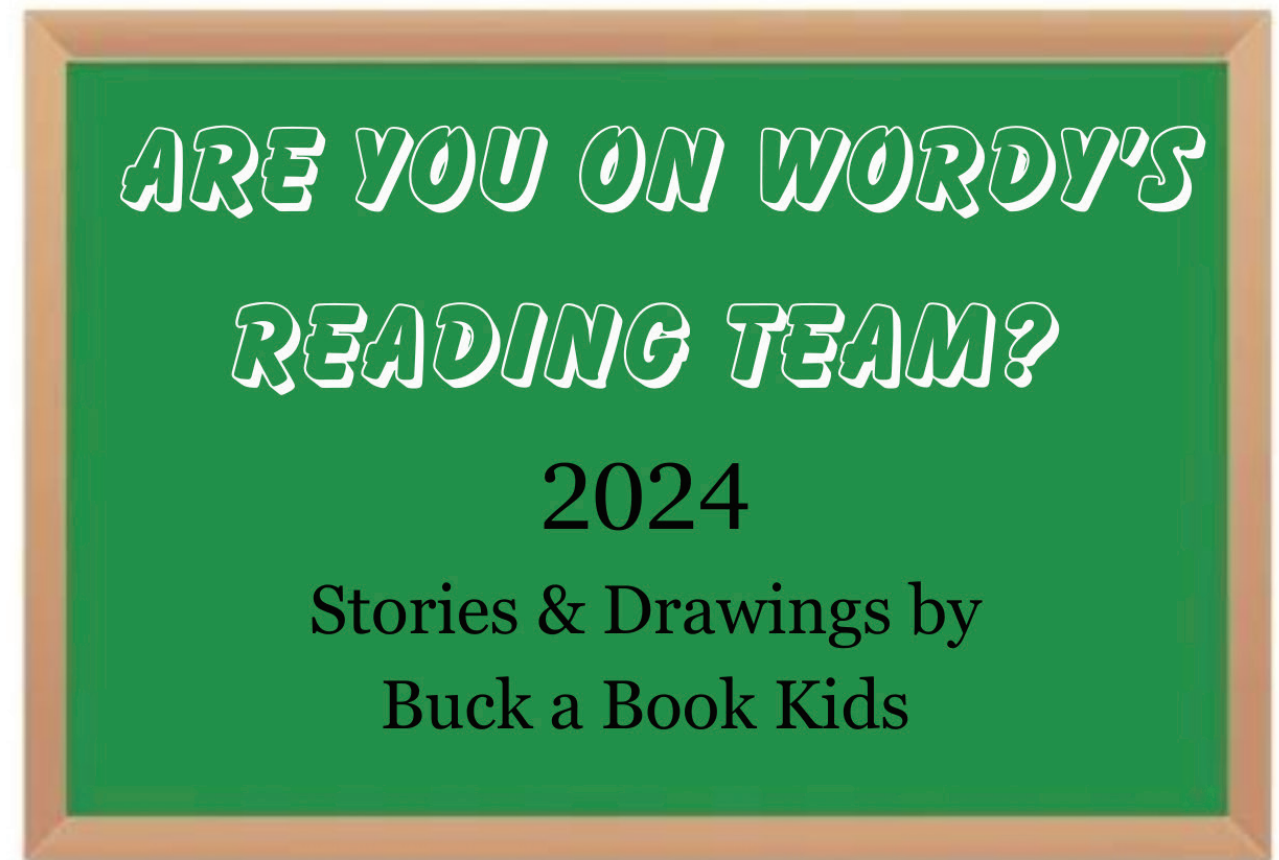




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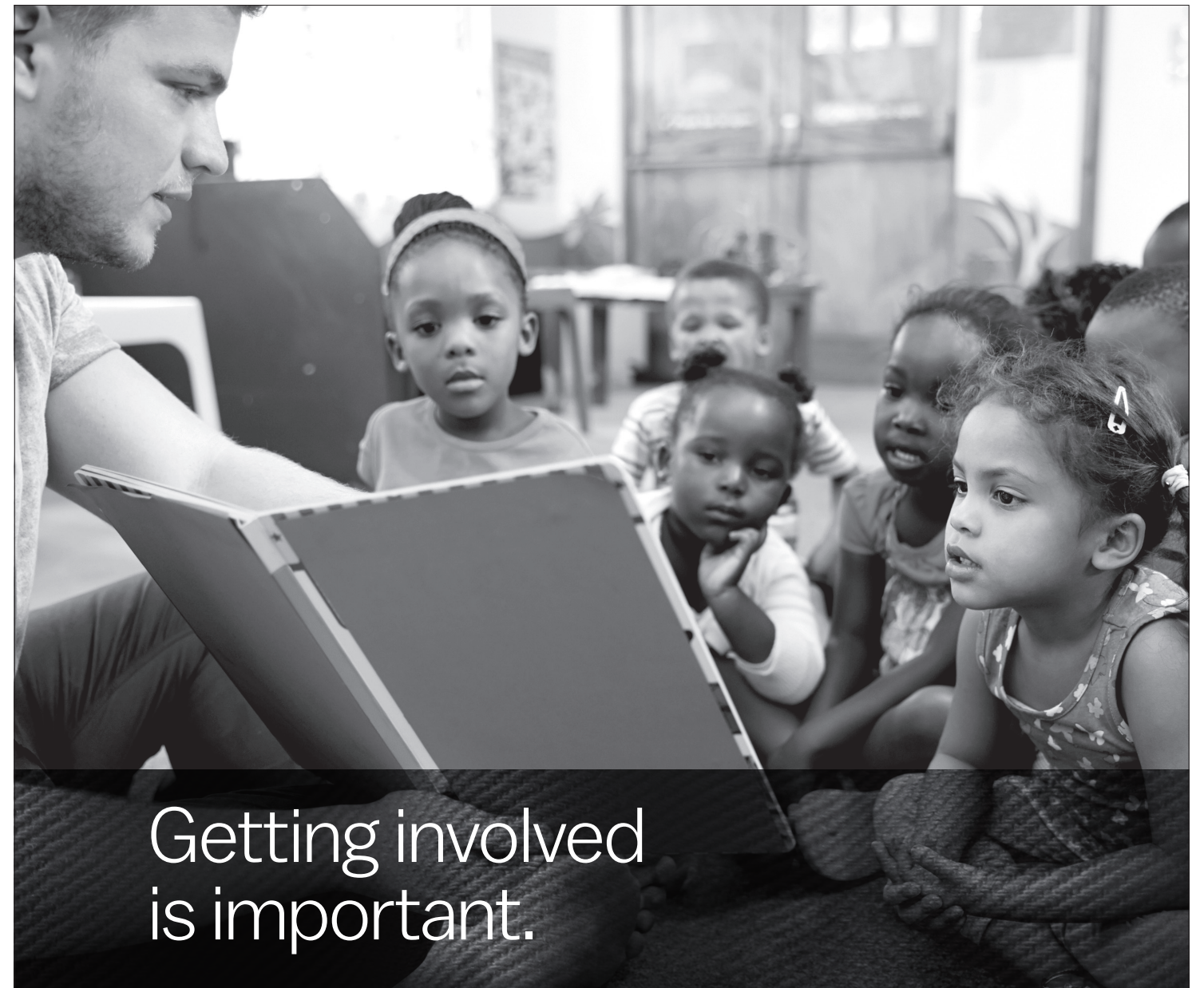
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Are You on Wordy's Reading Team?

**Stories and Drawings
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Everleigh, Grade 5, Crestview

I have a reading group at school. Currently we are reading Percy Jackson. I have had reading groups or teams in the past. So I am familiar with reading with people.

My reading group is Me, Julia, Kenzie, Raya, Evan, Milisha, Aakrite, and Lupin. I really enjoy being around these people. Every year I enjoy having a reading group, because I enjoy reading in a group. I like reading with my group because it makes reading more fun. Also the place we read is quiet. Especially because we like to stop and talk about what's happening or what we think will happen.

Even though we all help each other there is ways we all help each other individually. So Julia helps us by having great explanations and good pronunciation. While Kenzie has good focus and unique ideas. Raya helps us when she read loudly and enunciates. Evan has some great explanations and reads loudly. Milisha is an awesome help when she has great focus and enunciates. But I think Aakrites inferences and her reading loudly really helps us out. Finally, Lupins great focus and inferences are awesome.

I think my ideal reading team looks like, people who focus, care about their work, people who work together and don't read ahead of where the group stopped. Also people who enunciate and read loud enough that you can understand them. To me that would be a perfect reading group.

In conclusion, I really enjoy having a reading group because everybody is really kind so we all get along and I think reading in a group makes reading more fun for all of us.

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Journey, Grade 5, Bellaire

Yes, I do have a reading team. On my reading team is Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Cree and my Mom. I think it's important to have a reading team because they help with spelling words, and understanding what words mean. Which will help me better understand what I'm reading.

I'm in Mrs. Patterson's class and in her class she will place us in groups and give us a book to read. In our groups we popcorn read, where we each read a different part of the story. After we are done reading we go back to our seats with an assigned number and a work packet. In the work packet I will answer questions about the story I read and share them with my group. I like this activity because it makes sure that everyone is not just reading, but understanding what they are reading.

I also go to Mrs. Cree class for extra help with spelling and reading. In her class she gives us words that we get to draw out the meaning. For example, she would give us the word "exhausted" and we have to draw someone looking tired. I like doing this because it helps me understand the meaning of the words and makes me a better reader. Also on Fridays she picks out a story that we have to retell, to see how far we came that week.

My Mom is also on my reading team. She helps me with my homework and understanding the directions. She helped me on the Buck a Book assignment by helping me understand the writing prompts and listening to my rough draft to make sure what I wanted to say made sense.

I have a good amount of people on my team, but I wish I could add Mrs. Mashmeyer to my team again. I was with her for kindergarten through fourth grade. Now that I'm in fifth grade, I don't get to go to her class anymore. We had workbooks in her class to help without digraphs like "sh, ch, ck, th." If we needed extra help she would us flash cards, or give us extra packets. At the end of every year she would make us a summer packet that we could work on during the summer to help us prepare for the next grade. She was really good at going above and beyond to make sure we were meeting our goals. We also got to play learning games in her class, which were a lot of fun. So I wish she was back on my reading team.

I hope you enjoyed learning about my reading team, and why it's very important for kids to have one.

Catie, Grade 5, North Dickinson

"Mom, what's Wordy Worm's Reading Team?" "Wordy Worm's reading team is a club where Wordy Worm helps kids increase their reading skills." "Whoa! That's cool!" "Yup, let me tell you about it. If you didn't know already, Wordy Worm is a very pleasant worm that loves to read books. He shares his creative ideas and books with all the kids of Carlisle. He has just recently made another creative idea, and he surely shared it with us. Do you want to know what it is? Wordy Worm made a reading team. And of course, you might be wondering what he will do in this reading team. Well, he meets everyone who has signed up at the Bosler Library at 1pm every Saturday. There, he meets everyone in a corner of the kid's library. He picks one book every week they meet. If one kid is still behind and seems to be having trouble with their reading, then the whole group of Wordy Worm's Reading Team will help them and they'll all stay back on that skill until everyone is ready to move on," "Whoa! I'd love to be on Wordy's reading team. Sign me up." This is great. I bet Wordy Worm will appreciate more kids on his wonderful reading team. Are you on Wordy Worm's reading team? I am!

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 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 2024 campaign, our "Buck a Book Kids" were asked to write stories using the writing prompt, "Are You on Wordy's Reading Team?" The following stories were selected for publication.

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I encourage myself to read. I love to read. I read every night to go to bed. I enjoy reading and I do it all the time. Now that you know my reading team, this is why their encouragement is so important.

I enjoy reading because you can learn. One thing you can learn is historical fiction. It’s a fun way to learn history. Another thing you can learn is how to cook. You can learn to cook foods from different countries in a fun way. Another thing you can learn about it animals and funny facts about animals. Reading is a fun way to learn. Another reason I enjoy reading is because there’s mysteries. I like mysteries with cliff hangers and when you have to solve it at the end! *Coop knows the Scoop* is one of my favorite mysteries. Miss. Justice told me other students really liked it.

The last reason I enjoy reading is adventure books. The adventure makes you interested to go on adventures of your own. In the book *Diary of a Pug*, they went on a road trip. It reminded me of a road trip I went on with my cousins. When you read about adventure it shows that you can go places.

Reading opens doors to adventures, learning, and solving mysteries. My reading team has helped me love reading and I am thankful for that!

Emmy, Grade 4, Mooreland

My reading team would consist of five people. The first person would help me with any words I got wrong in the book. The second person would pick out a book for me to read. Considering he or she would need to know me well. The third person would ask me questions about the book to make sure that I did not read it just to get credit for reading the book. And that I read it to enjoy the book and possibly read it again. The fourth person would read the summary from the back of the book so that I know what to expect while reading the book. The fifth person will truthfully congratulate me when I finish the book. That is what everyone in my amazing hardworking reading team would do!

Arrianna, Grade 4, Crestview

One morning at Crestview Elementary, Wordy was really tired from the night before. He was finally asleep until Mrs. Samuelsen said “There will be a reading group project.” Wordy got very excited because he loves to read and doesn’t have any friends. He thought this would be his chance to make a friend. When Mrs. Samuelsen dismissed the class, Wordy looked around and saw everybody was already in groups. Then unexpectedly a girl names Caitlyn came up to Wordy and said, “Would you like to be in my group?” Wordy was so shocked that he just stared at her for a good 30 seconds. Finally, after the silence “He screamed “YES!!!” The Caitlyn said, “Let’s go ask my two other friends.” They walked over to Delaynee and Kennadee but turns out they were already in a group with Alayla and Harper. Caitlyn and Wordy didn’t know what to do. After school that day they went to Caitlyn’s house. It was going great but the next day, Wordy was not in the mood to read and wouldn’t read. Caitlyn was concerned that he was upset by something. So she asked Wordy what was the matter. It turns out that Wordy was stuck on a word that he has never seen before. Caitlyn felt bad for Wordy so she encouraging Wordy to keep trying and to never give up! After about 2 minutes, Wordy finally figured it out. Caitlyn was so proud of him that she could hardly contain herself by the end of the week Caitlyn and Wordy completed the reading challenge and won the prize of eating lunch in the teachers lounge!

Candy was amazing! He wanted her to be one of his best friends. That night, AJ decided to write Candy a note asking her to be his best friend. He made sure to put stickers on the note and make it special.

The next day, he snuck into Mrs. McGuire's class, who was Candy's teacher. He put the note in the desk that he knew was Candy's because he's seen her sit there when he was on his way to gym class two weeks ago. The day continued and AJ waited nervously to see Candy during recess. He was on his way to gym class yet again he walked past Mrs. McGuire's class. Candy was not sitting at the desk that he thought. AJ screamed in his head at that moment. He said to himself "oh no! The class changed desks!" He had put the note in Piper Mitchell's desk. She was the meanest, nastiest girl that the school had ever seen. The day continued and finally, it was time for recess. When AJ went out, Candy acted like he did not exist. She walked away from him and went to play with other kids in her class. Confused, AJ went to play with Ryan on the slide. As soon as he saw him, he asked "Hey Ryan! Candy's not talking to me. Do you have any advice?" Ryan said "I think she didn't get the note. I think mean Piper Mitchell got it instead and told Candy that you didn't want to be friends with her." Shocked and frustrated AJ ran over to Piper and said "Piper Mitchell! I do like Candy Peppermist as a friend. Next time, you need to back off!" Piper looked at AJ and laughed out loud and said "oohhh...you like Candy!" Just then, the other kids, started to laughing at AJ. Here he was, embarrassed again. The bell rang and recess was over. Candy looked at him from her class line. She looked sad and confused. AJ was upset because he didn't get a chance to tell her the truth before Christmas break started.

AJ tried not to think about it for the two week break, but he couldn't help it. He thought about how he could try something new to get Candy to be friends with him again, but nothing seemed to make sense.

It was the first day back from break. AJ kept looking at the clock in each class because he couldn't wait until recess. Finally, it was time to go outside. He looked for Candy in the crowded playground for 5th graders. He spotted her playing jump rope with some of her friends. Without thinking, AJ ran over to Candy and blurted out "instead of you getting the note, Piper Mitchell got the note! The note really said Candy, would you like to be my best friend. You're the sweetest girl in the 5th grade." Candy was shocked. She really thought that AJ didn't want to be her friend. After a moment, Candy excitement hit her and she told AJ that she wanted to be his best friend and that she missed playing with him at recess. Happy to hear that, AJ asked Candy if she wanted to play on the swings. She agreed and they ran off together to play. They were friends forever after that.

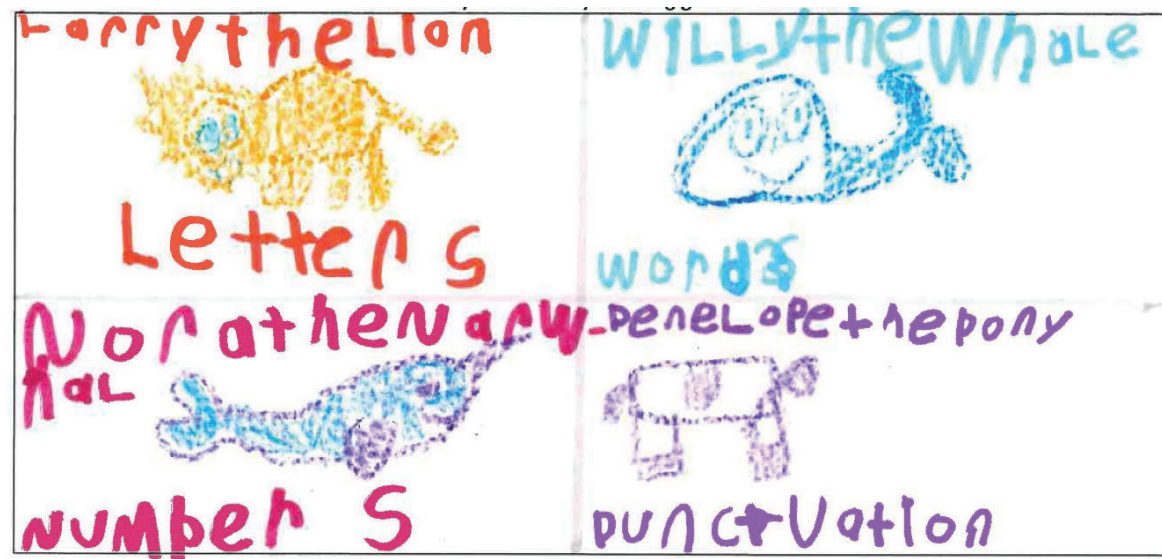
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Harper, Grade 4, Crestview

Not everyone has an amazing reading team, but I'm lucky I do. The people on my reading team are my mom, Miss Justice, Mrs. Long and myself. They all encourage me to read. Now let me introduce you to my reading team. First, there is Miss Justice she's my librarian and she encourages me to read she tells me reading is good for me. Next there is my Mom and she encourages to read over summer break. My Mom reminds me when I'm on my iPad to get off and read a book. Then there is Mrs. Long she encourages me to read on the last day of school. She says I could keep reading over summer. She gives me a bingo sheet to read and cross off the things I do on over the summer break, Lastly, there is me and

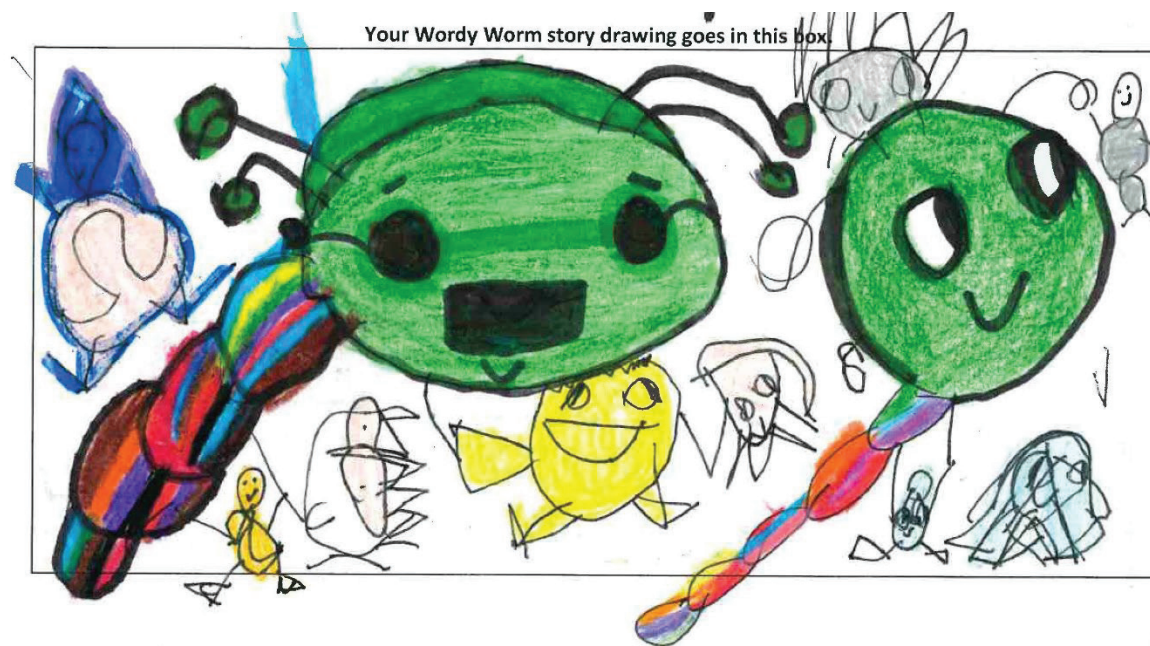
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Evelynn, Grade K, North Dickinson



Larry is on Wordy's team. Larry teaches letters.
Willy is on Wordy's team. Willy teaches words.
Nora is on Wordy's team. Nora teaches numbers.
Penelope is on Wordy's team. Penelope teaches punctuation.
This is Wordy's Reading Team.

Noah, Grade K, LeTort



Wordy Worm is getting help from his big brother ready worm!

Wordy's questions I will state who's on my team, how they help, and what position they're in. So let's begin.

First off I want to explain who is on my reading team. To begin my Papa, my grandfather is on my reading team. Secondly my best friend Bree Heishman is in my reading group. Lastly my Mom and Dad plus Ally, my godmother are on my reading team. Now that you know the people on my reading team let's move on to how they help me.

The next question was how they help you. My Papa makes me comfortable so I can truly understand the books I read in a nice peaceful place. Bree helps me think about what I read in a different way. Lastly Mom, Dad, and Ally get me new books and recommend them and after I read them I feel like I can reach the sky. That is how everybody on my team helps me.

The 3rd and final question was what would my ideal reading team look like. Well I would say my Papa would be the person to build a nice comfy space to spend time and read in (like a window seat). I think Bree should be a question person because she really makes me think. Lastly Mom, Dad, and Ally would all agree on a book for the club to read because they usually sorry, always pick amazing books. That's what my ideal reading club would look like.

I hope you had fun learning about my reading team. Remember Wordy asked who's on my team, how they help, and what my team looks like. I sure like my team!

Gabriel, Grade 4, Mooreland

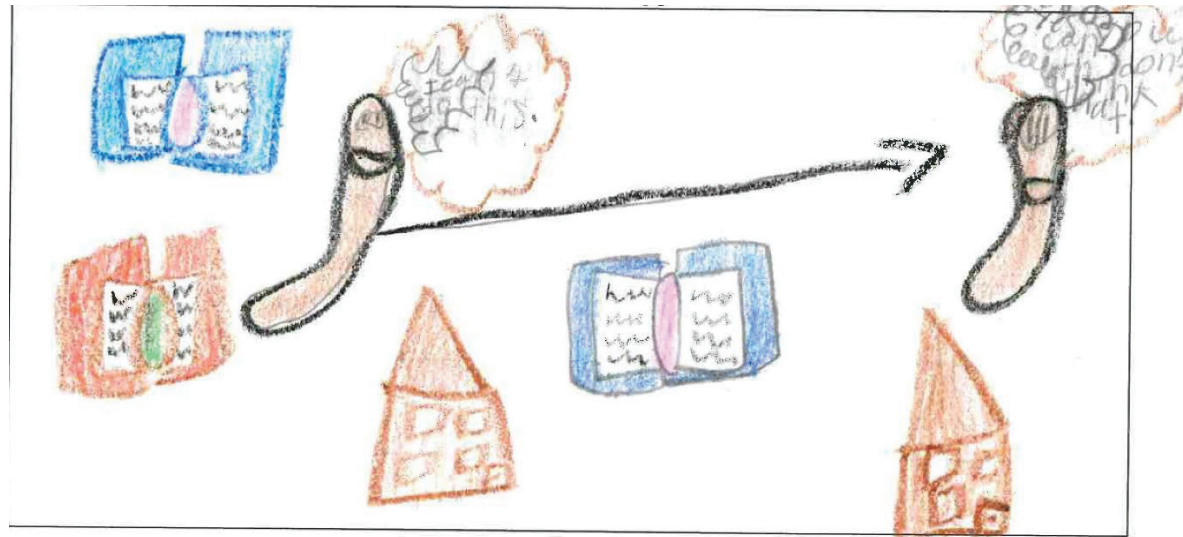
AJ Winterstone loved many things. He loved his family, furry dogs, and shopping. The thing he looked forward to the most was decorating for the holidays. One year, during Christmas time, the air was crisp and cold. You could feel the magic all around. Break was just three weeks away. AJ was looking forward to the sweet taste of egg nog, happy holiday movies, and most of all, putting up his annual new ornament.

Every Tuesday, AJ had Math Class. He hated Math Class more than anything. It made him so nervous that it gave him butterflies that felt like dragons in his belly. And worst of all, there was always a pop quiz. The only thing that made it bearable was the sweet victory of recess once it was over.

This particular Tuesday, after a terrible Math Class, AJ went to the playground. He went to his favorite activity – swinging on the swings. All of a sudden, a girl with long, curly brown hair, pink mittens, and a matching pink and purple coat appeared. She was playing jump rope with some other girls in her class. The girl was Candy Peppermist. She was in the 5th grade, just like him and, was known as the sweetest girl in the grade! The bell rang. AJ hopped off the swings, but tripped by mistake. He fell flat on his face in front of his entire class! Everyone started to laugh. He was so embarrassed. He felt a tap on his shoulder. He looked up and it was Candy Peppermist offering to help him up. He accepted the help, got onto his feet, and ran to get in line. On the way to lunch, he told his best friend Ryan that he knew that he liked Candy a lot. Ryan asked “do you like her as a crush or a friend?” He said “definitely a friend!” The rest of the day, AJ thought about how he couldn't believe that Candy was so nice to him.

Every day, until the day before break, Candy and AJ played at recess. They laughed together. Played on the swings together. Even during on recess got their entire grade to play a game of kickball! AJ thought

Mia, Grade 4, Hamilton



I would like to be in the Wordy Worm Reading Team because then if I want to read at home so then I can be better at studying and I can be more good in studying. Then I know I know how to read bigger words.

Landon, Grade 4, Mt. Holly Springs

So, I am on Wordy's team and in this essay I will explain how my team helps me, and Wordy Worm. My reading team will be called the Bookers.

The people who are in my team are, my best friend Ziggy, my friend Natalie, and me. Ziggy likes reading the most so he will be called "Speed Reader", his power is to read lots of books/ essays/ signs fast. Natalie is very organized so she will be called "Super Sorter" and her power is to organize books in the libraries, and maybe under the beds. Finally, we have me, I like to write story's and write codes/ games so my name will be "Writing Wizard" and my super power will be to write books, like I am doing right now! So, that is my team. The people on the team, and our powers.

Now, my team helps Wordy out by doing many things, keep reading to find out. So, I help Wordy by writing the books, they need to be include a lot of detail. Next Speed Rider (Ziggy) reads the books and sends them off to the local library (mine is Amelia Givin Library). Last, Natalie organizes the books by the Dewey Decimal system so Wordy Worm can find the books. That is how we help Wordy Worm.

So, that is all of this essay, it explained my team, their powers, and how the team helps Wordy Worm.

Caroline, Grade 4, North Dickinson

Hello everybody! I heard Wordy has a reading team, and I just so happen to have one too! Since Wordy is asking questions about my reading team, I would be happy to answer his questions. To answer

Allie, Grade K, Crestview



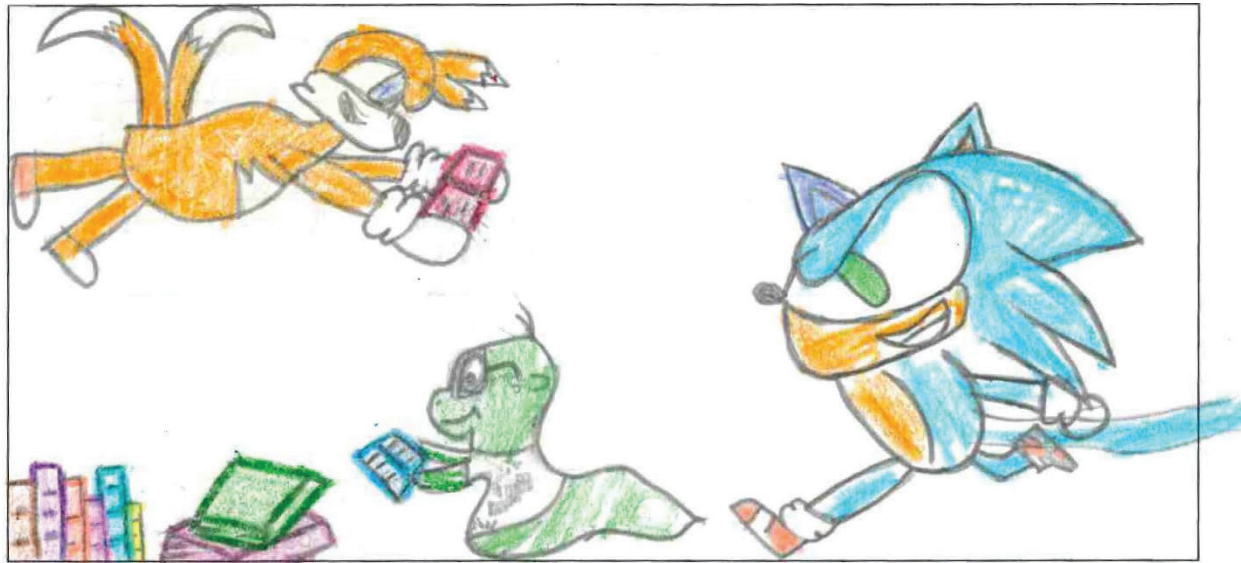
I am on Wordy's Team and I can teach him how to sound out words. I can read him a book at bedtime.

Audrey, Grade 1, Hamilton



Wordy Worm needs five people on his reading team. He will need me to help him read. He wants my friend Rasika to help him say words right. He will need my teacher Mrs. Shomaker to help him tap it out. The librarian will give Wordy lots of books. Wordy's eye doctor will give him good glasses so he can see good. Wordy Worms Team is great!

Kairo, Grade 1, Hamilton



Wordy don't worry we will help you learn to read. It will take time but you will read fast as sonic speed. We will fly through pages like tails in the sky. Wordy you are not alone as long as our team of readers have arrived.

Ben, Grade 1, Bellaire



My good reading team looks like a cow, blackbird, and Wordy. As you can see Wordy is reading a book to the rest of his team. I think Wordy can really learn about him reading and make more fun friends.

few reasons are first, I love reading. I don't want to stop my skills and the fun. Second, I know my parents don't want me to give up. After my adventure of reading, I started to think, "What if I start a reading team?" My dad and I are always like a reading team. Our favorite book series to read together is, "Choose your Own Adventure." One reason we like it is because it is super fun to read together. The other reason is because each time we choose an option; we get to learn about ourselves. My dad likes to take the risks. He says, "You got to risk it to get the biscuit." Because he likes to take the risks, I know he's a risky guy. I like to choose a smart option which is usually the safest option but not always. Now, who could be on my reading team? Well, there's a kid in my class named Kairi. She's super nice and funny. She's also pretty good at reading and writing. She might want to join. My good friend Lena might want to join. I have a friend named Autumn who might want to join. What could be our plan? I am pretty good at reading and writing hard words; I can help with that. Kairi is very good at grammar; she can help us with our grammar. Lena has an amazing imagination; she can help us when we write our stories. Autumn is good at giving ideas and encouraging others. I appreciate when others encourage me to keep going on reading and writing because I struggle, too. I wish everyone enjoys reading and writing as much as I do in this world. This is how my reading adventure all began. Thank You. 😊

Caleb, Grade 3, LeTort

One night, Wordy Worm was in his car and saw something. It was slender, has a long snout and tail. This was a mongoose. Wordy loved mongooses. They kill snakes a lot, in fact they eat snakes. He picked it up into his car. Then he noticed something. The mongoose had a collar. The number was 5-3-3-2-5. There was a riddle on the collar too. The next day Wordy went to the library and that is when I met Wordy Worm. I asked, "Wordy which book do you want?" He responded, "I want a mongoose book." I said, "Do you like mongooses?" He said, "Yes, but I need to know what a mongoose needs and a riddle book." I said, "I like riddles. I know where you need to go." He said, "The riddle is" "What can you see but can't hear, smell, touch or taste?" I said, "I think this is the book you need." Later that day Wordy saw the answer to the riddle. The answer was "Light." He put up signs that said "Found mongoose" or "missing pet found." Finally, a person came and asked "Are you Wordy Worm?" My name is Kaleb and I'm looking for my pet mongoose. Wordy gave him the mongoose and said "If you need help ask me." And they lived in an unexpected future.

encourage me and make reading fun. My super, reading team would also include Dav Pilkey because he writes one of my favorite book series ever, *Dog Man*. Maybe I'll be the first one to read his next book.

Emma, Grade 3, Mooreland

I have the world's best reading team. I have the best reading team because, they are really interested in books and when they find a word they don't know they work hard to figure they word out. I have five members on my book team and they are book worms. My team member's names are Haliy, Olivia, Adalynn, Rosie and Lilly. I'm going to tell you about them.

Haliy always pays attention to what she's reading. When Olivia gets stuck on a word she's always asks someone for help after she try's. Adalynn always helps someone if they get stuck on a word. Rosie gives good ideas about what book someone could read next. Lilly encourages her teammates to keep trying when they are frustrated. This why my friends are great teammates.

I feel lucky to have an amazing reading team.

Liam, Grade 3, LeTort

My reading team is my brother Jaxton. He likes to listen to my books. He likes to sit next to me and hear me read. This helps me practice reading. He is my ideal reading team because he always wants someone to read to him.

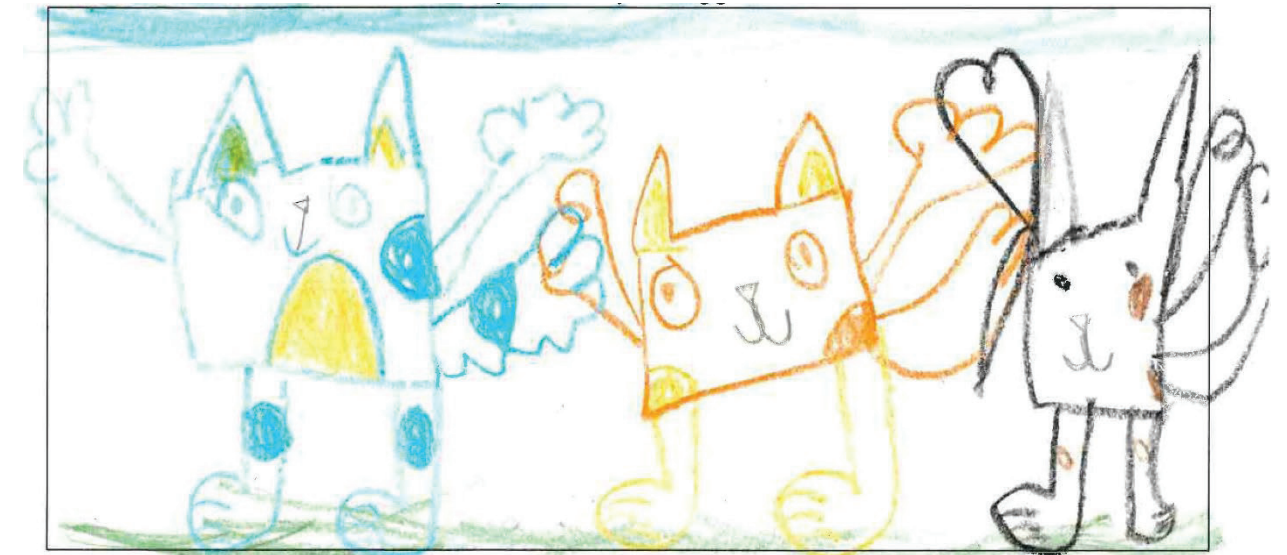
Gianna, Grade 3, Bellaire

It's that time of the year again. We're going on a reading tour. My friends and I are super excited because we love reading. Madelyn, Ariana, Birdie, Hailey, and I (Gianna) are all in our neighborhood reading team. We want to go from school to school to encourage kids to read. This is my favorite part, not because I get to do it with my best friends but because I love to read and I love supporting anyone who wants to start reading too. So are you on a reading team yet? All it takes is one book to ignite a passion for reading. Reading has opened up a whole new world for me as I get to let my imagination run wild. So hop on this bus so we can start this tour!

Kate, Grade 3, LeTort

As I was growing up, I had to learn two languages. My mom is Korean and my dad is American. Once I was four I was speaking both English and Korean however instead of learning to read and write both languages I was learning to read and write English. I flew across the Pacific Ocean many times and I lived in Korea, Washington, North Carolina, Virginia, Minnesota, and now here in Pennsylvania. Earlier when I said I was learning English, well, English was hard for me. I think it is because when you put two letters together, it makes a whole new sound. But now I love to read. Soon, I started to learn Korean. I realized Korean was much easier to learn because when you put two letters together their sounds stay the same. However, I still need to work on it. Same with English. Even though English is hard, I can't give it up. A

Aoife, Grade 1, Bellaire



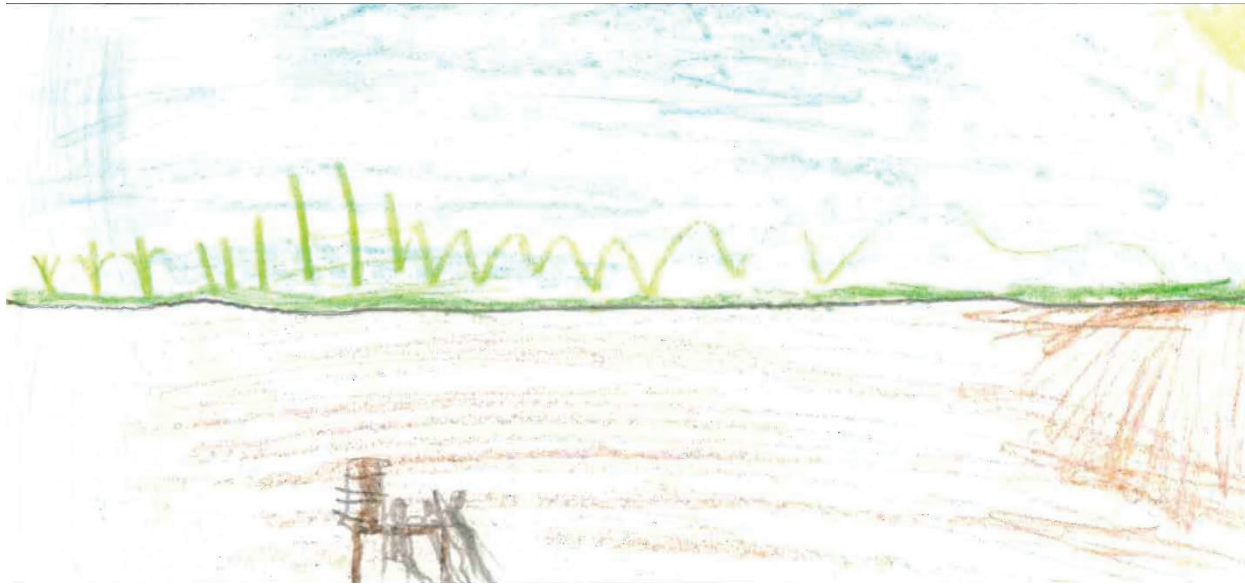
Bluey, Bingo and Mackenzie are in Wordy's Reading Team. They help him tap out the sounds.

Lyla, Grade 1, North Dickinson



The team is me, Bella, Benson, and Madie. We can help because we are good readers.

Sajjad, Grade 1, Mooreland



Wordy Worms friends are on his team they help him read they read with him.

Saanvi, Grade 1, LeTort



Topic: My favorite festival (Diwali)

Once upon a time there were twins and they were playing at home and then they wanted to know what their mom and dad were doing outside. They were getting ready for a festival called Diwali. Mom was about to make colorful painting that is made on the floor outside. Everyone was very happy and they were enjoying a lot. They also invite their friends to enjoy. One of the friends ask if he can eat one of the sweets they made and he like it. Everyone enjoyed the festival and good happily.

Sylas, Grade 2, Crestview

Yes, I am on Wordy's reading team. Wordy's reading team help people read. My Nanny works at the Employment Skills Center. My Nanny is part of Wordy's Reading Team. Are you on Wordy's Reading Team?

Amelia, Grade 2, Crestview

Yes, I have a reading team. The people on my reading team are Hazel, Nana, Dad, Mom and Everleigh. Hazel reads with me at the end of the day. Nana listens to me read aloud. Mom and Dad also listen to me read aloud. They inspire me to read. Everleigh gives me books to read. My team helps me with tricky words. Whether I'm at school or at home they have always helped me no matter what. They keep me company while I read. That is about my reading team.

Thayer, Grade 3, Hamilton

I believe I have a great reading team. My reading team consists of three people including my mom, dad and sister. My reading team helps me by reading with me and encouraging me to keep up reading. Sometimes I read to them and sometimes they read to me, and sometimes we take turns on the same page. My ideal reading team would be all of my family including my grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. I don't live close to any of them though. Even though my reading team is small, I get to do a whole lot of reading.

Caleb, Grade 3, Hamilton

I only have a few people on my reading team but they help me a lot. First I have my mom. My mom helps me because she is a good teacher and makes me sound out the words instead of telling me the words but makes me read them again. Then next I have my grandpa he helps me because he tells me the words but makes me read them again. Then next person on my reading team is my brother because he helps me by saying words that I have trouble with, Next I have my teacher named Mr. V he helps me by making sure I know what I'm reading. The last person on my reading team is my grandma because she explains my mistakes to me. Those are the people on my reading team and how they help me. I think I have the ideal reading team.

Raphael, Grade 3, Hamilton

Yes, I have two reading teams. My teacher and my friends at intervention are one of them, and my family is the other. My team at home helps me by telling me how to pronounce and spell words I don't know, and my baby sister Jenica claps and brings me books. My team at school always encourages me when I'm reading a challenging book or passage. My mom, my teacher, Shawn, Brielle, Skeylah, Delta, Kyler, Bowie, Sam and Thayer are on my ideal reading team. They are on my team because they

Brice, Grade 2, Bellaire

My reading team includes my Mom, Ms. Puig, Ms. Aaron and all the other school helpers. They all help me and want me to do better reading. My Mom helps me practice reading at home. My teachers send home books so I can read more at home. When I go to I time with Ms. Aaron my reading gets better. Ms. Puig helps me at the school. I have fun learning how to read better. It's so fun if you can read cool books. It's so amazing! So why don't you try and read some books too?

Adriana, Grade 2, Bellaire

My mom and dad are the people on my reading team. When I was a baby my mommy and daddy thought that every night they should read me a bedtime story. When I was very young my parents used letters in the bathtub and letter magnets on the fridge. When I was older my parents thought that I should read to them every night. I got older when I was reading it got easier. Our favorite book is *Ten Little Kisses*.

Emma, Grade 2, LeTort

My mom is on my reading team. My mom gets me books so I can read. She helps me sound out words. My dad is on my reading team. He helps me write words. My cat is on my reading team I read to her. My brother is on my reading team. He can do my words he is awesome.

Everett, Grade 2, Mooreland

I like to read with my reading team at home and at school. Hunter, Xander, and Bo are on my reading team at school. We read to each other during reading rounds almost every day. They are all good readers. I like to listen to them read. We all have at least two *I Survived* books.

My favorite *I Survived* is the Nazi invasion. Bo has a book about alligators and crocodiles that I like. There are lots of different kinds of alligators and crocodiles.

Mrs. Fair is also part of my reading team at school. She read aloud every day after lunch she was reading *Because of Winn Dixie* now she is reading *Charlie and Chocolate Factory*. We read in small groups with Mrs. Fair sometimes we read plays sometimes we read fables.

They take place outside and they teach a lesson. Like slow and steady wins, the race in *The Tortoise and the Hare* sometimes we go to the cafeteria and work with latis on nonsense words and then a story. I also have a reading team at home my mom and dad read every night in bed it is cozy.

Serenity, Grade 1, Crestview



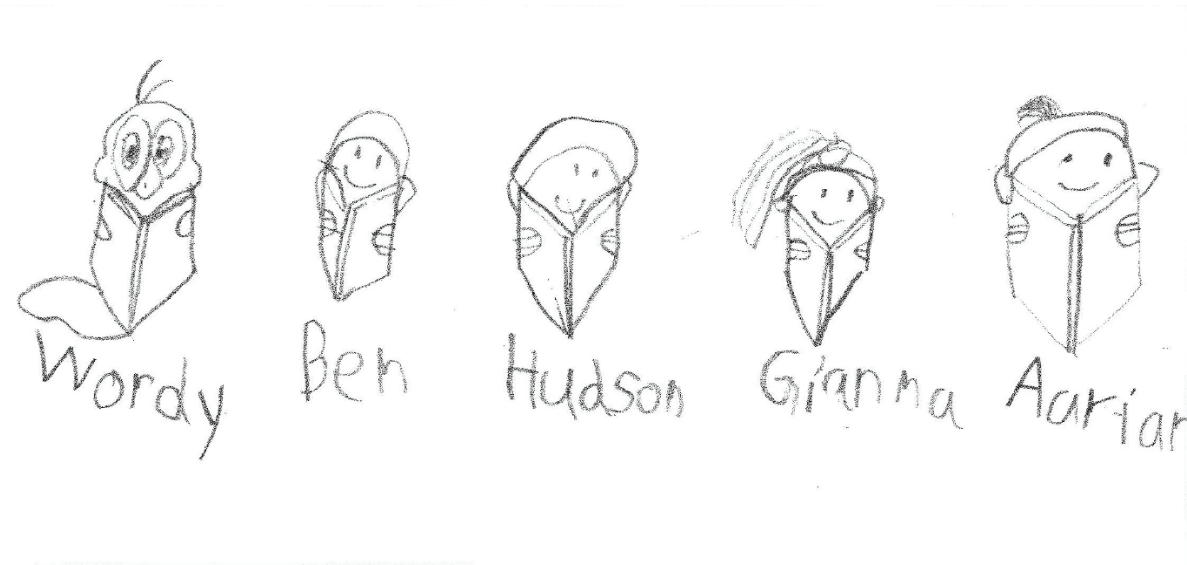
I have picked three people to be on Wordy's reading team. There will be myself, my mommy and my first grade teacher Mrs. Marra. I can help because I read chapter books now. My mommy will help read to Wordy every night. Mrs. Marra can read books out loud. Together we will help Wordy sound out the words, match the words to pictures, and go one word at a time. I think Wordy will be a great reader in no time.

Lyla, Grade 1, Crestview



Wordy Worm is at school he has to do a word test, but he doesn't know the words some of his friends and teacher offer to help him so Gipi Giraffe and WuWu Worm and Deedee dog help him sound out the words Wordy Worm gets an A+ and he is happy now.

Aarian, Grade 1, Bellaire



I love reading and really want to help Wordy learn how to read. In my team there are four kids Ben, Hudson, Gianna and I. We all want to be on Wordy's reading team so he can become a great reader too.

Hasibullah, Grade 1, Mooreland



Wordy Worm can be on my team. Mrs. Quickle is my coach. She teaches me how to read. She can teach Wordy how to read too. Worms are very slow but it will help him read. Mrs. L has lots of books in the library.

My grandma Cindy will read to us. She will tell us we can do it! And Wordy will read like me.

The End

Ben, Grade 2, Bellaire

I have a reading team at both home and school. They help me get better at reading. They are nice and Helpful.

At home my reading team is my Mom, Dad, brother and my dog Reggie. My Mom and Dad help me sound out words. My dog Reggie listens to me read. My brother Evan shares books and talks about books with me.

I also have a reading team at school. My reading at school is Miss. Kimbark and Mrs. Miller. Miss. Kimbark helps me with metacognitive thinking strategies. Mrs. Miller helps me with POQ. She also helps me highlight words in the text to answer questions.

My ideal reading team would be awesome. They would support me reading challenging words and books. They would also make reading fun and exciting. The best part of my ideal reading team would be having dogs at school to read to every day.

I love to read! I am so glad that I can read. My reading team is one of the best reading teams in the world. The only way my reading team could be any better would be to have dogs at school to read to!

Natalie, Grade 2, Mt Holly Springs

Once upon a time there was a girl named Natalie with a big reading team. She has people on her reading team and things on her reading team. Natalie's reading team is important because they support and encourage her. Her biggest person is Miss. Goodling and she encourages her a lot. All the people on her reading team. On her reading team she has her Mom, Teddy, Momom, Bony, her librarians. She has a big and beautiful book self. She has a library next to her house. Her Meme, her teacher, Beth and Ted and that is it that was her amazing story.

Brayden, Grade 2, Mt Holly Springs

My reading team has Wordy Worm, Mr. Wiggles and my mom because Wordy Worm helped me read by helping me read the words correctly. Next Mr. Wiggles helped me read by going page by page don't skip pages. Then my mom helps me read harder words that I can't spell. That is how my reading team looks.

Dean, Grade 2, Bellaire

I like my reading group. The people in my group are like a team to me. My parents have supported me the most because they have always read to me. My mom and dad love listening to me read. My family, teachers, and friends have all helped me improve my reading skills. I am so thankful for all of their help and encouragement because reading is AWESOME!