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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 2018 campaign, our "Buck a Book Kids" were given writing prompts according to grade level. Kindergarten and grade 1 students were asked to imagine Wordy Worm doing their favorite classroom jobs. Grades 2 and 3 were asked to tell Wordy about jobs they would like to learn more about. Students in grades 4 and 5 were asked to recommend a job that Wordy could do to make their school and town a better place. The following responses were selected for publication.

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To learn more about 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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Jonathan, Grade 5, LeTort Elementary School

Dear Wordy Worm,

I think that you should run to become mayor. Here are my reasons why. As mayor, you can affect both the town and the schools. You would have the power to change and fix anything that you think would improve the lives of your citizens. Now, you should not just try to become mayor out of the blue—you will have to study and work in the lower ranks of politics first. Another reason that I think you should run for mayor is because you can get paid 85,460 dollars. I think that you should run for mayor because you would affect the town, you could affect schools, and you could make a positive effect on your citizens.

One reason you should run for mayor is because you could make a positive effect on the town. One reason you could make a positive effect on the town is because you would have executive power. You would also have veto power. You would also be in charge of the whole city. John Hickenlooper once said, “The most important thing a mayor does is hire talented people to run the city.” That means you have the power to choose what jobs people get.

A second reason you should run for mayor is because you could make a positive effect on the citizens. One reason you could is because you have the power to veto unfair laws and approve good ones. A second reason you could is because you have the power to destroy unsafe buildings and things. Rudy Giuliani said, “People wanted me to raise taxes. Instead, I cut them by 15%.” That shows that you have the power to change things.

A third and final reason you should run for mayor is because you could make a positive effect on the schools. You would have the power to donate money to schools which would help them out. A second reason is because you could hire more teachers which would help the schools. Ken Livingstone once said, “One of the best parts of being mayor is helping children.” This means that you would be able to help them.

I believe you should run for mayor because you could help the town, their citizens, and schools. I hope you consider what I said in this essay. Goodbye.



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Sofie, Grade 3, Crestview Elementary School

Hi, Wordy Worm! Did you know that I want to be an engineer when I grow up?! I am going to tell you why I like engineering, what I know about it, and what I want to know about engineering.

First, I'm going to tell you why I like engineering. I like engineering because they get to build cool inventions like space shuttles. Wordy Worm and I will build a robot that has an everlasting supply of candy! Another reason I like engineering is because they get to travel around the world. Wordy Worm and I will go to Alaska and invent a thing called Warm-o-rama. It is a solar tank top that will collect heat from sunlight to keep you warm.

Next, I'm going to tell you what I know about engineering. I know that engineers create stuff that we use every day like cars and the simplest things like toothbrushes. Wordy Worm and I will create a simple invention called the Daily Instant Cookbook. It looks like a book, but it's really a laptop inside! The Daily Instant Cookbook has a new recipe each day!

Finally, I'm going to tell you what I want to learn about engineering. First, I want to learn how long it takes to create an invention. Second, I want to know how many people it takes to build an invention. Last, I want to learn how they come up with all of their ideas.

Wordy Worm, I told you why I like engineering, what I know about it, and what I want to know. Wordy Worm, I'm sure you want to work with me in this awesome career one day!



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Ashlynn, Grade 1, Mooreland Elementary School



At school for my classroom job, I like to clean, to recycle everything, and take care of many other things.

Marlon, Kindergarten, LeTort Elementary School



Wordy Worm thinks he would be a good line leader. He would not talk. He would be a good role model.



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Sadie, Grade 2, Crestview Elementary School

When I grow up, I would like to be a wildlife biologist. Wildlife biologists study animals and their habitats. I would like to help endangered species. Here are some animals I would like to study: sharks, peacocks, tigers, giraffes, zebras, and gorillas.

I know many animal habitats are being destroyed because people are cutting down trees and littering in the ocean.

There is a lot more I would like to learn about this job. I'm sure I will have to go to college and study for a few years about this job, and I'm sure it will be a little messy sometimes. I know it will be worth it because I love animals and want to help them.

Maybe Wordy Worm will join me to learn how to save these animals.

Helen, Grade 3, LeTort Elementary School

I want to be a cowgirl when I grow up. It would be great because I would get to ride horses and lasso cows. I could deliver the cows to farmers and other people. I could help the police capture the bad people. Also, I could have dogs to help me hunt for buffalo. It would almost be like camping every day. But first, I would have to stop being a vegetarian. I would make money to buy a ranch by performing ballet and by playing the piano.



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Cassidy, Grade 5, North Dickinson Elementary School

One job Wordy Worm could have is providing a bus company that gets students home from after-school activities. This job would help my school because more students would attend after-school clubs. Many kids are discouraged from coming to after-school clubs because they have no way of getting home. If Wordy Worm started a company that provided buses, more kids would attend.

After-school clubs are very enjoyable, so everyone should get a chance to come! Wordy Worm's bus company could pick up students attending a club. This would benefit kids whose parents work all day and do not have a way to get home. Clubs also allow students to pursue their interests that they can't pursue in class. My school offers craft and STEM clubs. The STEM club offers hands-on learning that includes interesting STEM activities. In my experience at the STEM club, we did an activity with gravity. The club allowed me to pursue my interest in science by doing an activity that I wouldn't have been able to do in my regular classroom. I learned about gravity through an interesting hands-on activity. The club left me very intrigued. Fortunately, I had a family member who could pick me up, but I know that not all kids have this luxury.

If Wordy Worm provided a company that bused kids home from clubs, more students could further pursue their interests. This job would suit Wordy Worm well because he is always looking for ways to help schools and their students.



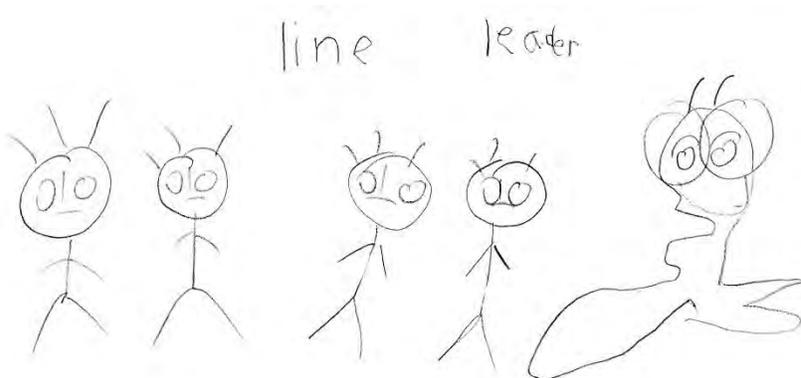
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Maya, Grade 1, Bellaire Elementary School



One day, Wordy Worm went for a walk. He saw a classroom. "What is this?" he thought. He saw kids holding books. He wanted to join in. The teacher said, "Read chapter five for me." He didn't know how to read. He listened to the others. "I think I will go tomorrow," and he did. He learned how to read a few words and to write his name. Soon, he knew how to read and write. He also learned about holidays, how to be healthy, and about feelings. He started going every day. He learned more and more. The teacher said, "Good job, Wordy Worm." He thought happily, "This is a good job."

Darisa, Kindergarten, Mooreland Elementary School



Wordy Worm is in front of all the kids of the line. Wordy Worm is going to his special as the line leader.



Wordy Worm Gets a Job

Mia, Grade 3, North Dickinson Elementary School

I want to be an ASPCA worker. I know that there are homeless animals, and there are veterinarians at the ASPCA too. Homeless animals scurry about on the streets. Their main food is garbage. They tear the black garbage bags open to get the food inside. Veterinarians take care of homeless animals at the ASPCA. The homeless animals might have sicknesses from living outdoors.

I want to learn more about whether it's just cats and dogs. Another thing I want to learn about is the types of sicknesses these homeless pets take along with them. My mom always tells me it's probably just cats and dogs. But I wonder if the ASPCA takes care of other animals like birds, hamsters, mice, ferrets, and other animals. I also want to learn about the types of sicknesses that these poor homeless pets get. They mostly hang around alleys, so it's common for these scurrying animals to get fleas or ticks. They also may get parvo, paralyzation, tuberculosis, and other types of severe diseases they might catch.

I know about different types of pets they take in like German Shepherds, tabby cats, beagles, Siamese cats, and other kinds of species. Each breed may have a different type of behavior. I would be good at this job because I am an extreme animal lover. I love cats and dogs equally with lots of hugs and kisses. Cats and dogs are a wonderful part of nature. I do not know what types of adventures this job would lead me to. Is it going to be sad adventures, happy adventures, or other types of adventures? I love adventures so much. Any type of adventure appeals to me. We use nets to capture wild pets that have been let into the wild by cruel people. The shelters tame the wild pets to take them in. They also take in unwanted pets for a reason. They take them in to take care of them.

I will be excited for my first day as an ASPCA worker. I will help heal the injured animals out there. The work also includes breaks, so I can relax for a bit. I don't know if the ASPCA allows workers to take pets home for their own.



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Kenzie, Grade 2, Hamilton Elementary School

I want to be a teacher. Wordy Worm, there are lots of great things you do when you are a teacher. You teach reading, math, gym, art, and music. I want to learn how to teach a lot of kids. There are lots of people that teach many different things like singing, soccer, baseball, acting, cooking, and ballet. I think being a teacher is a great job because it helps people learn and have fun in life.

Evan, Grade 3, Bellaire Elementary School

I want to tell Wordy about becoming a paleontologist. First, I know that when you are a paleontologist that you go on trips to find ancient artifacts and dinosaur bones. I also know that you have to get a special degree from college and you have to be well trained to become a paleontologist.

I would like to learn how to put together the dinosaur bones to make one huge set of dinosaur bones to make a statue like the ones you see in museums. I think Wordy would like this job because you have to do a lot of learning for this job and because Wordy always likes learning something new from books.



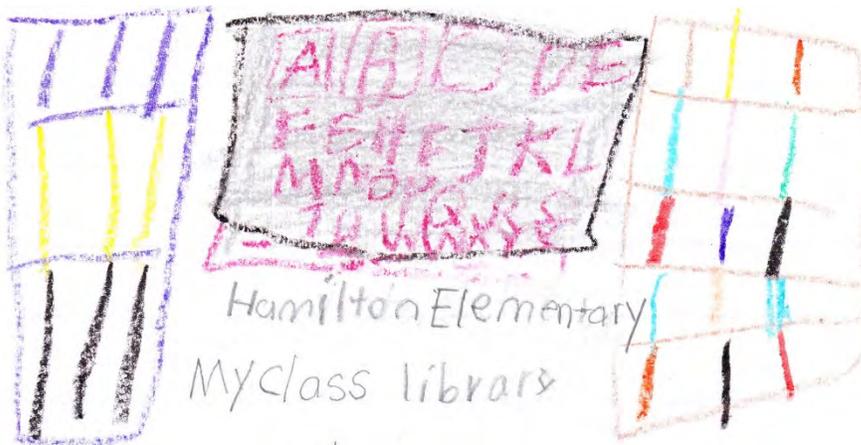
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Aubrey, Kindergarten, North Dickinson Elementary School



Hey, Wordy Worm. Do you want to know what job you can do? You can be the line leader. This is my favorite job.

Gokul, Grade 1, Hamilton Elementary School



I love the library because it is a place to enjoy reading books and operate computers together. Also, I can see the entire world in one small room. The library teaches me what is meant by quiet because quiet is the most powerful word in our living world.



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Margaret, Grade 5, LeTort Elementary School

Dear Wordy Worm,

I have heard you want a job that can help people in their everyday life. I have found a job I think you might be interested in. If you want to help people, you should be a doctor. Doctors help people every day when people get hurt or have conditions. It pays a lot of money, and you can save people's lives.

Doctors help cure conditions. And you can see your patients grow up and become friends with them. Doctors perform surgery and take care of scratches and injuries. You would need to go to school and finish a four-year course learning how to be a doctor, then another four years of medical school followed by five years of residency.

Pediatricians work in clinics and treat injuries, illnesses, and more. They can specialize in infectious diseases. They work in clinics or hospitals. They advance in their careers by gaining a reputation among their patients and peers.

They are able to earn around \$200,000 a year and up to \$700,000 depending on their specialty. As you can see, becoming a doctor has many benefits. Becoming a doctor would be amazing because you can help people.



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Elisabeth, Grade 5, Crestview Elementary School

If Wordy Worm is looking for a job, I've got a suggestion for him—he should be a town librarian. Librarians are like information experts. They have a wide range of knowledge and help people in the community find just what they are looking for in the library, giving them the information they need to generate new ideas. The ancient Sumerians trained the earliest librarians, calling them “masters of the books.” Carlisle’s very own Bosler Memorial Library is a well-known architectural jewel and would be a great place for Wordy Worm to work! Using his extensive knowledge of literature, Wordy Worm would make a great librarian. He can make great book recommendations, introduce children to new genres, and most importantly, foster creativity by encouraging children to read.

Wordy can make great book recommendations because he has so much experience with books! He’s read so many while working with Carlisle’s Employment Skills Center in their Buck a Book Literacy Campaign, that he’ll know which books might interest children the most. He’ll have his visitors coming back again and again to read more of their newfound favorites. Wordy Worm has read so many books, he can guide his visitors through the world of literature.

Secondly, Wordy can introduce children to new genres (or different styles of books). He can help spark creativity in the imaginations of these children as they explore the endless possibilities of stories through the fiction, history, fantasy, and biography sections of the library. They can try new things and learn about new topics, helping them to see past the cover of a book and reveal the excitement that lies within each page. Just like trying a new food you think you won’t like, trying a new genre of book is the same. Give it a chance, and it might even become your new favorite! Wordy Worm would definitely serve as a great source to help introduce children to new genres and let them experience all kinds of literature.

As a librarian, Wordy Worm can also encourage children to read. Reading can inspire you to do many things. Knowledge is power, and books give you just that! You can learn new vocabulary from—you guessed it—reading! It lets you see a new variety of words and new sentence structures and provides you with ideas that may spark fresh creativity. Books let you fall into a world of imagination. Wordy can get anyone to love reading with his encouragement.

Wordy Worm would make an excellent librarian. It wouldn’t even be a job for him because it’s so much fun. He would be amazing at the librarian’s duties of recommending new books, introducing new genres, and encouraging children to read. All the new knowledge the children will acquire with reading is sure to create the foundation for new creative ideas and opportunities within our community, helping others to grow as well. Go, Wordy Worm! A librarian’s job is best for you.



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Chloe, Grade 1, North Dickinson Elementary School



This is calendar. We count the straws and move the cup to the right day. It is fun to do calendar. I think that Wordy Worm would like it too?

Christopher, Kindergarten, Bellaire Elementary School



Wordy Worm and his friends were playing outside. Recess was over, so it was time to go inside. Wordy Worm got to do his favorite job. He was the line leader.



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Philip, Grade 4, Mooreland Elementary School

I'd give Wordy Worm the job of helping the farmstand because you can sign up to help sort, package, bag, label, and put away the food and other items like diapers, soap, and oil and spices. We give this food and these items to people and families who are poor or need more food and sign up for it. You can also sign up to help the summer camp where kids can come and you can teach them about stuff like bats, planets, and tons of other stuff, or you could make their lunch so they can eat. By doing this, we're helping poor families get food and supplies and we're giving education to kids.

In conclusion, I'd give Wordy Worm the job of helping the farmstand because he can help sort, package, bag, label, and put away food and supplies, and he can help read stories and teach kids or cook their lunch so they can eat. This way, he would be helping poor families and giving education to kids. That's why I'd give Wordy Worm the job of helping the farmstand.

Brynlee, Grade 2, North Dickinson Elementary School

When I grow up, I want to be a chef. I know that chefs cook food. They cook breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Chefs also keep people pleased with food. When I am a chef, I will need a stove and oven, pots, pans, a spatula, spoons, knives, and a cutting board. They wear a white shirt, apron, black and white checkered pants, hats, and oven mitts. I will need ingredients to cook the food. I wonder if all chefs cook the same food. I wonder if they make a lot of money. I wonder if they go to college. I hope you learned a lot about chefs.



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Lillian, Grade 5, Mt. Holly Springs Elementary School

Dear Wordy Worm,

I've heard you want a job to make our school a better place. Well, I have the perfect job for you. I think you should be a counselor because surely my counselor makes our school a better place by listening, teaching how to be kind, and helping to deal with drama.

When I said our counselor listens, I meant it. For example, when someone is having a bad day, the counselor listens to what he or she has to say. This makes the child feel that he or she isn't alone and someone cares for them.

Our counselor comes into every classroom and teaches how to be kind. For instance, when there is a bully, the counselor teaches us to be kind to the bully and how to deal with that bully. This makes my school a better place because everyone will be kind. Then there will be no problems.

Finally, our counselor helps deal with drama. Sometimes drama isn't easy to deal with and sometimes you can hurt other people's feelings, but a counselor will always work it out. This surely makes my school a better place because everyone will be friendly to one another, and if there is drama, then everyone will learn not to do it again.

As you can see, one of the best jobs for you is a counselor. It is an awesome job because you get to make our school a better place by listening, teaching children how to be kind, and helping to deal with drama.

Yours Truly,

Lilly K.



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Sierra, Grade 1, Mooreland Elementary School



Wordy Worm is the teacher's assistant. They help the teacher by passing out papers, turning off the lights, and erasing the board. This is my favorite job.

Izabellah, Kindergarten, Hamilton Elementary School



Wordy Worm loves to clean under the green table and wipe it down.



Wordy Worm Gets a Job

Julia, Grade 3, Mooreland Elementary School

Can you imagine how exciting it would be to keep children healthy? It is also great to keep yourself healthy. I would like to be a doctor or a nurse for children. It would be awesome to keep children healthy. I know a lot of things about being a doctor and a nurse. But I want to learn more.

Being a nurse or doctor makes you want to keep people healthy. You make sure they are not too thin or overweight. They check your body to make sure you are healthy. They give you medicine if you are sick. Also they help you when you're hurt.

I know a lot of things about being a doctor or a nurse, but I wonder some things. I would like to know what schooling you go to. Also, I wonder how hard the job is. I wonder if you have homework? I know a lot of things about being a nurse, and I wonder too.

Rosemary, Grade 2, LeTort Elementary School

I want to be a teacher. You have to know a lot about writing, reading, math, and science. The tools you need are pencils, erasers, glue sticks, crayons, Expo markers, scissors, paper, and more. You will have to like kids. You also need a schedule. You will have to know how many kids are in your class. You also have to know what your kids order for lunch.



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Cameron, Grade 2, Mt. Holly Springs Elementary School

The job I want to do is a cop. What I know about cops is that they solve crimes. They help innocent people. Cops also drive cool cop cars with computers. To be a cop, they have to go through twenty-seven weeks of training. Cops get all kinds of gear and gadgets and equipment. Some cops get to work with police dogs. Cops enforce the law.

What I want to learn about the job is does the chief tell the other cops what to do? What does the sheriff do? Do cops each have a partner? Do police dogs sniff out crime? What kinds of weapons do cops have? Do cops work with the SWAT team? How do cops catch criminals? How do cops use tasers?



Clare, Grade 2, Mooreland Elementary School

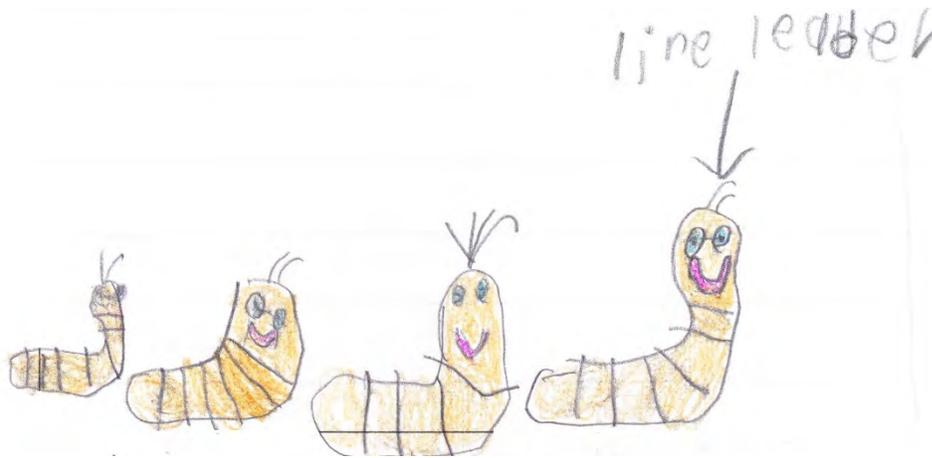
When I grow up, I want to be a vet. What I know about a vet is that they give pets a checkup. I also know a vet grooms a pet. A vet cleans a pet's teeth. This is what I know about a vet's job.

If I want to become a vet, I have to work hard and believe in myself. If I want to become a vet, I have to learn how to take care of different animals. I would have to study different species of animals. To become a vet, I have to learn how to be gentle with different pets. This is how to become a vet.



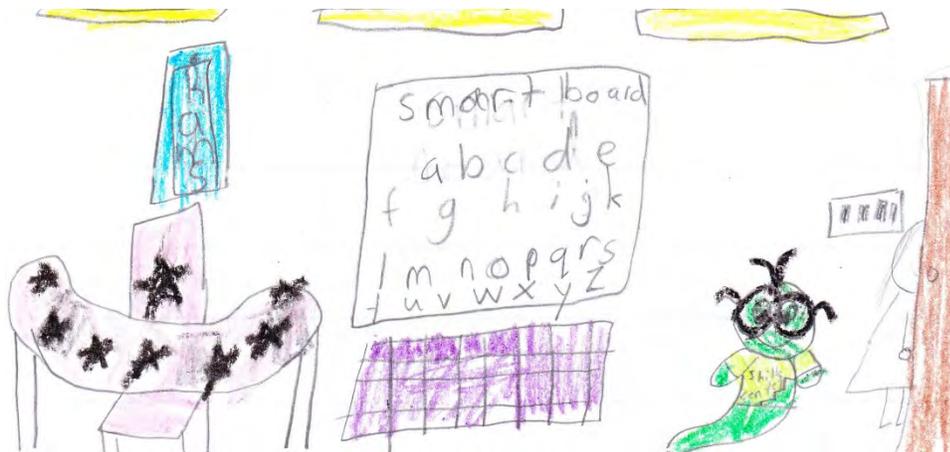
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Reece, Grade 1, Crestview Elementary School



My favorite job is line leader. It is fun to see everything.

Abby, Grade 1, LeTort Elementary School



My favorite thing to do is to be in the back so I can turn the lights off and close the door.



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Senaida, Grade 4, Bellaire Elementary School

Wordy Worm is looking for a job that'll make my school a better place. One thing I recommend for Wordy Worm to do is to make more time for recess and playing. I think that we need more time to play and relax after a long day of school and learning. Running around and talking with our friends is the best way to relax. At home, we don't spend much time outside or doing anything physical. We mostly are on our mobile devices and on the internet.

Another thing I recommend for Wordy Worm to do is to make healthier lunch foods, since it can always be better prepared. The healthy food will leave us with more energy for playing, thinking, and learning. Someone with a healthy diet is someone who is as healthy as possible.

My last recommendation for Wordy Worm that will have a positive effect on my school and environment is to plant more trees or plants around the school. The trees will provide us with clean, fresh air for us to breathe.

I believe that Wordy Worm can make our school a better place with just a few little changes.

No recommendation is a bad recommendation!



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Annabeth, Grade 4, LeTort Elementary School

I think that Wordy Worm should work as a gardener because he lives in dirt, he can help plants, and make Carlisle, PA beautiful. It would help our community because the more plants, the more oxygen.

First, Wordy Worm should work as a gardener because he lives in dirt. He can live in the dirt and make sure that the soil has nutrients. He also can help make sure flowers grow correctly. He can also help the other worms that are hard at work.

Next, Wordy Worm should work as a gardener because he can help plants. He can help plant flowers and vegetables. He can also help plant trees for more oxygen. He can also make veggies so we have food.

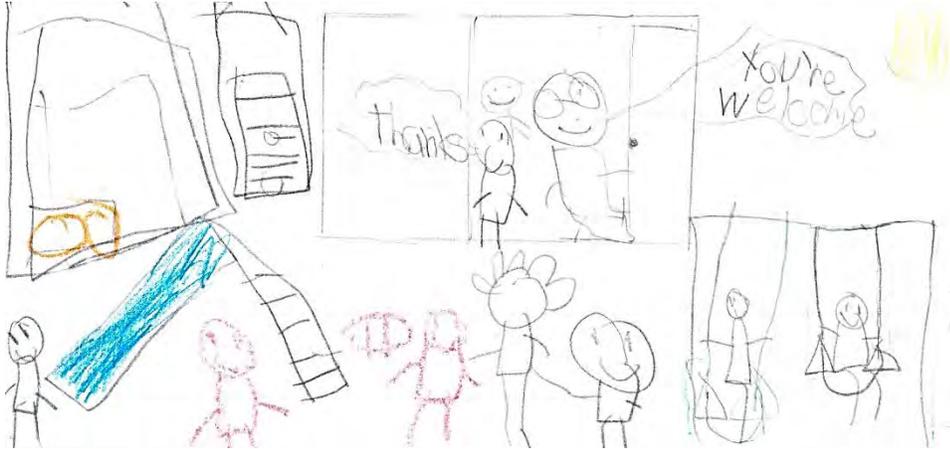
Last, Wordy Worm should work as a gardener because he can make Carlisle, PA beautiful. He can plant flowers and give them to people and spread joy. The flowers can be lined up along the road. He should give everyone joy and happiness.

As you can see, Wordy Worm would be a great gardener. He would make everyone happy and with a smile on their face. Wordy Worm would be a great gardener.



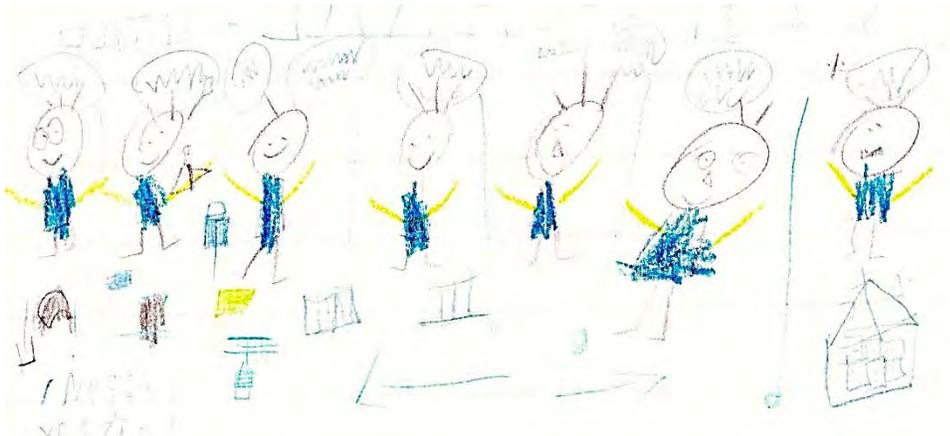
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Abderrahman, Grade 1, Hamilton Elementary School



Wordy Worm, my favorite classroom job is door holder because I like when my friends say thanks.

Zephaniah, Kindergarten, LeTort Elementary School



I would like Wordy Worm to be the line leader. He would make good choices. He would lead the line to their special. He will keep the students from talking!



Wordy Worm Gets a Job

Nasia, Grade 4, Hamilton Elementary School

If Wordy Worm wants a job, I would recommend a librarian. Only because, based off what I know about Wordy Worm, he likes books. He would be helping a lot of people by teaching them how to read. He could work at the Bosler Library, and he can teach them how to write. Also, he could learn some things about reading and writing.

Wordy Worm could work in a school library too. Wordy Worm could figure out new things from other librarians. Librarians are very helpful to some students. Some students can't read, and librarians can help with that a lot. Wordy Worm probably has fun helping kids with reading and writing and lots of things. This would make the school and town a better place because a lot of people need help with all library skills. Some people want help and get frustrated because they cannot do it. Librarians can make them less mad because they are used to being quiet. If you are mad, you definitely would not want someone to yell at you. I certainly would not. So librarians make a good difference in learning or reading or writing because the library helps with all of those subjects.

Like I said at the beginning, I know Wordy Worm likes books and that job includes a lot of books. That's why I think he would like that job. If Wordy Worm likes kids, he would be lucky because he would see kids every day. Sometimes he would see adults, but mostly kids. If Wordy Worm likes kids, all of the kids will like him and treat him respectfully and nicely. Wordy Worm is a very nice worm, so if he is nice to the kids, they will be nice to him. So if Wordy Worm had a job, I would recommend for him to be a librarian.



Wordy Worm Gets a Job

Ila, Grade 3, Mooreland Elementary School

Have you ever wanted to help and work with animals? If you do, this job would be great for you. Being a zoologist would make your dreams come true. It would also be exciting! I know a lot of things about being a zoologist, but I don't know everything.

Being a zoologist makes you feel cheerful helping animals! When you are a zoologist you get to stop animals from becoming extinct. Secondly, you get to travel around the world to help animals! You also get to touch and pet all sorts of animals. I bet most of them will be fluffy!

Although I know many facts about being a zoologist, I still want to know much more. I want to know how much I will travel—I don't want to travel too much. I also want to know if I have to touch the dirty and moist animals. Another thing I want to know about is how much money it will cost to travel places. I don't want to run out of money. As a result, a zoologist is a thrilling job!



Wordy Worm Gets a Job

Anna, Kindergarten, Crestview Elementary School



I think that Wordy Worm should be the secret reader because he loves to read books. Books make you smarter, so if he reads to the children, they will get smarter just like Wordy Worm.

Ever, Kindergarten, Bellaire Elementary School



Wordy Worm loves to do the temperature.



Wordy Worm Gets a Job

Jacob, Grade 5, Bellaire Elementary School

I think that Wordy Worm should get a town job. I think the job should be Cub Scout leader. Of course, you would need strength, intelligence, and knowledge. You will also need to have durability and courage. The reason is because you have to look out for specific species of certain living things when you go camping. And you must look out for bees and wasps—they can hurt you if you have a bad reaction. If anyone that does have an allergy gets stung, you should quickly treat it. You also have to do electives and ceremonies.

Doing this job can help kids, like me, to get in Cub Scouts. Doing this can make you experience the wilderness and become stronger than what you are. You should know a kid's friend that is in Cub Scouts and encourage them to join with a fundraiser. That's how I got in. You also get to know important stuff, and if you like anything I said and want to be hired, then suit yourself and get training!

Anna, Grade 3, LeTort Elementary School

I want to be a Hogwarts School professor. All the stuff I need is a wand, spell books, broomsticks, robes, and more. Hogwarts is in the middle of nowhere. If Muggles see a dragon, the Hogwarts students must put a spell on them. I have seen up to four Harry Potter movies. When I am a professor, I would want to be a potions teacher. I know that it is awesome because I love Harry Potter and the Hogwarts School. I hope that this inspires you to like Harry Potter, just like it happened to me.



Wordy Worm Gets a Job

Rachel, Grade 5, North Dickinson Elementary School

Wordy Worm can make North Dickinson and Carlisle a better place. I would recommend the job of a police officer to Wordy Worm. As a police officer, he can guard North Dickinson and he can keep an eye out for Carlisle. Wordy Worm can make North Dickinson and Carlisle a better place if he becomes a police officer.

If Wordy Worm became a police officer, he could guard North Dickinson. He can keep out unwelcome guests. We don't want our school to be robbed. Wordy Worm can make sure students follow the school rules. Every morning when school starts, he can make sure all school doors are locked. When doors are locked, nobody can get in. North Dickinson would be safe if Wordy Worm was the police officer.

Wordy Worm can watch over Carlisle. He can be alert at all times. Wordy Worm can be quick at answering the phone. If he is quick, then he can start heading there quick. He could also get the job done. Wordy Worm would be good at watching over Carlisle.

I think Wordy Worm should become a police officer. He could guard North Dickinson and keep an eye out for Carlisle. Wordy Worm would be a fabulous police officer.



Wordy Worm Gets a Job

Kaleb, Grade 2, Crestview Elementary School



I want to be an electrician just like my Papaw. I watch him fix wires for lights, machines, and many other things. I have seen him wire machines that build 18-wheeler trucks. I know I need to do well in school, go to college, and do good in math. I would like to learn about electricity, the different wires, and how to fix things. I want to be just like my Papaw.

Lacey, Kindergarten, Mt. Holly Springs Elementary School



I like to be the line leader.



Wordy Worm Gets a Job

Ryan, Grade 4, Mt. Holly Springs Elementary School

If Wordy Worm could take any job, he should take the job of a water treatment plant operator.

A water treatment plant operator makes the water we drink and use clean so we can be healthy. First of all, think about if you had deep cuts and you were going to take a shower in sewer water. Don't you think your cuts would be infected? Think about washing your laundry and dishes with sewer water. Your clothes would rot and your dishes would still be covered with scraps from the food you had the day before, and they wouldn't be usable. The people who work at the water treatment plant make the water clean and healthy.

The water treatment plant operator cleans the water, but they also keep us safe by maintaining the underground pipes. If a pipe bursts, it would allow contamination in and then contaminate the water. It also could cause sinkholes and destroy homes. That's how they keep us safe, by maintaining underground pipes.

The water treatment plant operators also help us conserve water by teaching us how to conserve water. If a pipe leaks, then it would waste lots of water. The plant operators not only conserve water for our town but for the whole planet. That's how Wordy Worm could make our school, town, and world a better place.

If we drink from a source of water that wasn't treated, we would be very sick or even dead. The current workers are older and will be retiring soon. That's why Wordy Worm should take the job of a water treatment plant operator.



Wordy Worm Gets a Job

Hannah, Grade 3, North Dickinson Elementary School

Wordy Worm could be an engineer and invent the world's next big thing. I know that engineers make new things and make old things better. Wordy Worm could help design a new school for kids who don't have one, or he could invent a restaurant that can walk to people's houses and serve them if they can't drive or go out of their house or nursing home.

What I would like to learn about engineering is what they make and what kinds of jobs you can do in engineering. I also want to learn about what uniforms they wear, how they make their designs, and how you have to be in college to be an engineer.

Wordy Worm can do whatever job he wants to do, but mine is a good suggestion. By being an engineer, Wordy Worm can make a big difference in the world.

Evan, Grade 2, Mt. Holly Springs Elementary School

I would like to be a wildlife biologist. I know wildlife biologists study many different animals. They study mostly land animals. They also study nocturnal animals like bats and owls. Wildlife biologists put tags or bands on birds and animals so they can track that bird or animal with the tag. If they put a band on a bird or animal, the band has a unique number on it, so if another banding group catches the same bird, they will just let it go. A wildlife biologist also studies forest animals like bears and deer.

I want to know how wildlife biologists study aggressive animals like bears and wolves. What tools do they use? What do they wear? There are many things that I know and want to know about wildlife biologists.



Wordy Worm Gets a Job

Will, Kindergarten, North Dickinson Elementary School



My favorite job is to be the milk helper. The milk helper picks up the milk in the lunchroom.

Landon, Grade 1, Mt. Holly Springs Elementary School



My favorite job is the messenger. He or she goes to the office for the teacher to get the mail. They also take the breakfast box back to the cafeteria.



Wordy Worm Gets a Job

Summer, Grade 3, Mooreland Elementary School

A job I would like to do is gymnastics. The reason I want to do gymnastics is because I've been inspired by other people like my friends, C'Azhia, Naomi, and Caroline.

I know many things about gymnastics. Like there are levels that gymnasts need to take like 1, 2, and 3. Another thing I know is you have to try at least once. One reason you have to try at least once is because then you will never know if you like it or not. The one other thing I know is once you're signed up, you can't quit. The reason you can't quit after you're signed up is because then you signed up for nothing.

There are still things I want to learn about gymnastics. Like how many levels are there to become a gymnast? I want to also learn how to do some more gymnastics skills I don't know. I want to also learn everything I can to complete levels or become a coach. Doing gymnastics is my thing because I do it every day. It's also one of my favorite things in the wide world! That's why being a gymnast would be a good job for both me and Wordy Worm.



Wordy Worm Gets a Job

Ben, Grade 5, Mt. Holly Springs Elementary School

Wordy Worm and I were at a swimming pool and Wordy said he wanted to be a swimming coach. He wanted a pool in our school, which I was nervous about. Wordy Worm thought being a swimming coach would make our school a better place.

You can swim your whole life. People of all ages can come and swim at our pool. Swimming is a sport you can do at any age. Swimming is good exercise for people, no matter how old they are.

Swimming can take lots of discipline. If Wordy Worm wants to be a swim coach, he will have to make his team do a lot of work. He will need to know what swimming even is to be a swim coach. If Wordy Worm is a swim coach, he should have been on a swim team before.

Swimming is for your safety. If you are at the ocean, you need to be able to swim so you don't drown. If you are on a boat and it tips, you need to swim to safety. If you are at a swimming pool and someone can't swim, you need to help them.

I think having a pool at our school and having Wordy Worm as our swim instructor would be beneficial to everyone.



Wordy Worm Gets a Job

Olivia, Grade 1, Crestview Elementary School



Wordy Worm is putting away the bins for the lunch cards. Wordy Worm is putting away the red folders. Wordy Worm is coming back to my classroom. He had fun today!

Cali, Grade 1, Hamilton Elementary School



I am cleaning up the room with Wordy Worm. I like it when my classroom is clean.



Wordy Worm Gets a Job

Kadence, Grade 4, LeTort Elementary School

I think Wordy Worm should work as a librarian. I think Wordy Worm should be a librarian because he could help kids or grownups that can't read, he can recommend good books to those kids and grownups that can't read, and last, Wordy Worm could throw events to help people learn more things than reading.

First, Wordy Worm should be a librarian because he could help kids or grownups that can't read. Helping kids and grownups is great for Wordy Worm because he loves helping people. He could help people with this by reading out loud to people. He could also give people their own tutor time to read.

Second, Wordy Worm should be a librarian because he could recommend good books to people who can't read. He could recommend books by throwing a big sale for lots of people who can't read. He could also just give away old easy books that he does not want or need anymore.

Last, Wordy Worm should be a librarian because he could throw big events to not just teach them to read, but teach them more facts about the world. He could teach people more facts about the world by throwing events. He could give out things about the 50 states or about space.

Those are all the reasons why Wordy Worm should be a librarian because he could help people read, he could recommend books to people, and he could throw events to help people learn more than reading.



Wordy Worm Gets a Job

Jaiden, Grade 2, Bellaire Elementary School

My dream job is to be a firefighter. Being a firefighter takes a lot of training, like driving fire trucks, medical training, finding your way in the dark, physical training, putting fires out, and rescuing people.

Firefighters put in a lot of long work hours, sometimes 2 to 3 days at a time away from their families. They sleep at the fire station during the night.

Firefighters can help in many different emergencies like fires, car accidents, medical emergencies, and water emergencies. They use a lot of tools like the Jaws of Life to cut cars, saws to cut open roofs, air packs to breathe, an axe to break open doors, and hoses to put fires out.

Firefighters also spend their time teaching people and going to schools to teach kids about fire prevention and fire safety like how to stop, drop, and roll.

There are a lot of things I want to learn about firefighting.

Jenavieve, Grade 3, Hamilton Elementary School

Dear Wordy Worm,

I think you should become a teacher for many reasons. The first reason I think you should become a teacher is because you could learn new things from the kids. The second reason why I think you should become a teacher is because you could become friends with people in the school. The third reason I think you should become a teacher is because you are really smart. The fourth reason that I think you should become a teacher is that you could have a lot of fun, like fun Friday and other stuff. Wordy Worm, when you are a teacher, can you answer my question: How do teachers plan their day?



Wordy Worm Gets a Job

Kaydee, Grade 1, Mt. Holly Springs Elementary School



My favorite job is being the pencil helper.

Uma, Grade 1, Bellaire Elementary School



A good job for Wordy Worm is line leader. To be a good line leader, you have to stand in front of everybody. You get to lead everybody to specials and recess. Line leader is fun because you are first in line. Wordy Worm should be careful that no one steps on hm. Good luck, Wordy Worm!



Wordy Worm Gets a Job

Gus, Grade 2, Mooreland Elementary School

I would like to be an NFL football player when I grow up. The team I want to play for is the New England Patriots. One, because my friend Julien's family is from New England. Two, because their team right now is really good and my favorite player is Julian Edelman, even though he is out with an injury. Three, people are saying that Tom Brady might be the best quarterback to ever play!

Football is a very violent sport, and I like to tackle people really hard if I'm allowed to tackle people as hard as I can. I think I would be a great football player if I made it to the NFL because right now I play against the 2nd and 3rd graders, and I'm very good, especially at the quarterback position because I can pick out the defenses and find my open man. Also, I think I would be even better at wide receiver because my quarterbacks would be great when I am playing in the NFL. That's why I think I'd be a great player in the NFL.

I would like to learn about the penalty yardage because I am good at it, but there are still miles to learn. These are all of the penalties that I know. Defensive pass interference is at the spot of the foul, but if it is in the end zone, the ball is put on the one yard line and an automatic first down. There can only be pass interference on a pass play. There can be prior to the pass holding on offense or defense to not let them get open. If there is offensive pass interference, that is a 15 yard penalty that the defense likes and the offense doesn't. There can be holding on the offensive line so the defensive lineman does not get a chance to sack the quarterback. There is intentional grounding on the quarterback, and that is throwing the ball where there is no receiver in the area. There is unsportsmanlike conduct which is a 15 yard penalty. If you get two unsportsmanlike conduct penalties, then you are ejected from the game you are playing, and if it is the second half of the game, then you cannot play it the first half of your next game.

When I'm a kid, I want to learn how to Odell so I can keep practicing until I am in the NFL, if I am in the NFL. Odelling is catching with one hand away from your body and not bringing it to your chest. To practice Odelling, you could catch it with one hand and bring it into your chest, but you would need to learn how to catch before that. It is called Odelling because this player called Odell Beckham Jr. made a crazy catch with one hand and has kept doing it and now we have adapted to calling it Odelling.



Wordy Worm Gets a Job

Gus, Grade 2, Mooreland Elementary School, cont.

I would like to learn some NFL plays. For most receivers to catch the ball, they have to be on the same page as their quarterback. A route is a play. I have plays of my own, but very little, and I don't think the NFL uses them. I know what a Hail Mary is. It is when a bunch of defenders and receivers clump together and try to catch the ball in or near the red zone. If someone catches it in the end zone who is an offensive player, then it is a touchdown. But if it is caught not in the end zone, then it is probably still a big play because most Hail Marys are thrown deep down the field in the last seconds of the game to try to tie or win the game.

Hannah, Grade 4, Crestview Elementary School

I recommend Wordy Worm to work at a library because Wordy Worm is smart and loves to read. So I think that he would love to work at a library so he can work with kids and help them pick out books, and so he can read books too. Since he is so smart, he can help older people work with the computers. Also, he can help them use the internet, maybe even social media.

If Wordy Worm would work at the library, it would make our town and city a better place because he can spread his smartness and wisdom through the community. If he can do this, our community will become stronger and smarter. Also, older people will be able to keep in contact with their grandchildren and children through the internet and social media.



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