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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 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 2017 campaign, our "Buck a Book Kids" were given writing prompts according to grade level. In honor of Carlisle Area School District's 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary, kindergarten and grade 1 students were asked to imagine Wordy taking 180 steps, grades 2 and 3 were asked to imagine the changes in our schools in 180 years, and grades 4 and 5 were asked how Wordy and our schools can help the community. The following responses were selected for publication.

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## Wordy Worm Wonders

### Kimani, Grade 4, Mt. Holly Springs Elementary School

It's the 180<sup>th</sup> year of operation at Mt. Holly Springs Elementary. This week, Wordy Worm figured out that during the Great Depression in 1931, the home economics department canned 600 quarts of fruits and vegetables and distributed them to the needy. So Wordy Worm asked his friends Lilly the Ladybug, Seymour the Centipede, Phillip the Fly, and Amethyst the Ant, "How do you help?"

"Meeeee first!" said Lilly.

So Wordy said, "Yes, Lilly?"

She said, "The shoes or clothes you do not use or want you can donate."

Not even a second after she finished, Seymour said, "My turn."

So someone went and said, "You could raise money for the needy."

Wordy Worm said, "That's a good answer."

Phillip was waiting really quiet. Wordy Worm didn't hear one buzz out of him. So he called on Phillip. Phillip said, "Well um . . . um . . . um. Well, you could um . . . give away stuff you don't um use or um . . . or want."

"GOOD THINKING!" said Wordy Worm.

Wordy Worm saw Amethyst trying not to talk because she has a big mouth. Wordy said she could go last. "Thank you," said Amethyst.

Wordy Worm said, "You need to work on not calling out."

"Ok," Amethyst sighed. So she just kept talking. "I think you should give them things they don't have like . . . ah . . . toys!"

"Very good!" Wordy said with excitement. He said, "Thank you guys for all of the suggestions."

Amethyst said, "Lilly and I aren't guys."

"Yeah," Wordy Worm sighed, "girls and guys."

"Thank you," said Amethyst, "that's more like it."

Wordy Worm was so excited to try out these new ways to help. The next day, he tried them out and he won the Nobel Peace Prize for helping the needy and everyone loved him. And he made three more friends named Misty the Mosquito, Ben the Bee, and one giant friend, Kiman Dearing. And he hung out with them every day!



## **Wordy Worm Wonders**

### **Nevaeh, Grade 2, Bellaire Elementary School**

I'm excited to tell Wordy Worm all about how I see Bellaire Elementary in 2196. I think all the students should have desks that would type what they are thinking. All of the computers are tap screen. The students would be taught by robot teachers. Mr. Bell, the robot principal, rules the school with magical powers. Mrs. Shoemaker, the school secretary, has been replaced by a gumball machine that shoots out hall passes. The nurse's station is now a floating first aid kit that comes to you when you say "ouch!" This is how I see Bellaire Elementary School in 2196.

### **Cara, Grade 2, LeTort Elementary School**

I think that if the cafeteria looked different in 2196, I would be shocked. If there were elevators to go to the playground, I would be glad and happy. It would be awesome to do our own reading. I would be happy if everyone could always have parties at school. I will be glad if everyone could have partners. In 2196, I imagine that Wordy Worm could be alive. I also imagine that there could be electric pens in the future. I think that in the future Wordy Worm will help people who are sick and need help. In the future, I think Wordy Worm would be the champion of reading. I think that he will be an awesome person and help people who are hurt. I also think that there will be magic pens.



## **Wordy Worm Wonders**

### **Olivia, Grade 4, North Dickinson Elementary School**

Wordy Worm asks how me and my school can help the needy. The two ways I thought of are donations and fundraisers. These are the ways me and my school can help.

We can help by donating to the needy. Some volunteers on the weekend could pick fruits from an orchard or farm and the owner could donate the fruit to the needy. The needy also could pick the fruit themselves. We could get enough donations so that we could give the fruit to the Salvation Army who could help the needy. That is how we could help by donating.

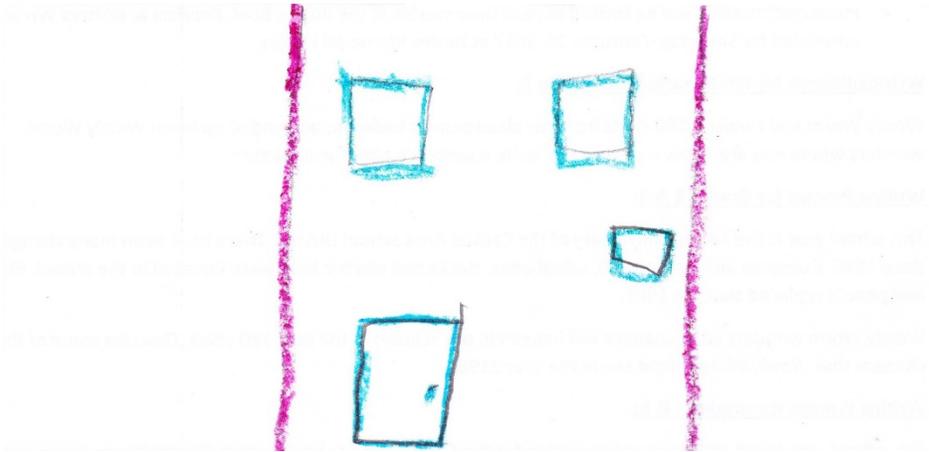
We can help by doing fundraisers to help the needy. We could do a cookie sale and raise money so the needy could buy some food. We could do a sponsor run: one mile = \$5.00 + one more mile = 5 more dollars, then give the money to the needy. Volunteers could offer to do babysitting and give the money to the needy. That is how we could help by doing fundraisers.

Wordy Worm asked how me and my school can help the needy. The two ways I thought of were donations and fundraisers. These were the ways me and my school could help.



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Da'Viana, Kindergarten, Hamilton Elementary School



Wordy Worm, I took 180 steps from my bedroom. I ended up on the front porch.

Aspen, Grade 1, Mooreland Elementary School



If I walked 180 steps from my bedroom, I would be at LeTort Elementary School. Wordy Worm and I saw the principal, Mr. Carmichael. We had fun at LeTort.



## **Wordy Worm Wonders**

### **Kayla, Grade 2, Mt. Holly Springs Elementary School**

In the year 2196, the school will be different. They will be riding a little bus and an old teacher will be teaching the kids. You have to use an iPad to order food. Then a conveyor belt will bring you your food and you won't have a recess. Wordy Worm will be sad. You will not be in a desk. You would have to sit on the floor. And then the teacher will sit on the ceiling and there will be reading in the bathroom. Wordy Worm says that is silly, but there will be computers on the wall. A donkey is the teacher's pet. There is a shower in the classroom. Wordy Worm does not like this school. The teacher will pile you with homework. That is not all—a helper that helps the kids takes the kids in the closet. The kids have a book with them that they squirt water on and the picture will come to life. Wordy Worm thinks that is cool! The teacher's chair is a box. I wonder why it is a box? This is how I think school will be different in the year 2196.



## **Wordy Worm Wonders**

### **Connor, Grade 3, Hamilton Elementary School**

Changes we may see in our schools by 2196 will be all about our technology advancements. Our smart visual boards in the front of class will be 3D. We will do everything online. There will be no more books.

Robots will be involved in school, meaning teachers will be robots. Machines will clean the school at night and buses will not only fly, but will control themselves with no bus drivers. We will be able to get any lunch we want. A large food machine will prepare any lunch for us.

Our morning announcements will no longer be on a TV but will come across our watches. Our school will use sustainable solar power as energy. Our bus route may be longer as there will be less schools, but it will be quicker as the buses will fly. We will no longer use a keyboard. No more chairs. We will have movie chairs.

Lastly, our classrooms will look different. We will have kids from different countries and different states come to school from their homes. You may be able to go to school at any time you want as it will be all done over the computer.



## **Wordy Worm Wonders**

### **Sofie, Grade 2, Crestview Elementary School**

If Wordy Worm stepped into the Carlisle Area School District in 2196, there would be lots of changes. Wordy Worm would be so surprised with how different the school is, but Wordy Worm would not change that he likes reading. The desks would be computers. The desk will have a screen, so you can do math right on your desk. You could eat candy and donuts every day for lunch. Wordy Worm likes the candy because in class the kids made healthy candy. In Specials, there will be computer class. Wordy Worm hopes he gets to read on his website. Wordy Worm loves library, but the books will have changed. Some of the books read by themselves. When the kids go home, instead of buses they ride airplanes!

Wordy Worm loves the field trip in 2196 because now teachers are letting classes go to Neptune. Wordy Worm prepares for all of the cold weather on that planet. He prepares with a turbo jacket that is very popular.

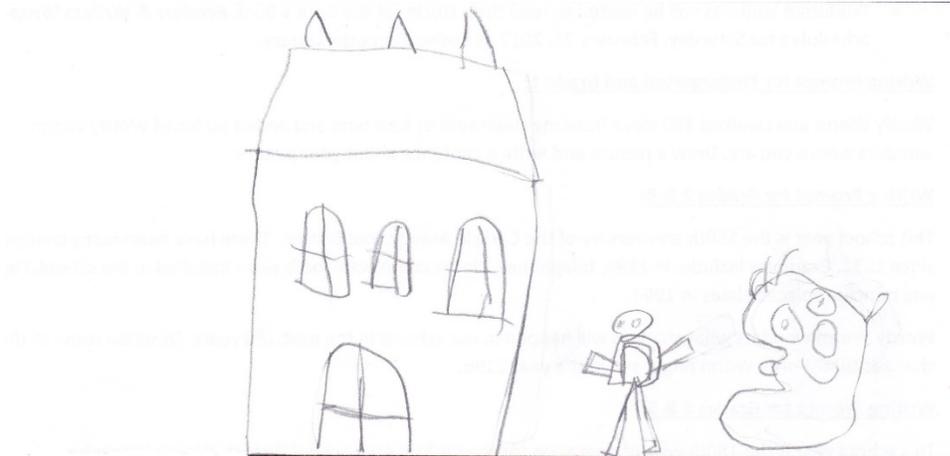
Another thing that is new is the robot called mobot. The mobot is a treat to teachers because every time the mobot comes in, the teachers secretly go to the beach while the mobot watches the kids. Wordy Worm wonders if the teachers will meet up to build a sandcastle.

Last thing that is new is, instead of pencils and paper, there are paper screens and electric pencils. Wordy Worm has fun in the future school. Wordy Worm will love the new Carlisle Area School District in 2196.



## Wordy Worm Wonders

### Caleb, Grade 1, Mt. Holly Springs Elementary School



Wordy Worm and I walked 180 steps from my classroom and ended up at the Amelia Givin Library. It had tons of books!

### Hunter, Grade 1, LeTort Elementary School



Wordy Worm and I went on an adventure that took 180 steps. We are at the North Pole. We saw Santa. We heard elves. We are playing in the snow. We got to pet Rudolph.



## **Wordy Worm Wonders**

### **Louisa, Grade 2, LeTort Elementary School**

In 2196, I think Wordy Worm will see changes. One thing is Wordy Worm might be sad. I think he might be sad because teachers might be robots and the principal might be a human. Another thing that Wordy Worm might be excited about is if in the lunch room the tables float and so do you! Also, the lunch ladies might be robots. Also there might be robots with an inside that carries the stuff in your backpacks and they can fold up for space. I think if we have changes, Wordy Worm will like them and dislike them.

### **Dzejna, Grade 2, Crestview Elementary School**

I think in 2196, kids will have a museum and look at the aliens at school. Some kids might use magic iPads to clean up their mess! Parents can use a rocket to drive their kids to school! In school, children might play with animals that fly, and the animals can teach the kids how to fly. Their school will be in the clouds. The teacher can call the children with her voice when the children are on the ground having their recess. Some kids will use headphones instead of reading a real book—a 3D book. I hope the kids have fun with their school!



**Wordy Worm Wonders**

**Logan, Grade 1, North Dickinson Elementary School**



Me and Wordy Worm ended up in a mysterious city. We looked at what we were wearing and we were superheroes. We were surprised. I was wearing a Super Logan shirt with a cape. Wordy Worm had a Super Wordy Worm shirt. And we finally found out what city we were in—Gotham City!

**Jacob, Grade 1, Crestview Elementary School**



Wordy Worm and I took 180 steps and ended up at the North Pole. We had to find my sister. We found my sister in Santa's workshop.



## Wordy Worm Wonders

### **Fiona, Grade 2, North Dickinson Elementary School**

In 2196, school will be very different. In the future, a group of second graders is going to figure out how to make portals; they will also test them to make sure they are safe. And those same people will make hoverboards. Students will use the portals and hoverboards for travel. Portals will be used for faraway traveling. Hoverboards will be used for shorter distances.

I hope that the school will be bigger so that it can fit more children. I also hope that the playground will be under some kind of protection so that the people in the future can go play on the playground in any type of precipitation.

I think 2196 will see robotic helpers. The classrooms are going to have robots, and so is the cafeteria. It would be cool because they could show us anything they wanted to show us. In the classroom, robots will help staff by going grade to grade and classroom to classroom to help with activities. Each classroom will have two robots.

By 2196, science will have changed because we will have discovered new things and new planets. We might even discover a whole new galaxy. We will discover that we can build something that can go to the center of the Earth. New medicines will be discovered to cure diseases like cancer and Crohn's. They will invent new technology like iPads that connect to your mind.

In the future, schools will not have any paper because they will be saving trees. They will use computers or a different kind of technology to take tests or write things down. The benefit of computers is that students can research anything from the device right in front of them. The downside of computers is using more energy which means the school has to pay more. To combat the use of more power, the school would use sun or wind to generate power.

In 2196, school will be very different. What I think will still be there is a principal, tables, lunch workers, lunch trays, books that are not made of paper, and supplies. I want teachers to still be at school because they make learning entertaining.

All of these things would be cool! That is what I think will happen in 2196.



## **Wordy Worm Wonders**

### **Kaylee, Grade 4, LeTort Elementary School**

One day, I was going to call my friend Wordy because I wanted him to come to New Jersey for their Christmas beach party. So I called. He said he would be there in a day. So while I was waiting for Wordy to come, I went to the beach and started to set up for the Christmas fund for kids that need toys. I wanted to have most of it ready for when Wordy was there.

Okay, so Wordy is here. Now we just need to get the presents. Everyone is here now. Wordy is so nervous. I told Wordy I was going to go around and check if everything's okay. So everything is fine. Now I have to wait for present time.

Now it's present time and I can give them out. I can't wait. The music is on and there are so many kids I want to give toys to. I went up to the microphone and said, "Hi, I hope you kids like your presents. Let's start handing out." All the kids were so happy about their new toys. I was so happy they loved their gifts. And we were all happy.



## **Wordy Worm Wonders**

### **Hannah, Grade 2, North Dickinson Elementary School**

Wordy Worm went through a portal to the future. He saw a robot teacher because there were no humans around. There were also robot desks that could fly. There would be machines for everything like getting stuff out of your desk. Wordy Worm also saw mold on the walls and on the ceiling since the school was really old. There were also monster classmates that talk. Wordy Worm also saw new letters and numbers. There were also machine sandwiches—they were metal in bread. The school was made out of metal like robot metal. Wordy Worm saw his portal again and went through and Wordy Worm went home. But Wordy Worm pinched himself by accident, and it was all a dream. Wordy Worm was glad school is not like that—it is school. Wordy Worm said, “I don’t like the future.”



## Wordy Worm Wonders

### Laurel, Grade 1, Bellaire Elementary School



Wordy Worm and I took 180 steps from my classroom to Cloudland. And we sat on the puffy clouds. And Wordy Worm liked to slither around on the clouds. When we were there, we met Sadness and Joy and Bing-Bong. When we went back to the classroom, we used Bing-Bong's rocket wagon. We sang lots of songs. It was a fun day with my friends. Then we went out to dinner at North Hanover Grille. We all had french fries and a cheeseburger. For our drinks, we all had water, apple juice, and Pepsi. Bing-Bong had cotton candy.

### Anna, Kindergarten, LeTort Elementary School



Wordy Worm was in my room. Now he is exploring a cave and looking for bats.



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### Haley, Grade 3, Crestview Elementary School

Haley is going to talk to Wordy Worm about what changes will happen in the year 2196. So let's go see what they say! Let's go!

"Hey, Wordy Worm," said Haley.

Wordy said, "Yes?"

"What changes do you think will change from this year, 2016, to 2196?" asked Haley.

"I don't know. What do you think?" said Wordy.

Haley said, "I think there will be machines that will do your homework for you, that you just have to tell it what to put on the paper. Such as  $2 + 2$ , put 4 on number one! Also they will make phones that are shaped like Christmas trees, milk bottles, and much more!"

"Awesome," said Wordy.

"So . . . do you agree?" asked Haley.

"Well . . . let me just tell you what I think," said Wordy.

"Wait, do you?" asked Haley.

Wordy said, "Yes! I think there will be electric pencils that will write for you. All you have to do is hold it."

"Well . . . what else?" Haley asked.

"Umm . . . I don't know."

"Okay, it's 12:00 pm, so I have to go. Bye," said Haley.

"Bye," said Wordy.

Hope you had fun talking with Wordy Worm and Haley. Bye!



## **Wordy Worm Wonders**

### **Cassidy, Grade 4, North Dickinson Elementary School**

Just like the home economics department during the Great Depression, my school can help others in the community in many ways. We can collect items like water, food, and clothing to donate to places like Project SHARE. My school can have fundraisers and donate the money to charity. If you want to know how my school can help others, keep reading!

One way my school can help others is by collecting food, water, and clothing. My school can have families donate bottled water or jugs of water. Then we can donate them to Project SHARE. Like the home economics department collected canned goods in 1931, my school not only can collect canned goods but also food that comes in boxes such as mac and cheese to donate. Lastly, families can put too small or worn out clothing in clothing collection bins. This will help people with very little clothing and money. Clothing, food, and water are very important items that everyone should have.

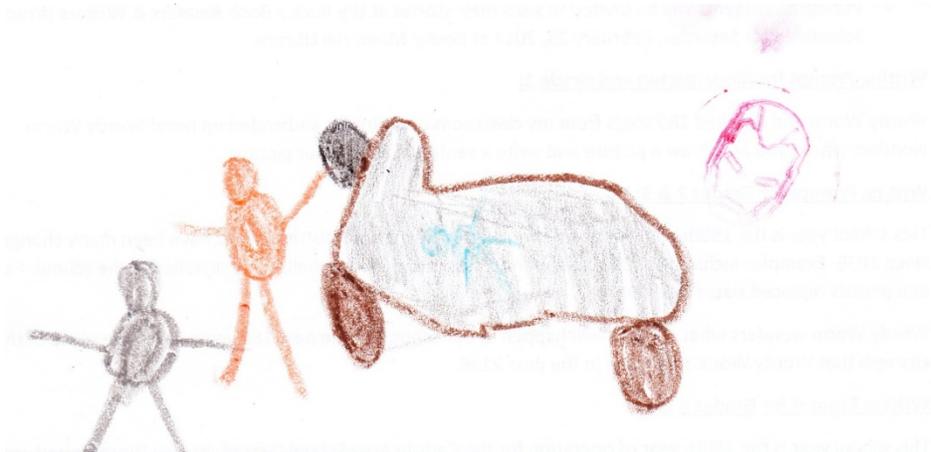
Fundraisers are a fun way to raise money for a good cause. Fundraisers can help raise a lot of funds (as it suggests in the name) to donate to charity or needy people. This may help others get jobs or buy food. Also, fundraisers can have crafts or games so families will want to come. The more families that come, the more money it will raise. If families don't like spending a lot of money, fundraisers don't have to be very expensive. Even if we only raise twenty dollars, it will still count towards helping someone in need.

To my school and me, helping others in the community is very important. Like in the Great Depression in 1931, my school can help others in many ways. My school can help by collecting water, clothing, and food and by having fundraisers.



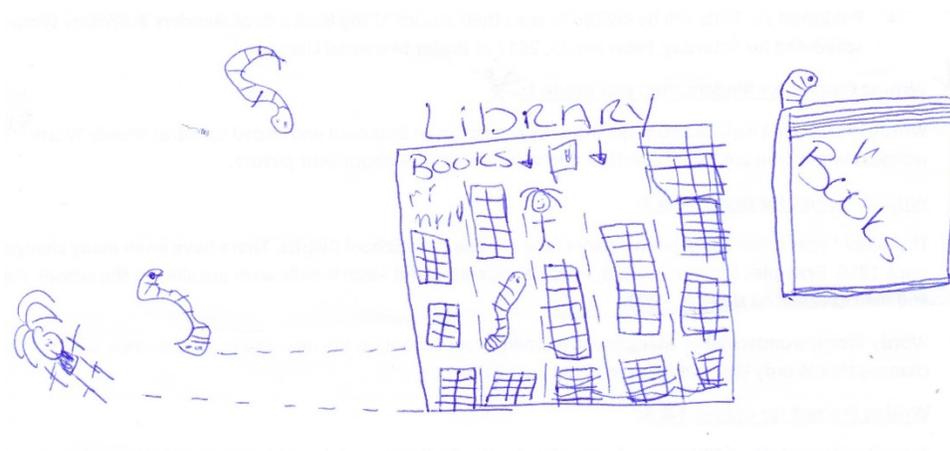
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### Wyatt, Kindergarten, Hamilton Elementary School



If I took 180 steps from my classroom, I would end up at the fairgrounds. I have been to Ford shows with my dad there, and my mom often goes running there while I ride my bike or play with my cars or football.

### Myla, Kindergarten, Mooreland Elementary School



Wordy Worm and I walked 180 steps from my classroom and ended up in the library! He looked so amazed at what he saw. Wordy Worm said, "Myla, I've never seen so many books in my life! This is great!" Long story short, he is now a bookworm.



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### **Emma, Grade 3, LeTort Elementary School**

What do you think will happen in 2196? Will there be new technology? Do you think there will be new animals? Will there be new books?

There could be new technology in the year 2196 like floating chairs, and if you had a water bottle there would be a cup holder. Also, you wouldn't need anything because it comes with the chair. Another thing it can do is if it's time for a test and you are done, you can lie down. You don't even need batteries! Even the teacher would have a floating chair!

There could be new books discovered in the year 2196 like books that when you open them, they read themselves to you. If you want a certain voice, you could just say it and it will read the book to you. For example, if you want Gumball from Cartoon Network, he can read it to you.

There could be new animals discovered in the year 2196 like the lizer. It's a hamster and a lizard mixed together. It looks like a lizard body with a hamster head. It will be the class pet.

As you can see, there are a lot of changes that could happen in the year 2196. Do you think they are going to happen? Maybe they will!



## **Wordy Worm Wonders**

### **Belma, Grade 4, Crestview Elementary School**

Wordy Worm and I have decided to help our community this year. There are many different ways that we can help. My favorite part would be going to the nursing home and spending my free time with the elderly. We can play games like bingo, chess, and checkers. Also, we can tell jokes and ask the elderly to tell us stories. Another way to help our community is to go to the park with family and friends and have fun while picking up trash or planting a tree. We can volunteer our free time at Project SHARE or donate food to the people in need. Recycling cans, water bottles, cardboard, and newspaper helps the community as well. Wordy and I would like to donate toys to the children's hospital and shoes and clothes to the Goodwill store. Our neighbors would be happy for us to help with their pets or taking out the trash. There are many more ways to help the community. I hope what Wordy and I planned to do will make people happy. It will definitely make us happy.



## **Wordy Worm Wonders**

### **Erik, Grade 3, North Dickinson Elementary School**

Wordy Worm had an unusual dream. In it, he time traveled to the year 2196. He was traveling through a blinding vortex. Later, he got spit out of the vortex and landed in a rain puddle. When Wordy looked up, he saw people staring down at rectangle-shaped devices. “Tablets?” thought Wordy. When he looked closer, he saw that they were reading books on the tablets. Why read books on tablets when you can read paper books?

When Wordy walked around for a couple minutes, he started to see students going to school. But these students weren’t walking or riding a bike to school, they were flying high up in the air on hoverboards! “Hoverboards!” thought Wordy. “Hoverboards seem a little bit dangerous to ride.”

When Wordy walked for an hour, he started to see robots carrying homework assignments. When Wordy looked closer, he saw that they were doing kids’ homework. “I think kids should do their own homework.” Suddenly, Wordy awoke from his dream. He thought to himself. Then he went to sleep.



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**Emma, Kindergarten, LeTort Elementary School**



Wordy Worm was in my room. Now he is in Paris, France, looking at the Eiffel Tower. He is wearing a beret. He is reading a lot. He loves to read.

**Sierra, Kindergarten, Mooreland Elementary School**



If Wordy and I took a walk, we would go to the kitties' home in my backyard. We would play games like Bop It! and tell jokes. It would be a very fun day.



## Wordy Worm Wonders

**Maya, Grade 1, Bellaire Elementary School**



Wordy Worm and I were in my bedroom. We walked 180 steps from my bedroom to my backyard. Wordy Worm didn't know where we were. He asked, "Where are we?"

I told him, "We are in my backyard."

We were tired and both flopped on the ground for a few minutes. After we rested, we played hide-and-seek and I spy. Wordy Worm likes to play those two games. It was hard to find Wordy Worm because he is small enough to hide under a leaf. Then mom called us in for dinner. We had a long day and were both ready for bed.



## Wordy Worm Wonders

### Emily, Grade 4, Mooreland Elementary School

Wordy Worm, you can do lots of things to help in the community. You can volunteer at places like Project SHARE and nursing homes. You can also raise money or donate money to charities and people in need. Wordy Worm, you can volunteer and raise or donate money. Which will you choose to help the community?

One of the things you can do is volunteer. One place you could volunteer is at a place like Project SHARE. You could also volunteer at nursing homes. Elderly men and women would love to see youthful ladies and gentlemen. Plus you could help at a shelter such as a pet shelter or homeless shelter. You could even help at a charity. All of these places would love extra help.

Another thing we could do to help others in the community is to raise money. You can raise money by having a bake sale or lemonade stand and give the earnings to the needy. You could also have a fundraiser for a charity. Plus you could get awareness out so other people will raise money. You could do this by putting up signs that say things like "Help us raise money for a local pet shelter" or "Help the needy by helping to raise money." Raising money would help people in the community get what they need.

Lastly, you can donate money to help people. You can donate money to any charity. Plus you can donate money to a variety of helpful shelters. Lots of shelters help lots of people and animals, so you should help them. You can also donate money to the needy. Which one of these ideas will you do to help the community?

See, Wordy Worm, to help our community you can volunteer and raise or donate money. You can volunteer in many places in your community. Raising or donating money can also help people in need. No matter what you choose to do, you will be improving your community, so which of these will you select to help the community and others?



## **Wordy Worm Wonders**

### **Ryan, Grade 3, Mt. Holly Springs Elementary School**

I time traveled to 2196 with Wordy Worm and saw some really cool things. One of the really cool things Wordy and I saw was a time machine to take time travel field trips. A place Wordy and I wanted to be in was the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. Another place in time Wordy and I wanted to be in was when the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776. The next place in time Wordy and I wanted to be in was when Columbus discovered America in 1492. The last neat thing we saw about time travel field trips was that we could hear famous people talk like Harriet Tubman, Abraham Lincoln, and George Washington.

The second cool thing we saw that would get us to school a lot faster is a hover bus. One cool thing about the hover bus is that it runs on sunlight. It's also cool because it has rockets as wheels. The last cool thing about the hover bus is that it has an engine ten times bigger than a regular engine.

The third thing we saw were iPads that would computerize everything. Every kid had an iPad that would replace paper and pencil. The kids had no backpacks because every book we have at school would be an app. The iPads the kids had have an unlimited amount of space so they have room for everything they need.

During my time travel to 2196 with Wordy Worm, these were the really cool things Wordy and I saw.



## Wordy Worm Wonders

**Carissa, Kindergarten, Mt. Holly Springs Elementary School**



Wordy Worm and I were at the playground. It was snowing, so we started our walk. When we were walking, we saw a lot of snow clouds. Snow fell on the ground, snow fell on our heads, snow fell on the lollipop trees, and snow fell on the candy bushes. When we finished 180 steps, we were at my house. We made hot chocolate. Wordy Worm and I love hot chocolate!

**Alexis, Kindergarten, North Dickinson Elementary School**



I started at the classroom. I took 180 steps and ended up in the nurse's office.



## Wordy Worm Wonders

### **Ella, Grade 5, LeTort Elementary School**

There are many ways we can help our community. We can all put in a little effort to help, even doing the simplest things like finding a new home for clothes that don't fit. There are three things I would like to highlight in this essay to help our community. We can donate our old clothes toward a clothes drive to help, we can put kits together with needed items to help the homeless for the winter, and we can think beyond people by reaching out to another group in need, our four-legged friends, by walking them for our local humane society. Wordy Worm and I wonder what you will do to start helping the community?

To start off, I will be talking about clothes drives. Whether you are a kid or an adult, you probably have some sort of clothing that doesn't fit you anymore. If you want to help our community, you can donate these clothes. Things like coats, hats, gloves, and scarves would be really helpful this winter so that someone can stay warm. Items like coats can be incredibly expensive. When someone receives an item from the clothes drive, it's free! I can't think of a better gift to give than the gift of warmth this holiday season.

Next, I am going to highlight something else that is needed during the winter season: winter kits for the homeless. There are a few things homeless people need desperately during the winter months. Those items include warm socks, lip balm, and lotion because of winter's dry conditions. Of course, food is a necessity all through the year, but will come in extra handy during winter too. Collecting these items, putting them in a box, and donating them to an organization that can hand them out to our community's homeless is a great way to help out. Our homeless who face harsh conditions will feel our love when they receive the kits.

Last of all, I want to talk about another population that needs our help—our four-legged friends (AKA cats and dogs)! The abandoned animals that live at our local humane society need our love and support too. The poor animals there are cramped in tiny cages and get very few snuggles. The dogs need walks and cuddles, and the cats need belly rubs and affection too. One way you could lend a hand is by volunteering to walk dogs during your free time or just by sitting and playing with a cat. A school class could even make it a field trip to walk dogs or it can be counted as recess or PE because it is exercise.

In conclusion, I feel there are three main ways we can help our community: donating items for clothes drives, especially coats, making and giving winter kits to the homeless, and giving our love to animals at the humane society. If we all pitch in to help, we will continue to make our community a better place to live.



## **Wordy Worm Wonders**

### **Jorja, Grade 3, North Dickinson Elementary School**

Wordy Worm had an unusual dream! In it, he time traveled to the year 2196. When he got out of bed, he got dressed. But instead of getting himself dressed, a robot got him dressed. Wordy said, “This is different but . . . cool!”

Then he had breakfast and put on his roller shoes and got on his flying hoverboard. He went to school. When Wordy got to school, he was carrying his paper books and everyone else was carrying tablets. Wordy wondered what was going on. So Wordy rolled down the hall and asked his teacher why everyone was carrying tablets. She said, “There are no books, paper, or pencils. Go to your desk and get your tablet.”

Wordy also noticed that his desk was two times bigger, and for lunch count there was a tablet. He also had his own computer.

Then Wordy woke up and wondered if that really happened?



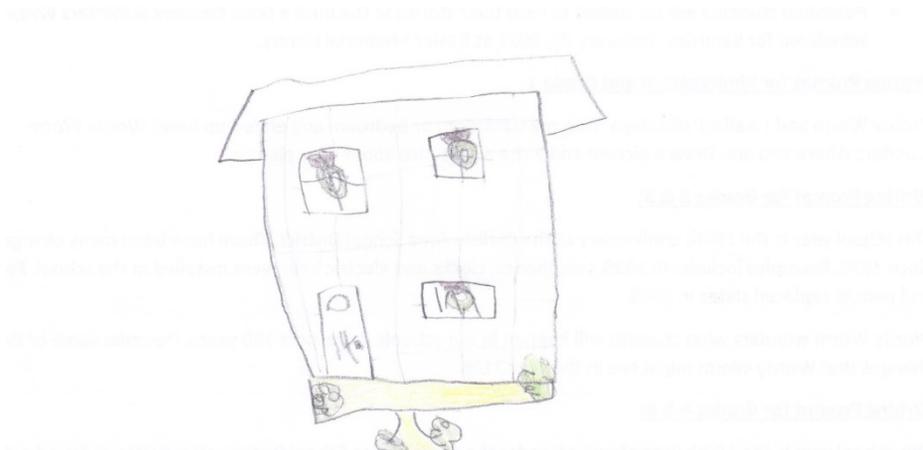
## Wordy Worm Wonders

**Christine, Grade 1, Hamilton Elementary School**



Wordy Worm and I walked 180 steps from my bedroom and ended up here in my beautiful big backyard. In my backyard, I have a trampoline, swimming pool, and a swing set with a slide. It was such a nice day outside to play. The sun was shining bright. I ran and played in my backyard until it turned to night. Wordy Worm and I had an awesome day in the backyard where we got to play. Now, Wordy Worm and I must get ready for bed. See you next time!

**Keira, Kindergarten, Mooreland Elementary School**



I walked 180 steps from my bedroom and ended up in front of my neighbor's house that is decorated with wreaths for Christmas.



## Wordy Worm Wonders

### Emma, Grade 5, Mt. Holly Springs Elementary School

There are many ways that Wordy Worm, my school, and I can help the needy. Some ways that I can help is by giving them warm clothing and raising money for them. Another idea is that I can give homeless shelters food. I can also give needy children toys.

The first thing I can do to help the needy is I can give them warm clothing such as coats, gloves, and hats. I would do that so they can keep warm and prevent sicknesses. They could also get frostbite without warm clothing. The way I would do that is by asking the community and my family for clothes they no longer want or for clothes that don't fit. I could also donate my clothes I don't want. I would give the clothes to homeless shelters and to people who live on the streets

Another way I could help is by donating money. I could raise it by having people donate, and I could donate my money I get from chores, Christmas, and my birthday. I could give the money to homeless people, but also to parents of children in hospitals with things such as cancer because they might be losing money from all of the things they need to do to keep their children healthy. I can also donate to homeless shelters and charities such as St. Jude's or the Salvation Army.

The last few ways I could help is by giving the needy food and toys. I could give them things such as canned foods so they are healthy and don't starve. If they don't get a lot of food, they will become unhealthy and very weak. I can also give needy children toys! The toys can help them feel happy and give them something fun to do. I would get them toys such as stuffed animals, dolls, and colored pencils and crayons to draw with. The toys will go to homeless shelters, but also to charities and children in hospitals.

It is very important that lots of people donate things to the needy. That is why I would give the needy warm clothes, money, and food. I can also give the needy children toys.



## **Wordy Worm Wonders**

### **Elisabeth, Grade 3, Crestview Elementary School**

Changes happen so fast, so in the next 180 years things would certainly shift, and definitely for the better! Maybe in the next 180 years the school would add comfortable chairs for everyone to sit in. The old chairs are good, but it always helps me to learn by relaxing. Comfortable chairs would be a great improvement for me.

A conveyer belt for papers and essays would be nice too. Nobody would have to get up to turn in their work. The conveyer belt would go from everybody's desks to the teacher's. He or she would send them back on a different one with grades. But don't worry! There would be a stationary bike under each desk for exercise. To be sure everyone's keeping active, the pedals on the bike would power their computer. A benefit from that is you won't have to burn fuel for electricity.

On your computer, you can pick out your lunch items, so when you're in line you scan a card. With the information on the card, the computer knows who you are. It will then print out a slip with your order and the lunch ladies know what you want. They can then give it to you quickly. These are some of the things I wonder about, but with Wordy Worm the possibilities are endless!



## **Wordy Worm Wonders**

### **Olivia, Grade 5, North Dickinson Elementary School**

It's amazing Carlisle Area School District has been around for 180 years. Carlisle Area School District is always around to lend a hand, and we can help in so many ways.

One way the district can help is by doing fundraisers for Project SHARE. Project SHARE collects foods such as tuna, canned soup, fruits, and vegetables. They give it to the people who need it. During the fundraiser, we can collect food. When it's finished, we will give all the food we collected to Project SHARE. It's a great place, and it's always nice to give a helping hand.

Another way we can help out is by volunteering at places. One could be a local animal shelter. We could help out and also help by trying to find the animals a forever home. Also, just by donating money, it helps the shelter pay for food or maintenance. When we give a dog a home, it gives the shelter more room to take in more animals that need a home. That's one more way we can help our community.

One more way that Carlisle Area School District can help is by doing an angel tree or giving tree. This is when people put tags on trees with kids' names on it for something they want for Christmas. Sometimes families can't afford a present for their kids. By taking a tag, we can give a kid a present and make their Christmas a very happy one. So the district can help in many ways.

So Carlisle Area School District is always there to help. They've been around for 180 years. Ways we can help are by having fundraisers, volunteering at an animal shelter, or by having a giving tree. By doing this, Carlisle Area School District can really help our community.



**Wordy Worm Wonders**

**Jacob, Kindergarten, LeTort Elementary School**



Wordy Worm was in my room. Now he is at the African savanna looking at kangaroos. He has his books with him while he is looking at the kangaroos.

**Isabella, Kindergarten, Bellaire Elementary School**



Wordy Worm and I walked 180 steps from my classroom and ended up at Grandma's house because she is very nice.



## **Wordy Worm Wonders**

### **Darian, Grade 5, North Dickinson Elementary School**

Wordy Worm and the Carlisle Area School District can do so many things to help the needy. We can collect cans, we can donate clothes, and we can donate personal care items.

Collecting cans is a great way to help people. It can be very helpful to have our district donate cans all year, every year. We can also have contests so kids have fun while helping the needy. The district could also have kids donate all different kinds of soup so the needy will like it more. We can do so many things by donating soups.

Clothing is another item people need. It would be great to donate winter clothes because you can wear them in any season. Kids are always growing out of clothes, so it's easy to donate them. It would help the kids too because then our clothes would take up less space. Donating clothes helps everyone.

People have to be healthy and stay clean, so we should donate health care items. If kids have extra shampoo, toothpaste, or deodorant, they're easy to bring in. If people don't have good hygiene, they could get sick. Hygiene products are very cheap so we can bring them in all the time. Personal care items are great for the needy.

Wordy Worm and the Carlisle Area School District are able to do so much. We can donate soup, clothes, and hygiene products all to help the needy. We should have every kid participate in helping the needy.

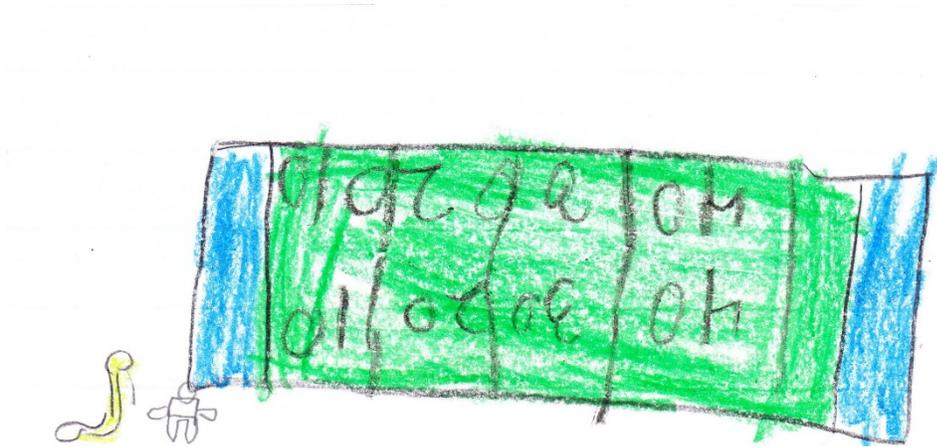


## Wordy Worm Wonders

### Liam, Grade 2, LeTort Elementary School

In the year 2196, Wordy Worm will see some changes. The classrooms are going to look strange, the smartboard is going to be the teacher, and there are going to be robots that carry your backpack and pack it. The food will look gross, but will be so good in fact it will give all the vitamins you need. On the playground, there will be walkways that carry you around where you want to go. When you need to wash your hands, you'll need to say your name to a machine and it will zip down, washing and scrubbing your hands. When you go home, the school bus is floating and the bus driver is an alien. LeTort school is going to be a strange but good school.

### Jackson, Grade 1, LeTort Elementary School



Wordy Worm and I went on an adventure that took 180 steps. We are at a football field. We see players. We smell sweat. We can hear the crowd. We can play football. We can touch a football.



## Wordy Worm Wonders

### Lucy, Grade 3, North Dickinson Elementary School

The year is 2196. Wordy is on his way to school. He is flying on a rainbow jet plane to school. They are over 1,000 feet in the air and going 300 miles per hour. All of the students are wearing silver armored space suits. You could barely move at all in those things, but it was worth it because they looked so cool!

When Wordy got to school, he looked at the smart calendar. The date was March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2196, 22<sup>nd</sup> century. He rode the hallway car to his classroom. His teacher (a robot) said, "He-llo Wor-dy, how are you to-day?"

"Good," he called as he walked to his computer to do his morning work. After they had the checking machine check their morning work, they rode the elevator to art class. They were going to draw a scene from *The Nutcracker* on their computers. Then they started. Wordy drew the sugar plum fairies (his favorite part). Then he colored and printed it out. Finally, they went back to their classroom and packed up. (They had a very short day.) Lots of things had changed since 2016, but one thing hadn't changed. Wordy still loved school!



## Wordy Worm Wonders

### Maria, Kindergarten, Hamilton Elementary School



Wordy Worm and I went out of my bedroom, went under the rain, and walked through the park near the school.

### Adriana, Kindergarten, Bellaire Elementary School



Wordy Worm and I are playing at the park. The park is 180 steps from my house.



## **Wordy Worm Wonders**

### **Parker, Grade 5, Crestview Elementary School**

Wordy Worm, here are some ways you can help Carlisle and the community. One way that you can help the community is going to Project SHARE and help pack up food, sort food, and then when people start coming in that don't have that much food, they can come and get free food.

Another way is at our school, Crestview, we have something called Service Club. It's on every Thursday and it's only for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to do things to help the community like penny wars, Thanksgiving baskets, and food for cats and dogs that go to an animal shelter. Service Club is awesome. Another thing is we do fundraisers like a gift card fundraiser and it's awesome because some of that money goes to different places that can help the community do different things. We also do a turtle race at a nursing home, and that cheers up the older folks a lot and the community likes it a lot. Another way we help the community is at the Christmas tree lighting where 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade choirs go on the front side and sing Christmas carols, and that cheers up the community a lot too.

One more thing is a fundraiser we do called Buck a Book, and our whole entire school does it. We raise money for the Employment Skills Center so that people who don't know how to read can learn how to read, and people who haven't graduated high school can graduate and have a job so that's why we do Buck a Book. Another way Buck a Book can help is we get prizes, but we don't worry about getting prizes. We just want to support Buck a Book.

So Wordy Worm, those are some ways we can help the community in different ways. So Wordy Worm, I hope you choose some ways to help the community. Good luck and have a good rest of the year!



## **Wordy Worm Wonders**

### **Colin, Grade 3, Mt. Holly Springs Elementary School**

In 180 years, the year will be 2196. There are many changes that will occur in schools.

Some of the changes that will occur in schools are we will have iPads. We will read books on our iPads. We will do all of our worksheets on our iPads instead of using paper.

A microchip in your hand will be another change that will occur in schools. It will open up doors for you to let you in the building. You will have to scan your hand to even get lunch.

The last change that will occur in schools will be virtual goggles for recess. You can go anywhere you want. You can play anything you want or even fly.

Those are some of the changes I believe will occur in schools. They are iPads, microchips in our hands, and virtual goggles for recess. In 180 years, a lot of changes will happen.



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Wordy Worm was in my room.  
Now he is in Paris, France,  
looking at the Eiffel Tower.

Lots of things had changed since  
2016, but one thing hadn't  
changed. Wordy still loved school!

We made hot  
chocolate. Wordy  
Worm and I love hot  
chocolate!

Wordy Worm loves the field trip  
in 2196 because now teachers are  
letting classes go to Neptune.

Wordy Worm was  
so excited to try  
out these new ways  
to help.

Wordy Worm and I have  
decided to help our  
community this year.

Wordy Worm was in my  
room. Now he is exploring  
a cave and looking for  
bats.

These are some of the things  
I wonder about, but with  
Wordy Worm the possibilities  
are endless!

Wordy Worm and the Carlisle  
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do so much.

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