

# Wordy Worm Unplugged

**Stories and Pictures  
by  
the Buck a Book Kids  
of Carlisle Area School District**



THE ADVENTURES OF WORDY WORM

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## **About Wordy Worm & Buck a Book**

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

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

The Buck a Book committee plans events and activities that encourage kids to become life-long readers. During our 2020 campaign, our "Buck a Book Kids" were asked to write stories about what Wordy Worm could do for fun while being "unplugged" from technology. The following stories were selected for publication.

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

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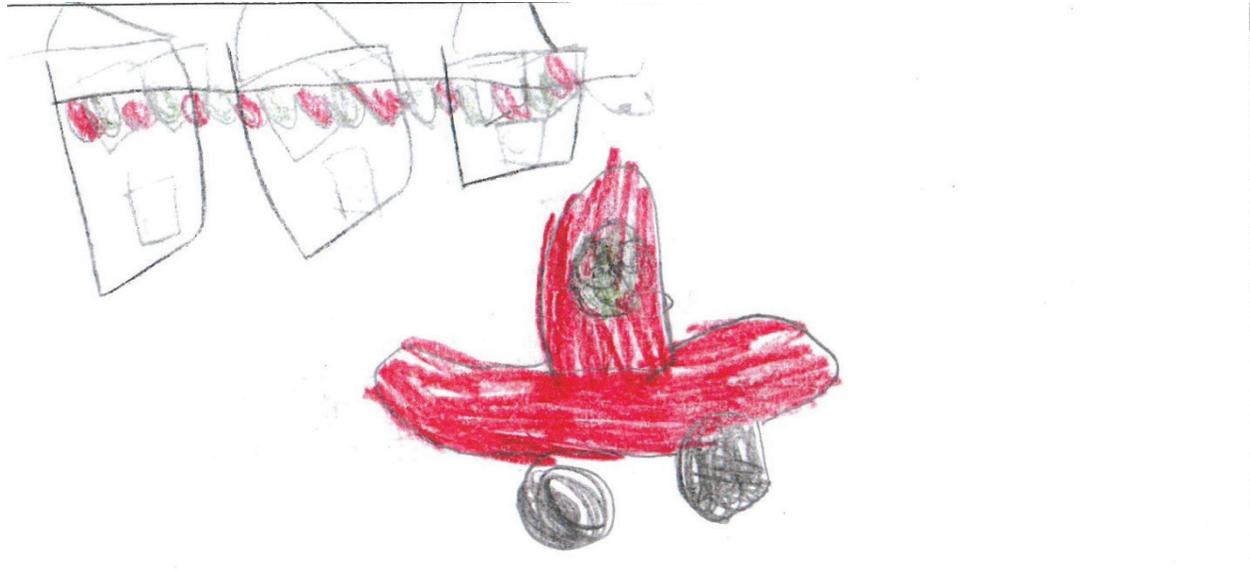
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**Ema, Kindergarten, Bellaire**

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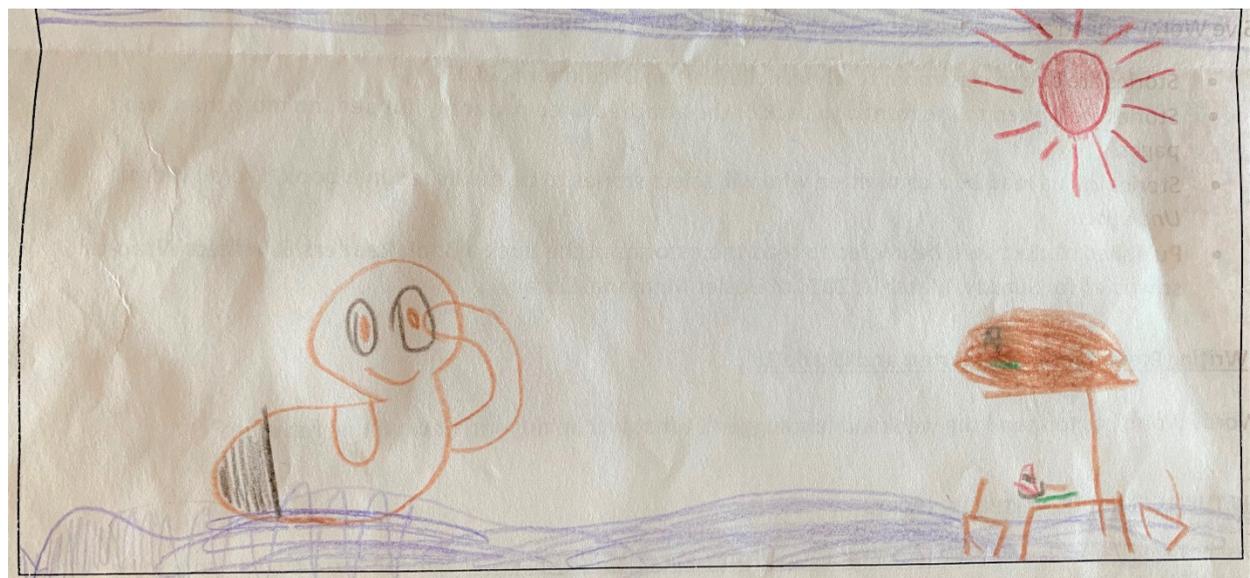
Wordy Worm can do many things. He can go to the beach. He can make sandcastles. He can swim and play in the sand. He can also have snacks and ice cream. He will have the best time!

**Arrianna, Kindergarten, Crestview**



One day, Wordy Worm's power went out. His family decided to spend the day together. First, they went out to eat. Then they went to the park. Lastly, they looked at Christmas lights and came home to play a family game.

**McKenzie, Kindergarten, Crestview**



Wordy Worm will have a fun weekend playing at the swimming pool. He will jump from the diving board, and he will also swim in the pool.

After he is done swimming, he will get a red, white, and black popsicle that looks like Spider-Man. While he is eating his popsicle, he will be sitting on a chair in the shade.

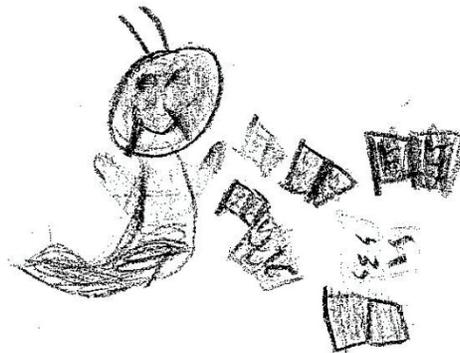
Wordy Worm likes the swimming pool.

**Dade, Kindergarten, Crestview**



If Wordy Worm has no electronics, he will go to the beach. He will play with the sand. He will swim. He will see the sea animals.

**Sameeha, Kindergarten, LeTort**



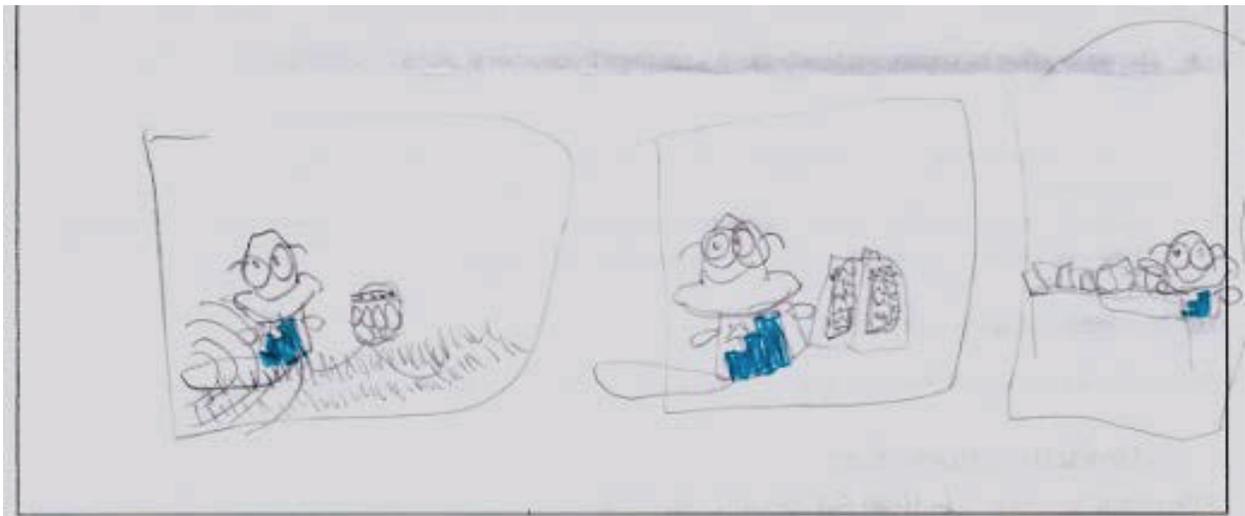
Wordy Worm will read lots of books and words.

**Catherine, Grade 1, North Dickinson**



Wordy Worm will play with me with Legos and play together.

**Lillian, Grade 1, Bellaire**



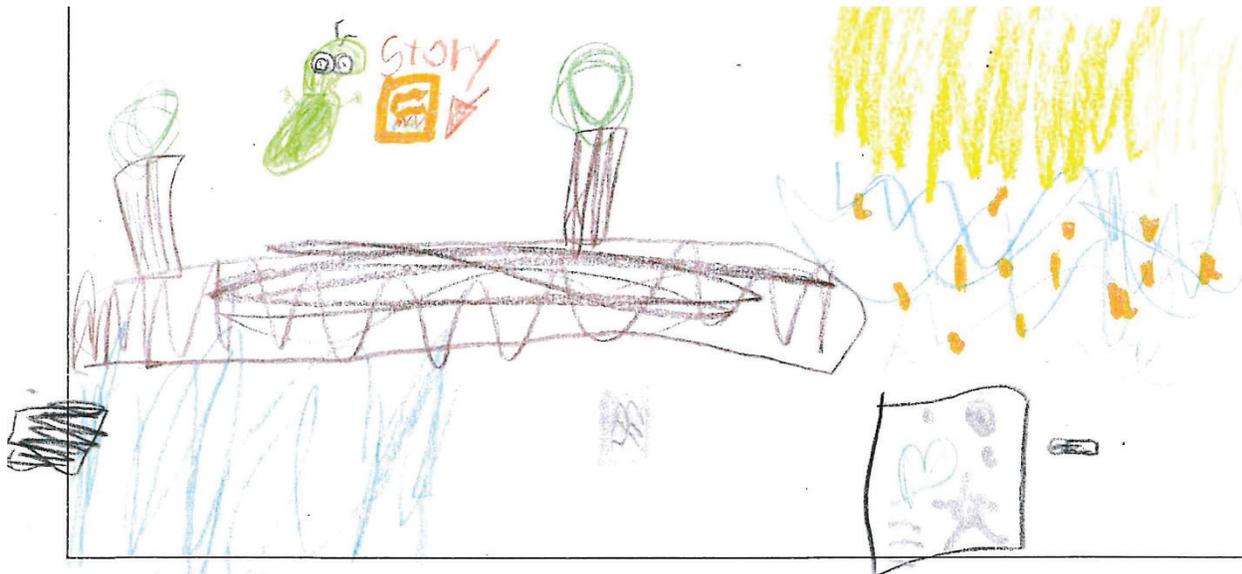
Wordy Worm can go outside and kick a ball with his tail. Wordy Worm can read Funny Pug.  
Wordy Worm can take a nap in bed.

**Susanna, Grade 1, Mt. Holly Springs**



Wordy Worm, you can go to the park outside and play with your friends. First you can play on the slide or you can play on the monkey bars. Next you can go up a ladder. You can play with a ball. You can play tag and fishy fishy cross my ocean. Last, you can play soccer and basketball, and, Wordy Worm, you will have lots of fun.

**Madelynn, Grade 1, North Dickinson**



Write a story. Go on a hike. Go to the beach and find treasure. Go swimming. Read a book. Paint a picture. Make a fort. Make a cake. Have a party. Go horseback riding.

**Yousra, Grade 1, Crestview**



Hi, Wordy Worm! My name is Yousra. I am happy to share with you some ways you can have without electronics! Go shopping with your parents. If you have parents, you can also make a drawing and color it! Play outside, it is so much fun! Riding your bike is good for your legs! You can go to the pool and then you can go to your favorite ice cream shop! Finally, reading a joke book with your friends can cheer up your day!

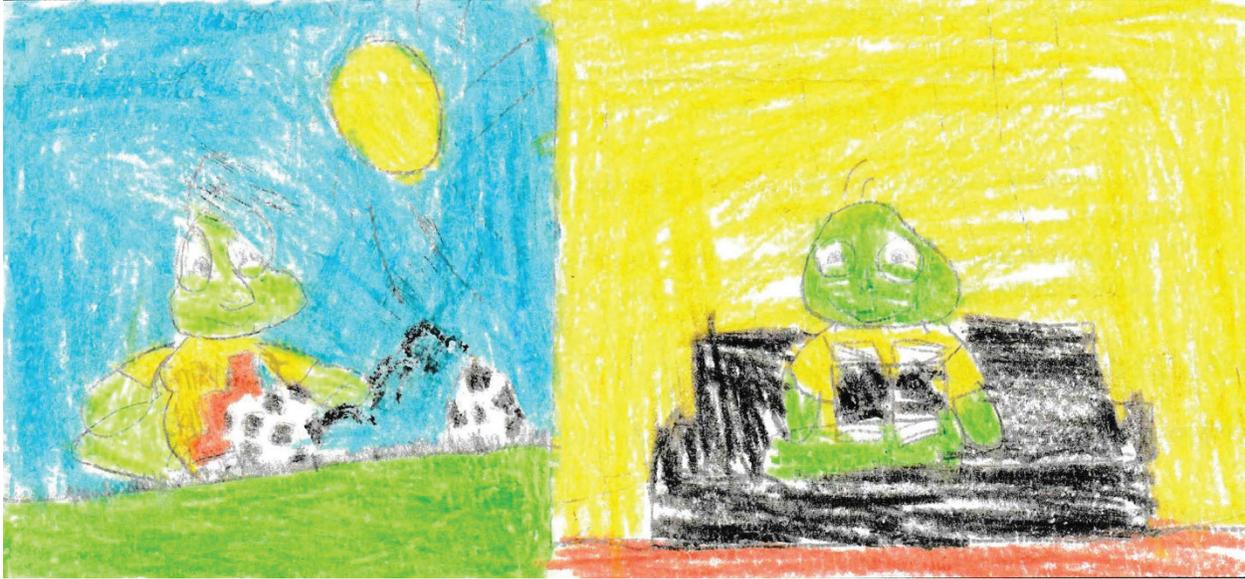
**Izzah, Grade 1, Crestview**



Wordy Worm loves to read books but what else can I do? This whole weekend I will be unplugged from technology. Maybe my friend will be at the park, or I can go swimming. How

about camping or fishing? I can start my own band and ask if all my friends want to join. This weekend sounds like fun.

**Lajla, Grade 1, Crestview**



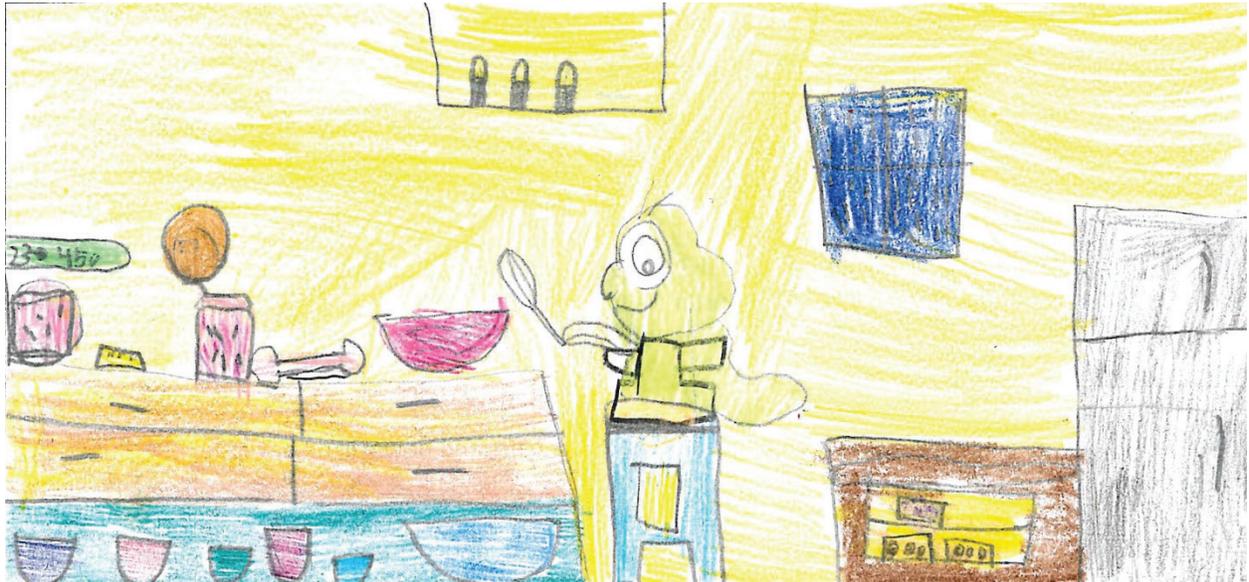
Wordy Worm can have some fun without electronics. Here let's take a look at what Wordy can do. Wordy can play soccer. Exercise is very good for you. Wordy can exercise so can you! What else could he do? Wordy can read! Reading is very great! Wordy can read so can you! Wordy can do those things. Wordy should do them and so should you.

**Ryleigh, Grade 1, Crestview**



One day Wordy Worm was on his iPad. His mom said he needed to turn off his iPad and do something more productive, so he put on his jersey and went to go play. At the end of the day he told his mom, "I should do that more often!"

**Everleigh, Grade 1, Crestview**



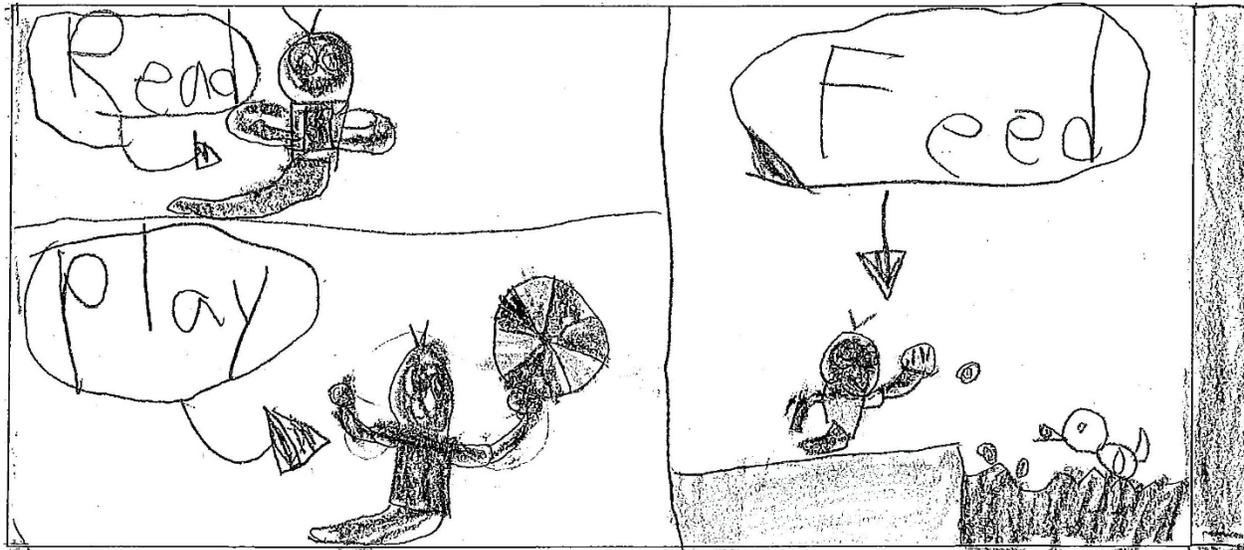
Wordy Worm will stay unplugged by baking lots of desserts. He will have fun making and decorating all the desserts. Wordy bakes cookies, cakes, pies, crazy bark and doughnuts for his friends and family. Wordy might want to look up recipes online, but he goes to the library instead to find new recipes.

**Mery, Grade 1, Mooreland**



Wordy Worm and his family are playing ball. They can play many things with the ball. They can play kickball, soccer, and catch.

**Madelyn, Grade 1, LeTort**



Wordy Worm can play with a ball. He could feed the ducks and read books too.

**Alice, Grade 2, Bellaire**

“Buckle up everyone!” Wordy Worm’s mom said. Wordy Worm and his family were going on a trip to a family survival camp! “Good thing we have our iPads!” Wordy Worm exclaimed. “When we get to the camp, I’ll charge mine. “Actually, we can’t plug them in!” Wordy Worm’s mom said. “But what do we do now?” Wordy Worm asked. “Well we can fish, run, play, feed ducks, feed fish, cook fish, go hiking, kayak, swim, draw, and much more!” Wordy Worm’s mom said. “Wow I didn’t know we could do so many things!” said Wordy Worm. “Well there’s more! Let’s make a list,” said Wordy Worm’s mom. Wordy Worm’s list: running, playing, feeding ducks, feeding fish, hiking, collecting leaves, kayaking, drawing, telling stories, swimming, cook fish, ski, zipline, snowboarding, and LEGOs. “Wow!” said Wordy at camp. “I believe there is more I can do here than I can do on apps!” Wordy Worm says. “Totally, and it’s free! Look at the free view!” Wordy Worm’s mom added.

**Sydne, Grade 2, Bellaire**

Wordy Worm is going on a trip to the beach. He did not bring any electronics. But he brought some books. His mom said “How about you come out and lay with your baby brother and big sister?” “Ok” said Wordy Worm. Outside they played catch and it was really fun. After

that, Wormy Worm was so tired he went in the camper. He read the rest of his chapter book called The Black Lagoon. Then he took a little nap. When he woke up the family was eating dinner, so he joined them. And at dinner he told them what happened in his book. He said his book was so cool there were battles and fights. “Cool!” said Mom and “Wow,” said Dad. “I love those kinds of books,” said Wordy Worm. His little brother asked him if he wanted to go outside and play after dinner and Wordy Worm said sure. So, after dinner all three kids went outside and played hide and seek and tag. Wordy Worm said “these are the best games ever!” After they were done outside, they came inside and told their mom and dad what they did outside. “I’m so tired,” said Wordy Worm. Then Wordy went to bed and he had a great vacation. The End.

### **Abby, Grade 2, Mooreland**

Once upon a time, there was a worm named Wordy Worm. Wordy’s parents said they were going on a Disney cruise ship for vacation. When Wordy got on the ship the captain said “We don’t have power on the ship this week.” When Wordy heard what the captain said he went “aww!” But when Wordy’s parents said “You can still have fun without power” Wordy got a few ideas. First, he wanted to swim in the pool. Second, he wanted to read his comic books. Third, he wanted to do the meet and greet they had on the ship. Wordy’s parents said yes to everything Wordy wanted to do! Once wordy got done with the meet and greet he went swimming again. When Wordy went back home, he never wanted to use technology ever again!

### **Hailey, Grade 2, Mooreland**

If I was Wordy Worm and we didn’t have technology, we could go camping as a family. We would go fishing, hiking, or bird watching!

At nighttime we could build a camp fire and roast marshmallows, play board games, read stories, tell ghost stories. After a fun-filled day we would all fall asleep under the stars.

### **Avery, Grade 2, Mt. Holly Springs**

This is Wordy Worm’s vacation unplugged. The Worm family is going to the beach. At Ocean City they arrive on Monday. When they get there, they get everything out of their bags. Then they go see the ocean, but they do not go in the ocean. Then they get lunch. When they are done they go hang out at the hotel room. They play board games. Then they play with toys. Then they go for dinner. When they are done the boys will go to the arcade and the girls will go to the salon. They will get their fingernails and toenails done. They will get their hair done. Then the boys and the girls will meet at the hotel room. They get ice cream. They will get clothes and backpacks for the kids. Then they go to the hotel room and go to bed. The next morning, they will get breakfast than go to the hotel room for 30 minutes. Then they go to the pool almost all day long. But when it was 12:00 they got lunch. When they were done, they went to the hotel room for 30 more minutes. They played with toys then went back to the pool. When it was 5:00

they went to a fancy restaurant at a lobster place. Then they went back to the hotel room. They played bamboozle, trouble, and got ice cream then they went back to the hotel room. They got in the car and drove around the beach then played golf. They did a family picture drawing and they did an old-time photo. Then they did a family drawing contest then went to bed. The next morning, they went in the ocean. Then they go packed up. They left and went home.

### **Allie, Grade 2, Mt. Holly Springs**

Wordy Worm's mom and dad had an announcement. His mom said "sit down". His dad said "we are going to Alaska". "Yay I am excited!" He packed up his suitcase. He took books and a ball to entertain himself. Finally, he was in Alaska. He went to his hotel room and he was just about to turn on the TV but his mom yelled "No technology on this vacation!" Wordy Worm's anger got worse and worse and he felt like a volcano erupting. But his parents said "Let's go snowboarding and skiing" but Wordy Worm didn't know how to ski or snowboard. But Wordy Worm learned how to ski and snowboard. It was so fun he forgot he was angry. When he got home, he had dinner and then told his whole family that it is not so bad without technology.

### **Henry, Grade 2, Crestview**

Wordy Worm is unplugging for an electronics-free vacation on a cruise ship. The first thing he plans to do is go to the library and check out a book called Captain Underpants. Then he will go to the deck to sit and read and watch the waves. Next Wordy Worm is going to play miniature golf with his brother and sister. Finally, he went to dinner with his family. They ate steak and talked about how they didn't miss electronics.

### **Anna, Grade 2, Crestview**

Wordy Worm is playing a forest game on his tablet when his mother says "Wordy, it's time to get off. We're going on a camping trip, unplugged! No devices, no technology, just family fun!" Wordy sadly put his tablet away, grabs his suitcase, and wiggles his way into the car.

After driving for one hour they arrive at a campground in the woods. Looking around, Wordy asks, "Mom, what are we going to do here?" Mom replies "I'm sure you can explore while using your five senses." Wordy remembers learning about the five senses in first grade. They are seeing, hearing, feeling, smelling, and tasting.

Wordy looks around and sees so many interesting things, like tall green pine trees, beautiful pink flowers, and a fast running stream. He hears the sound of birds chirping, the wind blowing, and the fire his parents made, crackling. Suddenly, he feels a cool breeze, the warm sunshine and...Ouch! The bite of a mosquito! After the bite, Wordy takes a deep breath to calm

himself down, and smells fresh pine needles, smoke from the fire, and the natural forest air. Heading back to see his family, his stomach starts to growl. Wordy picks and eats red, ripe raspberries, drinks water from the natural spring, and when he arrives at his family's camp, he is surprised with the delicious tasty treat of a toasted marshmallow s'more.

At that moment Wordy realized he had more fun on his camping trip than he would have had on his device. He couldn't experience all five senses while playing the forest game on his tablet. Wordy Worm turns to his mom and says "You were right Mom. Being unplugged is amazing!"

### **Raena, Grade 2, LeTort**

Wordy Worm and his family are going to the beach on vacation. At the beach, they can get in the pool. When they get in the pool, they can play with each other and they can splash each other. And it will be fun for them. When they get out of the pool, they will get dry and when they get dry they can go to the hotel and then they can go to sleep. When they go to sleep the next morning, they can get in the pool. I hope they have fun and I hope they have a good time sleeping and I hope they have a fun time swimming tonight.

### **Lincoln, Grade 3, North Dickinson**

Once upon a time Wordy and his family were going camping. So of course, camp grounds have no electricity. It was really dark when they got there so they set up the tent. A couple minutes later they had fried dirt for dinner. After that they went to the camping store. They forgot their s'mores stuff, so they got some marshmallows, graham crackers, chocolate, and strawberries. Soon they were roasting s'mores. Then mom and dad were reading a bedtime story to Wordy and his little sister. It was called "The Three Little Worms." Soon all of them were fast asleep. The next day Wordy smelled eggs and dirtcan, Worm's bacon. "Boy, was that a good breakfast," Wordy said. They decided to take a hike. After that, while Wordy and his sister swam for 4 minutes, their parents enjoyed the hot tub. Then they had burgers for lunch. Next, they went mini golfing. Wordy got four holes in one! Then they went fishing. Wordy caught two goldfish. So, then they had goldfish with dirt sauce. Then they were all very tired. So, they went to bed. The next morning, they went canoeing at Lake Erie. After that, Wordy and his sister went to the playground. Surprisingly, Wordy's best friend was there! "Caye!" Wordy called racing to give him a hug. The two best friends played Pirates. Soon it was lunch time. After they had lunch, they went home. The Worm family never used technology ever again.

### **Chloe, Grade 3, North Dickinson**

Hello, I am Wordy Worm. Last week my Grandma and I went to Great Wolf Lodge. Grandma said no electronics because then we could focus on enjoying ourselves. When we got there, we unpacked and then went swimming, it keeps us slimy. Afterword reread "Harry Potter

and the Prisoner of Azkaban.” I loved the part with the snake. My grandma gave me some money and I went to Build-a-Bear Workshop. I made a wolf wearing orange and green striped pajamas. Then Grandma and I went snowtubing. We got cold and had to come inside. Luckily, she brought hot chocolate packets in her suitcase and we had a fireplace in our room. While she was making the cocoa, I had a nice relaxing bath. I played with my rubber ducky and thought about what might be for dinner. I drained the tub and then we had a chat over cocoa. “So Wordy, do you want to go to the PJ party with the Great Wolf Kids? You could meet some new friends?” “Alright, I was hoping you would ask that. Thanks Grandma! You’re the best!” Then I got into my PJ’s and ran down the hall. Then I saw two worms rushing around. “Hey Tina, come on, we’re going to be late for the PJ party!” “Fred, I have to get in my PJ’s.” Later on that night, Wordy met the two worms. Their names were Fred and Tina. They were cousins from Texas. Fred was seven and Tina was eight, and they both liked Harry Potter. So, they became good friends. “Hey Wordy can Tina and I take your picture?” “No wat my Grandma said that this is an unplugged vacation so no electronics!” “Wordy Why unplugged?” I answered, “Unplugged because we are at a new place where there are lots of new activities and new things to try and new friends to make. When we are at home, we have electronics and don’t have these activities and can’t meet these friends. So that is why we should be unplugged.” Wordy went to bed dreaming about fun unplugged activities with his new and old friends for tomorrow. Especially snowboarding! The End.

### **Madina, Grade 3, Mooreland**

“Wordy Worm, we are going to the Amazon!” said Wordy Worm’s Dad. “Yay, yay, yay!” said Wordy Worm. “When do we leave?” “Just about now,” said Wordy Worm’s Mom. The worms drove their little green car to the Amazon rainforest. After 30 minutes of driving, the Worms reached their destination. “Wow!” said Wordy Worm “it’s so green here.” “Isn’t it so beautiful?” said Wordy Worm’s mom sighing at the sight. “Son!” said Wordy Worm’s dad. “You can look around for a bit while I and your mom set up the tent and everything else. Wordy Worm’s Mom and Dad assigned a tourist to look after Wordy Worm while they set up everything. The tourist gave Wordy Worm a small notebook and a pencil. “You can write down what interesting animal you saw and write down what they did,” said the tourist. The two worms started walking through the rainforest. As they did Wordy Worm saw many wonders. First, they saw a jaguar leaping through the jungle trying to catch a Golden Lion Tamarin Lemur. Next, they saw a bird place because it was full of birds. They saw a Reggiano Bird of Paradise playing with a King Saxony bird. Then, they also saw a Red Tufted Malachite Sunbird singing while a Blue Bird of Paradise danced to the beat. Finally, the saw a Scarlet Tanager bird singing the most beautiful song they ever heard. Wordy Worm wrote down the things he saw while he was with the tourist. Together they walked back to where Wordy Worm’s Mom and Dad were waiting. Wordy Worm told them all about what he had done with the tourist. “Son we are so proud of you!” said Wordy Worm’s Dad. That night Wordy Worm knew something. He had gone unplugged!

### **Maria, Grade 3, Bellaire**

Me and Wordy Worm play in the snow in the winter. We build snowmen and we had a snowball fight. After that we drunk hot cocoa. We also saw a movie with popcorn. We are good friends. In the Spring we went to the park and saw birds, butterflies, and rabbits, we also saw ducks. We had picnic with sandwiches, and he ate leaves. After we finish we took time to read some books. I read Dog Man. And he read Journey to the Center of the Earth. It was a very relaxing day. In summer me and Wordy Worm went out to swim in the pool. The water was cool. We had fun with water guns and floaties. We also had a cookout. We had the best summer. In autumn we liked to play with the leaves that fall from the trees. It was quite fun. After that we watched movies and that was the most fun part. Thank you, Wordy Worm, for being my friend. I enjoy sharing with you. I love you so much.

### **Katherine, Grade 3, Crestview**

Once upon a time there was a worm called Wordy Worm. He was packing to go to Florida, or should I say Disney World. He packed his wormy sunglasses and his wormy toothbrush. And then he slugged all the way to the car and got in. And then Mr. Wordy Worm drove off. He brought his phone and got it out of his bag and before he got it Mrs. Wordy Worm said there will be no electronics in the car or in the airplane. So poor Wordy Worm had a bag where phones and electronics would be taken into and it was where Mrs. Wordy Worm was. So Wordy Worm had to put the phone in the bag. And he did. He either had to sleep or read. He decided to read. He read so much that he fell asleep. Mr. Wordy Worm woke up Wordy Worm and told him there at the airport. They got food at the airport. It was called Subway. They had 3 sandwiches, 3 bags of chips, and drinks. Then they had to get on the plane. Most of the day he looked out the window. Then he fell asleep. When he woke up, he saw his phone and asked Mrs. Wordy Worm when he could have his phone back. Not right now Wormy. And then the plane was at Florida and they had so much fun in Disney World he forgot about his phone.

### **May, Grade 3, Mooreland**

These are some things that Wordy Worm can do on his vacation unplugged: If there's a beach or a fun amusement park nearby he could go to places like that. Wordy Worm can also read books to take his imagination to a far away land. If there aren't really fun places around, he could do a quiz book or play board or card games. Wordy Worm can play with toys he packed for his vacation. These are some fun things Wordy Worm can do on an unplugged vacation in the summer.

If he were to go on a vacation in the winter some fun things are about snow. One thing he could do is build a snowman. It's fun to build snowmen. He could also have a snowball fight with his family. Wordy Worm could go skiing or ice skating if he has the right talent. These are some things Wordy Worm could do on winter vacation.

### **Brandon, Grade 3, Mooreland**

Wordy Worm and his family could go unplugged on vacation in many ways. One place he and his family can go out to the beach. He and his family could swim in the water or relax in it. They can also build sand castles. Last, they can lie on the smooth sand. This is what Wordy Worm and his family can do on the beach.

If him and his family don't want to go on the beach, he can go to the zoo. He can go see animals like a Zebra. Him and his family also can ride the Safari ride if there are any. Last, they can see the reptile show. This is what Wordy Worm and his family can do at the zoo.

If Wordy Worm and his family don't want to go to the zoo, they can go hiking. If they brought a fishing rod, they can catch fish. They can also make marshmallows and eat them at night. Another thing they can do is bike ride if they have a bike. As well they can see wonderful animals. Also, they can see the bright stars and moon. Next, they can sleep in their tent and dream about their day. Last, they can climb a mountain and see the huge forest. This is what he can do while hiking. These are some ideas for Wordy Worm and his family for vacation.

### **Olivia, Grade 3, Crestview**

Wordy Worm and his family were going on vacation to rustic Camp Bookworm, a place with no electricity. Since they couldn't use electricity, they decided to check in to their cabin and go to the lake. The Worm family put on their life jackets and split up into teams for their annual fishing competition. Josephine, mom, and Melissa were in one canoe while Albert, dad, Phineas, and Wordy were in another. After twenty-three minutes the girls hooked a family record breaking six-pound rainbow trout! During their ferocious fight, the girls skidded into shore where the boys waited with a one-gram guppy.

The Worm family inched to the mess hall to enjoy a lunch of dirt and bug juice. Lunch was followed by a round of miniature golf, but they got stuck in the first hole! Then they all agreed it had been an exhausting day, so they inched on to their cabin for a rest. Forty-five minutes later they awoke with a brilliant idea, horseback riding! Wordy was too afraid to mount the horse so he decided to just watch. As the day was coming to an end, they gathered around the campfire and shared their amazing day stories without one mention of electronics.

### **London, Grade 3, LeTort**

Once upon a time there was a worm named Wordy, he was going to London, England with his family for Christmas. "Wordy, time to go to London!" said Wordy's mom. "Ok!" said Wordy. Wordy lived in Europe so it won't take long in the car to drive to London. Wordy's dad likes planes more, but on their trip they can't have electronics! Wordy didn't really care because he likes books more. "Wordy you can only get three books from home," said Wordy's mom. Wordy can't wait to go to London and even brought a book about London!

Wordy was finally at London. Wordy's mom was so happy to go on a family trip and spend time with each other. Wordy's first stop in London was the London Eye which is a ferris wheel in London. When they got to the London Eye, Mr. Wordy had to pay to get on. When they got in the ride it was as huge as 5 people on the ground. Wordy was so excited. He saw Big Ben from the ferris wheel! "Wordy the ride is done!" shouted Wordy's mom. Wordy and his family get in the car to go to the next stop.

Wordy got to the next stop which was to visit the queen and king! Wordy got in the castle. He also realized the princess had a son who was 7 and his name was George. They played together with George's toy train and cars. "Wordy time to leave," said Wordy's mom. "Bye bye George," said Wordy. Wordy had the best time in London, England ever!

### **Lillie, Grade 3, Hamilton**

Once upon a time Wordy Worm was going camping but without technology. He was very nervous. He thought he would be bored. It turns out that you can do many things without technology. First Wordy Worm and his dad went to a big fishing competition. They caught the biggest and best fish, and won a first place trophy. After that Wordy Worm and his dad went back to the camp site to have lunch. They grilled hot dogs over the fire, they were the best hot dogs he ever tasted. Then Wordy Worm and his mom played Go Fish, and Wordy Worm won. Next Wordy Worm went on a hike up a mountain with his sister (they saw a lot of wildlife.) When they reached the top, they could see for miles, it was the most beautiful thing they had ever seen. After that they went back and took a nap in a hammock. After their nap they had dinner. Then they had to go to bed. Wordy Worm and his brother slept in a bunk bed together. In the morning Wordy Worm got dressed and went outside. He saw his parents making breakfast for him. After breakfast Wordy Worm got his bathing suit on and walked to the lake. The first thing Wordy did at the lake was go swimming. Then Wordy Worm's dad taught him how to kayak. After at the lake Wordy Worm and his dad had to go back to the camp site to pack up. Once they were packed up, they hopped in the car and left, but Wordy didn't want to leave he wanted to do more things with his family, and not play video games.

### **Gokul, Grade 3, Hamilton**

1. Wordy Worm and his family are going to the forest. They can enjoy their time by learning about nature and animals. Then they can go camping and enjoy their time by talk to their family and look at the bright shining star while going to sleep.
2. Then the Wordy Worms family are going to the Farm. They can enjoy their time by picking fruits like apples, strawberries, peaches blueberry, blackberry, and cranberries. Then they can visit the Farm animals such as cows, pigs, sheep, horses, donkeys, ducks, geese, goats, rabbits, and chickens. And then they can look at vegetable such as corns, carrots, and chillies.
3. Next Wordy Worm and his family can look around town. They can enjoy their time by going to a hotel and eat food, then buy stuff in the store. They can look at famous buildings.

They can enjoy their time by going to all these people.

### **Laurel, Grade 4, North Dickinson**

“Mom why do we have to go unplugged on our vacation. There’s nothing to do,” said Wordy “I think we are going to go to go to the local library, the community center and visit the fire fighters.” “*I can’t wait,*” said Wordy sarcastically.

“First, we are going to the local library.” We get some books to read to the fire fighters when we visit later. We pick out two books called I am Doug the Pug and Jampires. I check the books out with my library card. Now our next stop is the community center.

When we got there, we went to the room were the homeless people are. “In our car we have blankets for you,” said Wordy. We also brought you canned goods and cookies. We brought two books for us to read to you. We read the books with them. We were there for almost two hours. “Have a nice day!” said Wordy. Now the most fun place all day... the fire station!!!

Now we are at the fire station. “Hello, would you like to hear two books I got at the library?” We read the firefighters our books. Then, they asked us if we would like to have a ride in their fire engine. We went on a ride and then went home. “What a great day!!!!!!!!!!”

“Hey mom,” said Wordy. “Yes Wordy,” said mom. “I think I am going to go outside and play,” said Wordy.

### **Elizabeth, Grade 4, Mooreland**

Hi! My name is Wordy Worm, and I am going around the world by subway to Worm Wonderland. The catch is, I made a promise with my brother that we can’t bring any electronics.

I am going to bring three books, my water bottle, an extra pair of clothes, and some board games. My brother is bringing flash cards, his water bottle, an extra pair of clothes, and a hat. My mom and dad are bringing snacks.

To go to Worm Wonderland, you have to dig deep into the dirt and turn left. Then you will see a subway train, the Worm Express. That is mostly how we worms get around. During the trip we played Exploding Kittens and flash cards.

When we got to Worm Wonderland, we saw in everything you could imagine! There was a little worm area, a worm playground, and a digging hole. There are also rollercoasters, and we played on those.

We then went to a bakery to have a snack. I got a cookie that was shaped like an owl. My brother got a piece of cake. My parents didn’t get anything.

After we had fun, it was time to go home. We had a lot of fun. We ate dinner on the subway. We had worm casserole, and for dessert, worm sundaes. My family and I had an awesome trip together.

### **Caleb, Grade 4, Mt. Holly Springs**

I think Wordy should go to my hunting camp for an unplugged vacation. There is no cell phone service or internet there! Some people think that is boring, but there is lots to do. One thing Wordy can do is go on a hike. Wordy could also fish in the creek. Campfires are really fun too. Last Wordy can spend time with family and play board games. My favorite board game to play is Settlers of Catan. That is what Wordy could do at my hunting camp for an unplugged vacation.

### **Evan, Grade 4, Mt. Holly Springs**

I definitely think that Wordy Worm and his family should rent a cabin at Ricket's Glen State Park! They could definitely do a lot of fun things and have a lot of fun there without electronics!

The day that Wordy Worm and his family got to the cabin that they would be staying in at Ricket's Glen State Park, they didn't have much time to explore, so they just had a little fire to cook their supper over. While Wordy Worm's parents cooked that family's supper, Wordy Worm entertained all of his brothers and sisters by playing the ukulele for them. When Wordy Worm's parents announced that supper was ready and it was time to eat, Wordy Worm put his ukulele away and went to sit down at the picnic table outside the cabin. While they ate supper, they played a few games including Yahtzee, Pictionary, and, after they had all finished eating, they had a very intense, competitive chess tournament! It took a while, but it was really fun and worth it in the end.

The next morning, when Wordy Worm woke up and looked outside, he saw that his parents had started a very pleasant little fire and they were sitting by it talking. When Wordy Worm got outside to his parents, he noticed that none of his brothers or sisters were out there yet, which meant that they were still sleeping. Wordy Worm then noticed two pots hanging over the fire, so he asked his parents what they were doing. They said that they were cooking oatmeal for breakfast, and that they were making and heating up hot chocolate. Wordy Worm asked them if he could make his special herb tea, and they said yes. Wordy Worm got a pot, picked some herbs, put them in, filled the pot up with water, and put it over the fire to boil. Then Wordy Worm's dad asked him if he wanted to go on an early morning walk while they drank their hot chocolate and tea. Wordy Worm said yes because he wanted to go get some of the fresh morning air, but he also wanted to go before his six brothers and eight sisters woke up! Later that day, Wordy Worm biked to a trail, hiked up along the stream a little ways, hiked back to his bike, and biked down to the lake, where he met the rest of his family to go fishing and swimming. They all ended up catching at least one decent fish for their supper. They all had a lot of fun swimming too! When they all got back to the cabin, Wordy Worm went exploring in the woods around the cabin before supper and did the same the next morning, before he helped his family pack up their stuff in the car for the long ride home! He also wrote an entry in the cabin notebook!

As you can see, there are many excellent, fun things that Wordy Worm can do on a vacation to Ricket's Glen State Park without electronics!! I hope you had fun going on an unplugged vacation to Ricket's Glen State Park with Wordy Worm and the rest of his worm family!!

## **Gabriel, Grade 4, Mt. Holly Springs**

Wordy Worm was going to the beach with his family, and he thought about all the fun things he was going to do, but his favorite things to do at the beach were making sandcastles, eating food, and the best of all, playing on his Nintendo 3DS.

On the long airplane ride there, Wordy fell asleep. He and his family got to sit in the first-class seats, and they were so comfortable. Why they got the first-class seats was because his dad, Jose, was the host of everyone's favorite cooking show, *The Baking Apocalypse*. Some people wanted his autograph before they had to buckle up. His mom, Kathryn, was a stay-at-home mom, but she still did a lot of work.

When they got there, Wordy decided that he was going to play his device near the end of the day and play in the sand first. Later, when he was going to play his 3DS, he reached into his suitcase, moved his hand around, but he didn't feel it. He thought that he should look inside instead of just feeling for it. He looked inside, but he didn't see it either. He decided to look in his backpack, and he asked his mom and did if they took it, but they said it was his responsibility to take care of his DS.

After looking everywhere he could think of, he was really worried. What would he do without devices? He was so blue, he didn't even want to have supper, or play his favorite game, Word jam, and it was a word game! He realized he must've left it at home by accident, or it slipped out of his bag while he was sleeping in the airplane.

Wordy Worm stayed in his room alone, until his mom came in. They were talking about how his devices aren't everything. When they were done talking, Wordy Worm brightened up, and decided to eat some supper, even though it was past supper time. Wordy was still kinda sad, though.

The next day, he decided to play in the waves. That was one of the things Wordy liked most when he was on the beach. Then, he decided that he should've been doing the thing he liked most. He quickly rushed to his room, but then he remembered that his DS was gone. "I'm bored," Wordy said to himself. "There's nothing to do." He was so bored, he went under his bed, lay down, and started scratching the wood on the bed with his stylus from his DS. Then he realized, where'd he get his stylus from? He noticed that there was something under his head, hoping that it was his 3DS, but it was just his stylus case. It was just that his case had not been zipped.

Then his mom came in. She said, "Look what I found!" and she was holding his DS. Then she said, "Before you get on there, think of all the things you did that weren't playing on your DS. You made a sandcastle, ate junk food, and played in the water, all about 3 times."

Wordy thought for a minute and realized that he didn't need devices to be happy. He said, "I don't want to be on here right now. I can be happy doing other things." Kathryn Worm was glad that he made that decision and walked out of the room.

The moral of the story is, you don't have to play on devices to be happy. You can play board games with your family, talk with your friends, and so much more.

The end.

### **Paige, Grade 4, North Dickinson**

Wordy Worm is going on vacation and uh-oh! He has to go unplugged! No technology all vacation? Well, don't worry Wordy Worm, there's a lot more things that you can do instead of technology! Here is some things you can do over vacation. One of my personal favorite things to do on vacation is to sit outside and listen to birds chirp. I also like to identify the types of birds while I'm at it. Another one of my favorite things to do is to go camping. While camping you would be able to catch fireflies. The fireflies light up in the dark and look like hundreds of little flashing nightlights. While camping you can also make super yummy s'mores. Don't burn your marshmallows! While camping you could also sing fun songs near the campfire underneath the starry sky. Wordy Worm, you could also enjoy a relaxing day and go to your local library and spend the day there. You could even check out books with your own library card. Whatever book you get could be for you to read to yourself or out loud. You could checkout a book to read to your siblings, mom, dad, grandpa, grandma, aunt, uncle, niece, cousin, or anybody else you would like to read that book to. See Wordy Worm? Being unplugged all vacation won't be that bad. Just have fun! You might learn other things you enjoy doing besides technology like camping, listening and identifying birds, and going to your local library and taking out a book for you or to read to anyone else you would like to read it to. Have a great vacation Wordy Worm!

### **Nora, Grade 4, Hamilton**

Hello, I'm Wordy Worm. Me and my family are going camping together. The reason why we are going camping is because it's a great vacation for a family. On this vacation, me and my family are going to go sightseeing, we are going to play family games together, we are going night gazing at the beautiful night sky to see all the beautiful stars, we are going to sit by the campfire and roast marshmallows while telling stories and singing song's. Being unplugged is the best thing ever. You don't need technology to have fun. I choose camping because we wanted to explore nature, breath fresh air, explore together and most of all be together as a family.

### **Ashraf, Grade 4, Hamilton**

Have you ever went Hershey Park it is very fun. That's why Wordy Worm should go to Hershey Park. It is for everyone, it has lots of rides, and has a water park.

One day me and my family went to Hershey Park. The first ride we went on was the horse ride. Then we went to the bumper cars. I got stuck a couple times and got hit a couple times.

Then I went to the Hershey water slides. My favorite water slide was the whirl pool because it goes fast, and you get dropped in an open sphere. Another slide I like was the green slide because there are little bumps which make you go in the air, and it's very dark.

After that I went to the Shore. The Shore is like a beach that's why I like it and has waves too.

Me and my dad went to the water park but this time we went to the park that has the equipment. It has huge bucket of water that will spill on you when it fills up. Another cool thing is the water gun they have bad range but you can still shot people with the water guns.

Then we went on the great bear roller coaster it flips and it goes very fast. After we went on a boat ride there were no seat belts so it was really fun at the drop. Then I went on the comet it wasn't very scary.

At the end we had a lot of fun. Then me and my family went back home, and when we got home, I fell asleep away because of all of the fun we had.

### **Kloey, Grade 4, Crestview**

On Wordy Worms trip he had no internet so he had to go unplugged and he wants you to know what he did without electronics. First, he played some board games and other games that are not on boards like Duck Duck Goose. Second, he played outside with friends and family. Third he drew and colored and he also wrote a letter to his school and he said "Dear class, I am doing my school work and I am having a good time and I miss you guys" from Wordy Worm.

The fourth thing he did was play with some toys. Fifthly he read a book. Number six well these things everybody does, go to the bathroom, eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner also drink, and last but not least go to bed and wake up. Two last things, he also changes his close brushes his hair and teeth. Those are things (I think everybody does) that Wordy Worm and his family and friends did. Seventh he went hunting with his Dad and older brother. Meanwhile his mom stayed with his 2 sisters. Number eight they chopped some wood for the fire at their cabin, for the fire pit, and for their home. Tenth he roasted smores at the campfire with his family and friends and told some spooky stories and went to bed. In the morning they packed up their things and went home.

### **Julianna, Grade 4, Crestview**

"Wordy! We're going on a vacation!," said mom. "Where to, and why?," asked Wordy. "We are going to Georgia, because your father and I thought you might want to go somewhere hot.," said mom. "Ok.," said Wordy. Wordy and his family are going on a vacation, but there's one thing mom and dad haven't told wordy.... "Umm, Wordy, we have to go on our vacation unplugged.," said mom and dad. "So that means I can't bring my iPad?," said Wordy. "Yep, and we aren't bringing our technology either!," said dad.

The worm family had to use dad's old map to find their way. "How much longer?," said Wordy. "About three hours.," said dad. "Just look out the window and see nature.," said mom convincing Wordy.

"Wordy, Wordy, wake up! We're here in Georgia!," said mom very excited. "Finally! So, what are we going to do?," asked Wordy. "Your father and I thought about going to play miniature golf.," said mom. "Ok, let's go!," said Wordy.

"I want the blue club!," yelled Wordy.

"Hole in one, hole in one!," said dad.

That was fun for the Worm family that Saturday afternoon, but they still had two days in Georgia, being unplugged. On Saturday Wordy had an idea! He told his family to go to the public library and borrow some books. So that's what they did. Mom got cook books, dad got books about towns in Georgia, and Wordy got a book about lakes.

It was now Sunday night and Wordy and his family were still reading. They just finished packing their suitcases. Wordy and his family loved being unplugged! It was quite nice. “Dad, can you buy me some books when we get home?,” asked Wordy. “Sure.,” said dad. “Yess! I love being unplugged!,” said Wordy. “Can we do it again on our next vacation?!,” said Wordy.

## **Abigail, Grade 4, North Dickinson**

### **Bahama Bash**

It was vacation time in the worm household. They were boarding a plane, just as Wordy realized something. “Mom, Dad, I forgot my iPhone!” “Wordy,” his mom said sternly, “we don’t need to go back for your phone.” “HA HA HA HA, you have no phone,” Warren said. Warren, Wordy’s younger brother, never helps the situation. Wordy remembered something as the plane took off. “Stop the plane,” Wordy yelled. “I forgot my iPad!” Now this was a very technologically advanced city, so the plane slowed down a little bit. “Wordy, be quiet right now,” his Dad boomed! “But Dad, my iPad,” he whined. “We can do other things, his Dad said. “We are going to the beach...yeah the beach,” his Dad stuttered. “It was supposed to be a surprise but...we are going to the Bahamas.” “Wow Dad...yay,” Wordy shouted. “We can go swimming, fishing, play volleyball and lawn bowling. Do they do that there?” asked Wordy. “Calm down please. We are in public,” Dad whispered. “Sorry Dad,” Wordy apologized.

The next day, a giant crowd of worms rushed out of the plane. It was humid hot and the air was salty. The sun was shining. “Whoa,” Warren gasped. The hotel was huge. “Mommy, let’s go fishing,” Wordy yelled once they were inside the hotel room. “I got the room that hung over the water on purpose,” his dad said proudly. “Well then,” his mom said. “We ought to go fishing.” “I want to catch a shark,” Warren yelled. “A great white.” “I’m going to catch all the other fish in the whole ocean,” said Wordy. “Will not,” Warren said. “Will to,” Wordy snapped. “I will,” Wordy yelled. “Ok, settle down and let’s actually go fishing,” his dad exclaimed. “Let’s go,” Wordy and Warren yelled in unison as they both dashed out the door. Then they appeared underneath the clear glass balcony. “Hey wait up,” their mom and dad laughed as they ran after them. “Momma Momma,” Warren yelled. “I got something big on my line!” “Pull it up son, I’ll help,” dad shouted as he ran over with mom. They pulled and pulled until they hauled it on shore. “It’s a shark,” yelled Warren. “OMG, I actually caught one,” he exclaimed.

“Warren...where is Wordy?” Mom asked. “WHAT did you use for bait,” mom snapped. “Well...mom, I used Wordy,” he squeaked. “Mmmgrffsffhn,” yelled something from inside the shark. “It’s too dark in here,” Wordy yelled. “Uh oh,” Warren whispered. “Warren...how did you get him on the hook,” Mom asked. “I...uh tied him on there when he wasn’t looking,” Warren whispered. “Get me out of here, it stinks,” Wordy cried. They tugged fiercely and POP, Wordy flew out of the shark’s mouth. “I never want to do that ever again,” he screamed. “Okay,” his mom said, “let’s go fishing for smaller specimens.” “Yes mom,” Warren groaned. “Hey, I got something,” Wordy shouted. “Wow son, it’s a gigantic big mouth bass,” dad exclaimed. “Mine is bigger,” Warren yelled back. It went on, each of them fishing for the bigger fish. When they were done, they walked off towards the hotel, smiling all the way. As the sun was setting, Wordy’s dad smiled and said “See, you didn’t need your iPad or phone to have fun after all.”

### **Amya, Grade 4, LeTort**

Wordy Word is going on a vacation with his family but he will have to go unplugged. They can go to the beach or go to a great city. Or...they can go to more! Where do you think they should go? I think Wordy Worm and his family should go to California because they can go to San Clemente and go to the pier, go to Trestles Beach and enjoy the whales, dolphins and other sea animals, and go to San Francisco to see the Golden Gate Bridge.

First, Wordy Worm should to go to California and San Clemente. San Clemente is a big town and has lots of beaches. Also, Wordy and his family could go to see the beautiful pier they have there. One other thing is that they can go out to get some ice cream at Minchis.

Next, Wordy Worm and his family should go to California and go to Trestles Beach to enjoy the sea animals. They can get a sun tan while watching the dolphins. He can also build sandcastles while going whale watching. They can sneak up on cranes and seagulls while being careful not to get eaten. At the end of the day, they could stand on the cliff there and watch seals.

Finally, Wordy Worm and his family should go to California and see the Golden Gate Bridge. One, he can drive his little worm car on the Golden Gate Bridge like I did. Next they can go out to eat at the Cheesecake Factory. They can also go swimming in the pool at their worm hotel. At the end of the day, Wordy and his family can go in their hotel room on a high floor and see the view.

Wordy Worm and his family should go to California. First, they can go to San Clemente and enjoy the town. Next, him and his family could have a blast at the beach. Finally, they can enjoy the city of San Francisco. Why wouldn't they want to go there?! Maybe you should, too.

### **Livia, Grade 4, LeTort**

Wordy Worm and his family are going on vacation, but they have to go 'unplugged'! In Oregon geysers shoot miles into the sky and wild horses run free across the plains. There are so many places to go! Where do you think he should go? I think Wordy and his family should go to Yellowstone because they could go horseback riding and see big geysers and go camping.

First, I want Wordy to go to Yellowstone because he can go horseback riding. It's fun to go riding! Wordy can see plains and rolling hills. He'll see the buffalo, moose, and deer. Wordy can draw lots of pictures of Nature.

Next, Wordy and his family should go to Yellowstone because they can see Old Glory. Old Glory is a big geyser at Yellowstone. Wordy might need to hike. Bald eagles and chickadees might be out. Wordy might need to watch out or they'll fall in! Wordy knows about hot springs so they should go.

Finally, Wordy and his family should go to Yellowstone because they can go camping. Wordy could swim in a lake. Maybe Wordy can go hiking on a path. He could make s'mores. Wordy could sleep in a cabin.

Wordy and his family should go to Yellowstone. First, Wordy should go horseback riding and see plains. Next, Wordy should see Old Glory. Finally, Wordy should eat s'mores.

## **Henry, Grade 5, North Dickinson**

Wordy Worm and his family are going on a unplugged road trip. They are going on a ski trip. They will have no wifi and did not bring any technology along. Their friend Lowly Worm is coming along too! They are going to a Colorado ski resort for a week. They are taking their apple car and some snow chains. Good thing we can rent skis said Wordy Worm's mom.

While on the trip Lowly asked what model car they were driving. Wordy's Dad said it's a classic Honey Crisp 500. They played the license plate game and I spy. They also waved at the truckers who happily blew their air horns. They enjoyed looking at the beautiful Rocky Mountains on the horizon.

When they got there, they put on the snow chains so they could make it up the steep slippery driveway. When they got to the ski resort office Lowly and Wordy took a bathroom break. Wordy's parents bought a few postcards and some snacks. Then they checked into their hotel room. They were very excited to get their ski gear on and hit the slopes!

Before they hit the slopes, they looked at the activity sheet. It listed all kinds of fun things to do like: sledding, tubing, and skiing. They picked snowboarding first and hit some great slopes. After snowboarding a snowstorm rolled in and it was perfect packing snow. They had a snowball fight and built a snowman and a fort.

They were called in to eat dinner by Wordy's parents. With full bellies and a relaxing fire, the boys soon were falling asleep. Wordy's parents could almost hear the boys' imaginations thinking about everything that they would do at the resort. They both agreed it was going to be a great unplugged week!

The End

## **Claire, Grade 5, North Dickinson**

Wordy Worm is in dad's new red car. He is with his dad, mom and his cousin Glory Inch Worm. "I'm soo bored!" groaned Wordy. "Well, all we have is books, Glory's socks and a flashlight," says his dad in reply. "What! No phones, or movies or technology?" asked Wordy Worm in surprise. "Nope!" said his father.

"Hmmm..." said Wordy. "What can we do with Glory's socks?" Wordy thought very hard for a very long time. "Aha!" shouted Wordy. "I could do a puppet show for Glory!" shouted Wordy. "Mom do we have a pen?" asked Wordy. "Yes" Wordy's mom handed him the pen. "Thank you!" Wordy took one of the extra socks and began to draw on the sock. When he finished, he said, "hey Glory! Do you want to see a puppet show?" "Ago!" said Glory. They had a lot of fun!

Wordy looked out of the window. "Wow it got dark very fast!" said Wordy in awe. "Hmmm..." thought Wordy, "this flashlight might be useful." Wordy took the flashlight and pointed it at the ground, but a blanket blocked some of its light. "Glory! Look it's a duck!" Then Wordy got a great idea. He took his hand and made a snake shape. "Oh no, it's a big vicious snake!" said Wordy. He told Glory that they should do a shadow show, so they did. His mom and dad looked at them and smiled.

Wordy was nearing the end of his trip to Atlanta, Georgia. Wordy moved his foot and he felt something odd. It was his books! Somehow he had forgot about them. “Glory, my favorite tiny toddler! Do you want your ABC book?” “Yea.” Wordy gave her the books. Then he got his book on Albert Wormstein. “Hmm... this book is very well written!” They had fun reading all day!

Soon it was over. They were at their hotel. “So kids, when we get inside you’re going to have to show me everything you did,” said his dad. “How long until we leave?” asked Wordy. “A few days.” They had lots of fun ahead of them!

The End

### **Makayla, Grade 5, Crestview**

Wordy Worm and his family are going on vacation. During their stay they will go a full vacation without technology. Wordy Worm and his family will go unplugged. What will they do without technology and where will they go? A great place for Wordy Worm and his family to go and unplug, would be Williamsburg VA.

A great thing to do when you are at Williamsburg without technology, would be to play games. Wordy Worm and his family can play many fun and awesome games like card games, board games, puzzles, easy games, and even challenging games to help you learn and expand your brain. If Wordy Worm didn’t have or bring a game, he could go to one of the shops they have.

All the shops and the hotel activities are fun and entertaining. The hotel also has a pool. They have hula hoop contests and outdoor movies at the pool. The hotel also has crafts, so you can invite all age groups. There are many fun places to go with no technology. Wordy Worm can go to the playground, and many other delicious restaurants. Wordy Worm and his family can also go mini golfing and they can ride their bikes. Those are things to do with Wordy Worm when there is no technology. Another activity you can do is go learn about history, that way it will keep your brain sharp and ready to read and rock and roll.

History is a cool topic to learn about. You can also learn in the colonial times how people dressed and how they lived in that time period. You can also take tours, so the people teach you how the people used to farm, travel, and deliver mail. The people even did skits and plays to demonstrate how and what happened. The great thing about the tours or demonstrations was that you could ask questions and learn about the colonial time period.

You could see how they lived, and you can do fun activities. You could go in cool shops and take tours. Wordy Worm and I played lots of games. That is what Wordy Worm and I did on vacation to Williamsburg VA with no technology.

## **Elanor, Grade 5, Bellaire**

Wordy Worm looked out at the rainforest. “What will I do without technology for 3 days with my family in the rainforest?” He wasn’t used to being without his phone and iPad. His family signed up for the family survival challenge. They would have to go without tech for 3 days!

The spokesman interrupted his train of thought by saying “Each of you gets a box of supplies for your team! The goal is to survive and make a shelter, gather food, and each team gets a different area to be in.”

With that he brought the Worm family to their assigned area and gave them a box of supplies. In it they found 4 flashlights, 5 yards of rope, waterproof cloth, for sleeping bags, first aid, four towels, four small brown bags, trail mix, hiking boots, and cooking supplies. Sarah Worm (Wordy’s sister) said, “What can we do with that?” “A lot, Sara,” said Dad. “I got this book from a Ranger. We could use the rope and the waterproof cloth to make a tent.” His dad told them to find a lot of stones, some sticks, and leaves. They laid the sticks and the leaves down between two trees and tied the rope tightly around both trees. Then they laid cloth on the rope. Then they aligned stones on the edges of the makeshift tent. The rest of the heavy cloth hung down like doors. They also found some extra cloth on the floor of the tent. Then they put the sleeping bags in. Soon they heard the distant sound of thunder! “Hurry! To the tent!” Mom said as droplets came pouring. “Grab the supplies!” said Dad. Later, in the tent, “Mommy, I’m scared.” “Don’t worry Sara,” said Mom. “But I’m scared of thunder.” “We are nice and cozy. There’s nothing to be scared of, Sara.” When the storm stopped, Wordy said, “Well I can’t wait for the next thing.”

## **Jadon, Grade 5, LeTort**

Wordy Worm got tired playing video games and watching tv. He let out a gasp and said “What should I do? I mean it’s summer vacation.” “Let’s go on a vacation trip” a voice suddenly said. It was Wordy’s younger brother, Wormy. “Good idea,” said Wordy. “But where should we go,” he asked. His brother said, “What about Florida?” “Nah,” said Wordy. “Why should we go somewhere hot during summer vacation?” Then Wordy’s mom came in and said “What about Antarctica?” “Yes, Antarctica,” Wordy said. Wormy was excited. “We can see penguins and icebergs.”

“Ok,” said Wordy. “But what else should we do there?” “We could go ice fishing” Wormy replied. “What else should we do?” Wordy’s mom questioned. Then Wordy had a bunch of ideas. “We could go whale watching, go jet skiing in icy water, and observe penguins.” “Ok,” said the mom. “Then we are going.”

The entire Wormy family went to Antarctica. Just like they had planned they went ice fishing. Wormy said, “Look, I caught a big one.” Then they went jet skiing. They all had green jet skis. Wordy fell once into the icy water but climbed quickly back onto his jet ski. Their favorite part of the trip though was playing with the penguins. They were really friendly. One even had a baby. The mom said “Look, that one has a yellow feather.” That was a cool one. They even huddled. It was very cold.

When they were done, they camped the night by a fire. The next day they took the same boat by a fire. The next day they took the same boat that came with back to America. They docked in New York and then drove home to Pennsylvania. “That was the best trip ever,” they all yelled when they arrived at their house. That was Wordy Worm’s summer trip.

The End

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