition to 'useful arts, sciences, and literature.'"

Wordy Worm was confused but he said, "That answers my question."

Wordy Worm was getting tired. He wiggled out of Dickinson College and sat on the same red leaf. Wordy Worm yawned and said, "I love learning about Dickinson College. I can't wait for my next adventure." Wordy Worm closed his eyes and smiled.



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Dakota, Grade 3, Mooreland Elementary School

It was a beautiful sunny Saturday when I called my best friend Wordy Worm. I asked him if he wanted to go along with me, my dad, and my sister to the races at Susquehanna Speedway to watch some dirt track racing. Wordy Worm said that he had never been to a dirt track race before. I told Wordy Worm what kind of cars raced there. I told him that there would be Sportsmans, Street Stocks, and Late Models. Wordy Worm said "okay" and that he would like to go. Wordy Worm asked me if there was anything that he should bring along, and I told him that if he had a camera he could bring it along to take pictures. His eyes got really wide with excitement.

We set all of our stuff down in the grandstands and then the cars started their hot laps. I thought Wordy Worm was going to blast off into space with excitement. Wordy Worm asked me what drivers I liked, and I told him that I like Davey Walsh in the #20w Sportsman, Alan Sagi in the #112 Late Model, and Craig Morgan in the #11 Street Stock. Wordy Worm cheered for the same drivers as I did. That night, Wordy Worm and I were in victory lane three times when all three drivers won their features.

After the races were done, we got to go into the pits and talk to the drivers. Wordy Worm talked the whole way home about how much he enjoyed the races and asked if he could go again. He said this was the best experience in the whole world. He smiled the whole time as we walked to his door. "Is it Saturday yet?" he asked his parents.



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Emma, Grade 5, Crestview Elementary School

Splish, splash, sploosh! In my opinion, Wordy should go to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. I think this because you can do many things at Myrtle Beach. Wordy can lounge or swim there! If Wordy went to Myrtle Beach, he would have an awesome time!

At Myrtle Beach, you can do many fun things. One thing you can do is build sand castles, or you can swim in the ocean. Also, you can just lounge in the sun. At Myrtle Beach, you can go on the boardwalk too. If Wordy went to Myrtle Beach, he would have a lot to do.

At Myrtle Beach, Wordy has to take pictures! Wordy and his family need to gather on the beach and get a photo. Another place Wordy needs to get a picture is by the Ferris wheel on the boardwalk. Lastly, he should ask one of his friends to take a picture of him swimming.

Those are the main reasons why Wordy should go to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina!



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Nikira, Grade 1, LeTort Elementary School



Wordy Worm rides the bus to the orchard. It is his first time there. Then Wordy Worm helps us pick apples so we can eat them. After we eat them, then we go inside. He rides back to school and then we get to eat the apples. We had a great time. I hope we visit again.

Braden, Grade 1, Hamilton Elementary School



One day, his first grade class and Wordy went to an orchard and he had a lot of fun. Wordy the worm liked picking apples the most. He walked around the fields, and his friends and I played games with Wordy the worm. We had a lot of fun.



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Sally, Grade 5, LeTort Elementary School

The best place to be on vacation is Disney World! There are so many reasons why Wordy should go on vacation here. There is so much to do at Disney World.

There are five different types of theme parks. They are Epcot, Hollywood Studios, water parks, Magic Kingdom, and Animal Kingdom. Epcot is beautiful, and you can learn about different cultures. Hollywood Studios is really fun. When you go there, you hear a bunch of music. If you like scary things, I suggest Tower of Terror.

The water parks are huge! I love the water parks, but if you like peace and quiet then you can go to the hotel pool. Typhoon Lagoon is sooo fun. The wave pool is fun too. Yet out of the five theme parks, the most beautiful one is the Magic Kingdom. I loved Stitch's Great Escape when I was in second grade. I also liked the Haunted Mansion.

I saved my favorite place for last—the Animal Kingdom! Animal Kingdom is the best, and of course you see a bunch of animals, but that's my favorite part. The river rapids are awesome. Every time, someone gets soaked. The Mt. Everest ride is really fun and fast. At some point in the ride, a yeti jumps out at you.

In conclusion, Disney World would be the best vacation for Wordy Worm. I think so because of the rides, the animals, and just the great experience. My family and I loved being at Disney World, so I think Wordy and his family will too!



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Callie, Grade 3, Crestview Elementary School

I think Wordy and I should go to a football game. We would be watching the Pittsburgh Steelers vs. the Philadelphia Eagles. We would root for the Philadelphia Eagles. I like rooting for them because my dad was born in Philadelphia. We would have front row seats.

Wordy Worm and I will have lots and lots and lots of snacks. We'll especially eat lots of pizza! It's my favorite! If we get drinks, we would get them in an extra-large.

I would buy souvenirs for me and Wordy Worm. We would buy matching T-shirts. They would say *Eagles*. I would ask each person on the team to sign my T-shirt. We would have the best time ever!



Wordy Worm Is on the Road

Gavin, Grade 3, LeTort Elementary School

One day, Wordy Worm wanted to go to a football game. So I took him to a football game. When we got there, Wordy got bored. Then we left because he did not know what was going on.

Wordy said he really wanted to see a baseball game. So we went. We went to see the Philadelphia Phillies vs. the Kansas City Royals. When we got there, Wordy got hungry and wanted a hot dog. It was getting late, so I got him a hot dog.

When we were eating, a baseball player said Wordy could bat. He was so excited. The Royals were at bat first. They said Wordy could bat first. Wordy was on the plate. He used his magic to hold the bat. He hit the ball. He used his magic to make himself faster and he made it to second base. The second batter struck out. The third batter hit a home run. Wordy and the third batter ran home. Then Wordy went back to the audience and all went well. The Royals won. Wordy was so happy, he got a popsicle. Then we went home.



Wordy Worm Is on the Road

Chase, Grade 1, Mt. Holly Elementary School



My name is Wordy Worm and I got to go to Peters Orchard with Miss Bubbs' first grade class. My field trip buddy Chase and I had fun. An orchard is a place where trees are grown with apples and other fruit. Peters Orchard has mostly apple trees. We got to learn about how they plant seeds and grow the trees and pick the apples. My favorite part of the field trip was when we got to pick the apples. On the bingo game card were pictures of fruit and vegetables like hot peppers, and everyone got to win. Chase and I picked apples by looking in between the branches of the trees. By pulling and twisting an apple until it came off, I got the biggest and shiniest apple of all. We had fun.

Adelaide, Grade 1, LeTort Elementary School



Wordy Worm visits the orchard. Wordy Worm saw more worms at the orchard. He had fun eating apples. The best part of Wordy's visit to the orchard was playing with the worms.



Wordy Worm Is on the Road

Logan, Grade 3, Bellaire Elementary School

Wordy Worm begged me to take him to a baseball game. I told him, “I don’t have the money.” He seemed really, really sad, so I asked my mom for twenty dollars—ten dollars each.

She said, “Only if I can come.”

After she said that, Wordy and I screamed, “Yay! We are going to a baseball game!”

“Who’s playing?” Wordy asked.

I told Wordy that the home team would be the Orioles, and the away team would be the Cardinals. “Which team will you cheer for, Wordy?” I asked.

He said that he would cheer for the Orioles. I said that I like the Orioles too. After that, I asked him why he wanted to go to a baseball game.

He responded, “Because I love the smell of the grassy outfield and the dirty infield. I also like it because the field is filled with new hopes and dreams of the incoming season. Last but not least, I love the smell of the food and the snack bar.” Wordy was drooling a bit.

“What are we going to do there?” Wordy asked.

“I don’t really know,” I responded back to him.

“Well, for a start, we could buy cotton candy,” Wordy suggested.

“Yeah, and next we could buy hats and T-shirts,” I added.

So Wordy and I went to the baseball game, and the Cardinals won. It was a sad victory (for us). That is our story.



Wordy Worm Is on the Road

Olivia, Grade 4, Hamilton Elementary School

Wordy Worm came over to my house one day. We started talking about Carlisle's history. Wordy Worm asked me where Molly Pitcher was buried. I said that her grave is at the Old Graveyard in Carlisle and we can ride our bikes there.

On our way, we can pass the Army War College and the old Indian cemetery. Then we can ride by the old prison on High Street. Lastly, we can pass the old courthouse on the square. I think a cannonball hit the courthouse during the Civil War.

We made it to the Old Graveyard where Molly Pitcher is buried. We found out that Mary died January 22, 1832, at the age of 78. She is buried under the name Molly McCauley, and a statue of Molly Pitcher standing alongside a cannon is in the cemetery. Molly Pitcher is best known for taking her husband's place at the cannon as he was carried off the battlefield.



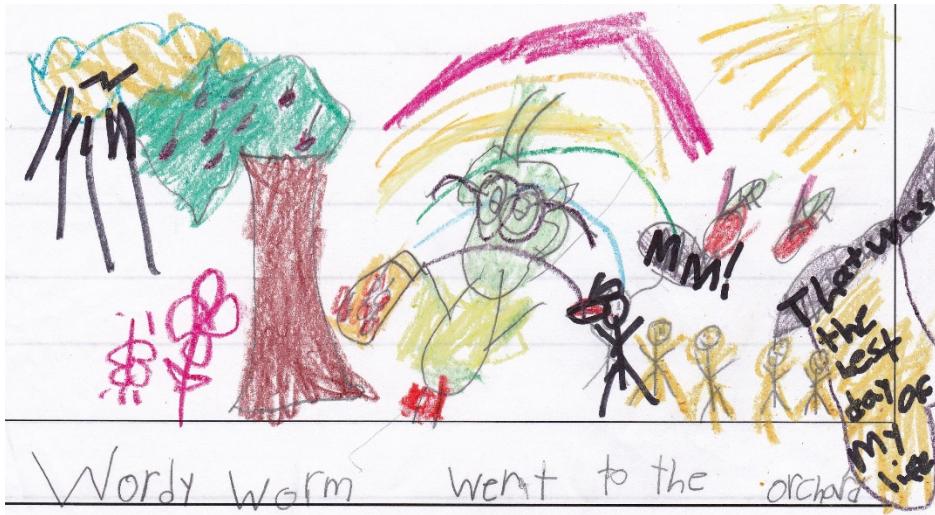
Wordy Worm Is on the Road

Damian, Grade 1, Mooreland Elementary School



Wordy Worm's favorite part of the day was picking apples. We loved going for a hayride around the farm. I can't wait to go back again next year.

Julia, Grade 1, Mt. Holly Springs Elementary School



Wordy Worm went to the orchard with kindergarten and first grade. It was an apple orchard. We picked lots of apples. They were very juicy and really sweet. They were awesome. The best part of his day was going on a hayride. They rode all over the orchard. It was the best day of his life!



Wordy Worm Is on the Road

Ryan, Grade 2, Mt. Holly Springs Elementary School

I would take Wordy Worm to a baseball game in Williamsport, Pennsylvania to watch a Little League World Series game where the Red Land team will play Japan. We would cheer for Red Land. Baseball games are so fun! There are so many things to do there. If you get there early, you could maybe get an autograph from a player or two. If you cheer loud enough, you may get on TV. While you are watching the game, someone on a team maybe will hit the ball high and over the fence to you and you can keep it.

Another fun thing is sliding down a steep hill on pieces of a cardboard box. Something neat to see is the Goodyear Blimp flying high in the air. It takes pictures of the game. What an adventure for Wordy Worm and me.



Wordy Worm Is on the Road

Allison, Grade 3, Crestview Elementary School

Wordy Worm is going to take an adventure with me to a basketball game. The teams playing are Carlisle High School and Cumberland Valley High School.

Basketball is a game with two hoops and one ball. The teams try to get the ball in their hoop. The team with the most points wins the game.

Wordy and I cheer for Carlisle because I live there and I want to support the team I may play for someday. I will also wear green and white because those are the Carlisle team's colors.

Another fun part of basketball games is that at halftime the cheerleaders come out to cheer and dance. Food and drinks are another treat of basketball games.

Those are all of the reasons why Wordy Worm and I would go to a basketball game.



Wordy Worm Is on the Road

Vincent, Grade 2, Mooreland Elementary School

I will tell Wordy Worm about Chipotle. Last time, my family and I met our friends there. I ordered their chips and quesadilla. Their food was very good! I would tell him that Chipotle tries to use locally raised produce and meat in the food they serve. The best part is that they would make your food the way you like it.

Erik, Grade 2, North Dickinson Elementary School

One day, my family went to a restaurant called Marcello's. My favorite thing to eat there is spaghetti and pizza. I was sooooo excited! I think Wordy Worm would like it because spaghetti would make him think of his friends.



Wordy Worm Is on the Road

Jules, Kindergarten, Hamilton Elementary School



The best part of Wordy's day was picking apples. He ate five apples. It was a great day. After that, he got ice cream.

Jillianne, Kindergarten, Mt. Holly Springs Elementary School



At the apple orchard, Wordy Worm and his friend were picking apples. They were happy there, and they stayed there forever.



Wordy Worm Is on the Road

Alyanna, Grade 3, Bellaire Elementary School

Falling with Wordy Worm

Hey, Wordy Worm, what are you doing this summer? I have someplace awesome for us to go. Close your eyes and picture this.

I'll hold your hand, and we will walk to a place with a lot of falling water. But don't worry, you won't fall in. You will feel the mist alight on your skin. I'll hold your hand. You might hear *HONK! HONK!* Those are trolleys carrying people. We won't get on the trolley because we will walk. It's good for our health.

Next, we are going to take a little boat ride. When we are on the boat, you will hear a loud tornado-like sound behind you. It will *ROOAARRR*. Don't be scared, Wordy Worm. It's not a lion. It's just water. Here, put on your life jacket and poncho. But you should still hold my hand.

Finally, don't throw away your poncho. You're going to need it. Are your eyes still closed? Good. Now, we are going under a little bit of the water. I would never take you anywhere dangerous. It is magnificent. It will make your jaw drop to the tip of your tail!

Now, smile, Wordy Worm. Somebody is taking our picture. Do you know where we are?

"Trolleys. Mist. Tornado sounds. And falling water. Niagara Falls?"

That's right! Niagara Falls. The camera man actually took a lot of pictures. Open your eyes and look around. The camera man followed us to the Hurricane Deck. He also went on the boat ride and went under the Falls with us! I can't wait to go back again. Next time you can keep your eyes open! Hey, Wordy Worm, wanna go there now?!?



Wordy Worm Is on the Road

Zach, Grade 2, North Dickinson Elementary School

Wordy, Dad, Mom, and I went to Hoss's to eat. Wordy and I ate cheeseburgers and french fries. We also ate from the salad bar. Dad and Mom ate steaks and baked potatoes. They also ate from the salad bar.

We like Hoss's because the meat is all locally raised. It is also bought from the 4-H kids. This money will go toward the 4-H kids' college.

Hoss's also uses locally grown fruit and vegetables. We like to eat at Hoss's because it helps give money back to our area.



Wordy Worm Is on the Road

Tyson, Grade 4, Bellaire Elementary School

Wordy Worm should visit Molly Pitcher's grave in the Old Graveyard in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He should see a gravestone and a statue of her. He could take pictures of the graveyard, the cannon, and the statue. He could see when she died. He could learn her real names. Wordy Worm should learn that she was a Revolutionary War heroine. He should look up what she did. I hope he learns that she carried water to the cannon and shot the cannon when her husband got hurt.



Wordy Worm Is on the Road

Kady, Grade 1, Hamilton Elementary School



Wordy Worm picked one hundred apples at the orchard. His favorite part of the day was reaching up high in the trees and grabbing all of the apples. He liked the Jonagolds the best of all.

Jessica, Grade 1, LeTort Elementary School



Wordy Worm visits the orchard. Wordy Worm saw an apple. He had fun picking. The best part of Wordy's visit to the orchard was eating apples and the tractor ride.



Wordy Worm Is on the Road

Daris, Grade 3, Crestview Elementary School

Champions or Not

The sporting event that I would like to attend with Wordy Worm would be a soccer game which is on Monday, November 16, 2015. The game will be in Ireland, and the teams that are playing are Bosnia-Herzegovina vs. Ireland. They are playing for the European Championship placement, also known as UEFA Euro 2016. This is a really important game for both teams, but especially for Bosnia-Herzegovina as they are trying to qualify and get into the European Championship for the first time ever. It will be the second time for Ireland if they win.

Wordy Worm and I would cheer for the Bosnian team because that is where my parents come from, but also because they are good players who worked very hard to get to this point. I think they deserve to win. We will dress up in Bosnia team colors which are blue and yellow, so our jerseys and hats will be those colors. We would also face paint Bosnian flags all over our faces.

At the game, of course we will get something to eat. We decided to eat hot dogs and popcorn and drink milk because we are sort of small and we need to grow a little bit more. Our seats will be with all the Bosnian fans so that we can cheer and sing all the Bosnia chants (I am planning to put Wordy Worm on my hat so he can see the game well). The best part of Wordy Worm's and my adventure would be if the Bosnian team wins the game and goes to the European Championship for the first time ever. We are very excited!





Wordy Worm Is on the Road

Belma, Grade 3, Crestview Elementary School

Soccer Europe Cup

"I love soccer," I told Wordy. "Let's go to the Europe Cup to watch the soccer game." Wordy agreed, and we packed our bags. Then we got in the car and drove to New Jersey. We got on the plane and Wordy got scared because this was his first time flying. I told him everything is going to be okay and that I have been on a plane two times before. We landed in Italy and took the train to France.

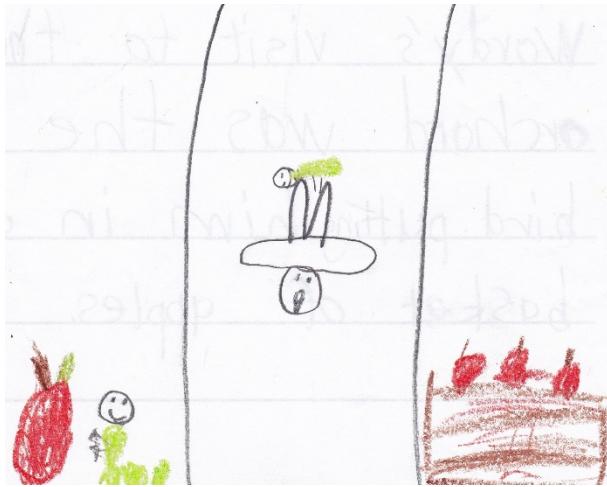
Finally, we got to the stadium. We were very excited to see the game, Bosnia vs. Turkey. We got hot dogs and blue raspberry slushies and went to find our seats. The game was about to start. I was so excited to watch my favorite soccer team play a game with Wordy. Turkey started with the ball. Bosnia took the ball from Turkey and scored the first goal. We both cheered Bosnia on, "Bosnia, Bosnia, Bosnia!!!" Thirty minutes later, they called halftime. The score was 1 to 0 for Bosnia. In the second half, Bosnia scored two more goals. Turkey scored their first goal in the last thirty seconds of the game. GAME OVER!!!

Wordy and I were really happy, and it was time to go home. Wordy said, "It was an awesome game, and I would like to come back again!" It was our best experience ever together.



Wordy Worm Is on the Road

Jadon, Grade 1, LeTort Elementary School



Wordy Worm visits the orchard. Wordy Worm saw an apple at the orchard. He had fun when a bird picked him up. The best part of Wordy's visit to the orchard was the bird putting him in a basket of apples.

Domynic, Kindergarten, Hamilton Elementary School



The best part of Wordy's day is looking at squirrels. He finds a blue one in the apple tree.



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