

**The Collected  
Adventures of  
Wordy Worm**

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## Wordy Worm's Adventure, Keely, grade 5

This is my escape story, Wordy Worm's and no one else's, and this is not a lie. It was a very cold snowy winter night. I, Wordy Worm, was super cold. So I went into the public person library. I crawled into the warm cozy library and found that it was super quiet and had thousands upon thousands of books! So naturally, like anyone else, I went to go open a book when . . . BANG! It happened! Someone saw me!

It was an old lady! She had glasses on the tip of her nose and grey hair pulled up in a bun. Is that the mean librarian I always hear about? She was! She has all the things my friends told me! OOOHH NNOO!

Then something really bad happened . . . the librarian scooped me up and said these exact evil words: "To the magic book for you!" She had an awfully evil grin on her face. I was super scared!

The librarian dropped me in a book. I expected her to squish me, but she didn't. I fell through the book and kept falling. I managed to turn around when . . . WHAP! I hit face first in . . . in . . . DIRT? Where was I?

I was SUPER scared but that wasn't even the worst. I blacked out! When I regained consciousness, I was behind bars! WHERE WAS I? Then a guard walked up and sat on a stool right next to my cell!

Then the weirdest thing happened. The guard fell asleep. So I did what anyone else would have done. I grabbed the guard's keys. I unlocked my jail cell and got out of that prison as fast as I could!

When I got out of that nasty evil jail, I ran into an old friend of mine that always disappeared at wintertime. Her name was Misty VonDamp. I asked her how long she had been in this crazy world as I call it. Then Misty said the craziest thing! She told me that the librarian puts worms that get inside the library into this crazy world as I call it. Then when summer comes, she puts all the worms back into nature.

I asked Misty why the librarian had been so mean to me. She said that was the librarian's evil twin sister. She said that that the nice librarian was actually very nice and bright and colorful. Misty said that the nice librarian sometimes made it rain cookie crumbs.

I stayed with Misty the rest of the winter. Then the nice librarian let us free, like Misty had said, that next summer. I might come back next winter too.

### Story by Isabelle, grade 5

Hi, I'm Wordy Worm. My friends, Samuel—oh, I mean Sammy— the Stinkbug and Annie the Arachnid just went on an epic, dangerous, crazy adventure. And, yes, I was there too!

The librarian dared me to read *Animals of Africa* under the clock at 12:00 with Sammy and Annie. When we did, we were suddenly sucked in! We were on the page of the wild dog, and now we are where the dog lives. Speak of the devil! There's one right now! And . . . uh, oh! Here he comes! He's so big with his humongous incisors! He sees me! And now he's chasing us! Just when his jaws were upon us, we were sucked back to the library.

Turns out, you only stay in the book for an hour. I'm never doing that again. Ever. Well, maybe with an encyclopedia. Every day, I'd get through a letter. Maybe I'll get Annie and Sammy to come too!

### Story by Lillie, grade 3

Hi! My Name is Wordy Worm, and this is my little sister, Wilma Worm, and my best friend, Sebastian Salamander. I'm going to tell you about the time we got zapped into a board game.

It all started when Wilma, Sebastian, and I were playing Candy Land near the pond.

"Why don't we just play Diva Mic Miva?" asked Wilma.

"Because," I said, "Sebastian and I don't like girl games."

"So my opinion doesn't matter?" asked Wilma.

"Of course it does. Just not right now," I replied.

"I'm telling MOM!" said Wilma.

"Wilma, you're such a tattletale."

"No I'm not."

"Yes you are."

"Um, guys," said Sebastian.

"WHAT?" we both said.

"The BOARD GAME IS MOVING!" he replied.

"What?" we both shouted. The next thing we knew, we were in Candy Land.

"Why me?" screamed Wilma.

"Relax," I said, "We are in a friendly game. No one will hurt us. I'm sure of it."

"Um, guys," Sebastian said, "One problem is that this is the licorice forest!"

"WHAT?" Wilma and I screamed. Licorice Forest is a bad place in the game of Candy Land, but I bet it isn't the best place to be in real life either. Then I heard a rustling noise behind the licorice bush. All of a sudden, a peppermint dog jumps out and only likes Wilma.

"It's okay. It's Peppermint!" said Wilma.

Peppermint is the dog a soccer player once owned. We found him in our last adventure, and we never knew where he came from.

"Peppermint!" Wilma said anxiously, "What are you doing here? More importantly, how did we get in here?"

"Who cares?" said Sebastian. "We need to find a way out of here."

“I know,” said Wilma as she grabbed the costumes for us to wear.

“Wilma,” I said, “these overalls are too tight.”

“Deal with it,” said Wilma. “All we need is to get a long strip of licorice and climb over that mountain there. King Candy will grant us a wish.” It took a few minutes, but when we got to King Candy, we told him we wished to go home. Now we are back home.

Until next time friends, goodbye!

### **The Adventures of Wordy Worm: The Holidays in Hawaii, Macie, grade 3**

Hi, I'm Wordy Worm, and I'm on my way to Hawaii to see an inactive volcano for the holidays. It's going to be fun because I'm bringing my best friend, Ready Worm. We FINALLY landed after 7 hours on the plane. When we got off the plane, we took a tour bus to the volcano. I got 3 volcano rocks. AWESOME!!!!!!!!!! After we got off, we put on protective clothes because it just got inactive like 2 days ago.

We got a free 6 day, 7 nights suite in the best hotel in Hawaii! Wordy was having the best holidays ever! On Christmas Eve, they both enjoyed watching the new movie shorts of Big Hero 6 and watching the special Hawaii fireworks show. For Christmas, Ready got 6 fire lava rocks and Wordy got 3 volcano rocks. They had an even number of rocks. Ready was BRAGGING about how special his rocks are and Wordy was tired of it. He told Ready, "Stop bragging. All you do is brag. You don't even know if they are awesome, and mine are just as cool as yours, so stop, got it?" Wordy said madly.

That night when Wordy was asleep, Ready went to get stuff for a party called "Volcano Rocks of Fire." It took all night to get the party ready for the next day. He texted all Wordy's friends and some of his friends to come. They came the next day secretly while Ready was getting stuff ready and Wordy was not home.

At the party, they wanted to swim first. After that, they danced for 43 minutes. Then they ate a special cake for the holidays and other foods that Wordy liked. At last, they began giving presents to each other. The Christmas party was a hit. 20 people put it on Facebook at the same time. Wordy was so happy that he danced for 10 minutes. Then he took a 5 hour nap. Ready was working on a secret thing for Wordy. "I wonder what he's doing down there?" Wordy thought every night since he started working. One night, it became too much for Wordy with all the racket going on.

The next day, Ready added the finishing touches to the surprise. When Wordy woke up, Ready gave him breakfast in bed and his present on the side. When Wordy was done, he opened his present and then gasped—he was so amazed that Ready made a box for volcano rocks only. Here is what it does: when you put rocks in, it changes the box to the inside volcano and makes more rocks into cool rock necklaces. Wordy was so overjoyed that he wore the necklaces every day. Then he chose to make a surprise for Ready. It was a little bit different because it was for lava rocks only. Ready was so happy that Wordy made it for him.

Wordy and Ready had 2 days and 2 nights left until they had to go. They decided to go to places in Hawaii they haven't seen yet and each have a turn to choose. Once they had their plan, they went to sleep with 2 days and 2 nights left. That morning they had breakfast, then got dressed and Wordy picked to explore the beaches close by. After lunch, Ready wanted to hike on long trails for a while then surf. That night, they got a good night's sleep for their last day in Hawaii. Ready picked to do a treasure hunt all over the island! Wordy was so excited to go on a hunt. So was Ready. He printed the hunt off the computer so he got to do it too. After

the hunt they were tired, but Wordy picked to go swimming and surf. When they were done, they had dinner and went straight to bed.

When they woke up, they had breakfast and got ready to go to the airport. Once they were at the airport, they got on the plane and left for the 7 hour plane ride home to Las Vegas, Nevada.

THE END!

### **The Adventure of Wordy the Worm, Katie, grade 3**

One day, Wordy the Worm went to visit some of his friends down by the river. They were so happy to see him. They laughed and played games all morning long. Before Wordy the Worm had a chance to wiggle away, he felt himself flying through the air. "Oh no," he thought, "this fisherman is going to use me as bait." He wiggled and squirmed, but it was too late. SPLASH! Into the water he went. "Brrr," he thought as he sank deeper and deeper into the water. He dodged big rocks and seaweed. Just as he thought he had wiggled himself off the hook, there was the biggest, ugliest fish Wordy the Worm had ever seen. As the fish got closer, Wordy the Worm closed his eyes. When he opened them back up, it was a miracle. He had been saved by his friends. They had come to rescue him. Wordy the Worm thanked them so much, saying what an adventure that was.



### Diary of Wordy Worm: Class Pet, Tara, grade 3

Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am

Hi, I'm Wordy Worm! I'm a class pet. I take an adventure every weekend. Miss Holiday and her daughter, Carol Holiday, will decide an adventure for me. So far, I've gone with Gabby Denn, Ryan Visse, Ivy Lisle, and Mackenzie (Mac) Wellzille and her twin, Zach Wellzille.

11:55 am

I can't believe it! Stacey Smith who never misbehaves was picked for me to go home with her! She is quiet, respectful, challenging, and she follows directions perfectly! It must be in a dream! I'm too excited to stop eating my scraps. (I eat the class scrap paper for snack.) She wasn't too happy about it. Stacey was told to stay inside for recess because Miss Holiday and Carol wanted to know what was wrong. I couldn't believe my ears. Stacey has never been told to stay in! So that this was super important.

12:00 pm

"Hey Stacey, what is wrong? Why don't you want to take Wordy Worm home?" asked Carol so soft I could barely hear it. Stacey replied softly and sad, "I do . . . I certainly do. The problem is . . . is . . . my father was badly injured." Miss Holiday and her daughter believed Stacey because she never told a lie in her entire life. Stacey laid her head down and cried for a moment. "Don't cry. I know how it feels . . . My brother Jason was almost paralyzed for his whole life because of a texting driver. He was only six years old," said Carol, whining. Stacey thought for a moment and calmed down. Then she said, "I would love to take Wordy Worm home with me!"

*BBBBRRRIINNNGGG struck the lunch time bell!!* "LUNCH TIME!!!" Miss Holiday sang. Stacey put a lot of scraps in my cage, and said shyly, "Do NOT eat until I leave." The class came, got their lunches, and left. I made sure it was safe and munched away!

3:45 pm

"Okay, kids, pack up! Today's homework is 3.6 in your math and fluency," said Miss Holiday, half yelling, half talking. Stacey looked at me and smiled brightly. All of a sudden, Justice McFarell was down on the floor crying! "What on earth are you screaming about?" said Carol frustrated but surprised. Justice replied, "Victor knocked me down and I fell on my arm. I hit a tree trunk with this arm yesterday, but it was my fault. I ran instead of walking and watching out. Victor was jogging and he doesn't have eyes on the back of his head. Ouch! Ouch! Can I go get an ice-pack?" "Yes, DO get an ice-pack indeed."

4:05 pm

“Okay, honey, time to get in the car for home . . .” Mrs. Smith started, “and what is that thing in the cage? IS HE EATING YOUR HOMEWORK?” said Mrs. Smith furiously. “He’s not a thing, he’s a pet that I get to take home for the weekend. His name is Wordy Worm, do NOT make fun of him,” said Stacey. “Okay! Mrs. Denn, Mrs. Lisle, and I planned a huge slumber party and playdate for you, Gabby and Ivy! Aren’t you excited?” explained Mrs. Smith. Boy, is she super excited! I hope it is planned at Stacey’s house, if not I’ll feel lonely and I’ll hate the Smiths. “Mom, I hope this thing is planned at my house, if not Wordy Worm will be sad,” said Stacey. Hey, she stole my idea! I’m glad she said it for me, how will I translate it? “Sweetie, it is at our house. Why wouldn’t it?” said Mrs. Smith. Stacey replied, “I know why, you think that I should keep my friends and their “dirty” germs away from you.”

5:30 pm

Ivy and Gabby came around this time. At first they watched me get scared half to death on a mega fast toy choo-choo train. I was glad, some old homework almost let out of my mouth. ALMOST is what I said. Then Hunter and Strawberry (Stacey’s dogs) came rushing in trying to play tug-a-war with me. That is until Stacey shooed them away! Strawberry ran outside the room with Hunter close behind. “BAD DOGS! YOU CERTAINLY DON’T TREAT A GUEST LIKE THAT! I’LL HAVE TO SEND YOU BACK TO MANNERS SCHOOL! NO TREATS FOR THREE HOURS!” screamed Stacey. Ouch! She screams loud! After dinner (and apologizing to me for the trouble and misbehavior) the group of girls “fashioned” me up with makeup and some doll clothes. They painted their own toenails and fingernails.

8:55 pm

The girls are telling spooky stories. Ivy went first. She said, “In a kingdom far, far, away, there lived an unhappy king who wanted to get rid of everyone except his beloved wife, so he did. Then a new person arrived and the king . . .” she paused, “GOTCHA!” Ivy finished, pinching Gabby’s arms. “AHHHHHHH!!!” screamed Gabby when Ivy pinched her arms. Then Mrs. Smith came in. “Go to bed, GIRLS! Definitely NO getting up and telling more stories. GOODNIGHT!” yelled Mrs. Smith. The girls went to bed. I was happy that I could rest without 50 nightmares.

Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

11:00 am

I woke up and the girls were still in dreamland. I can slip through the bars of my cage, so I went through. I wanted to scare someone, Mrs. Smith. She was up making pancakes. I slipped into the bowl for the pancake mix and it was a good scare. You should have been there. Mrs. Smith screamed and put me on Gabby quickly. Here is the thing about Gabby, she scares easily. Gabby awoke and screamed. Ivy and Stacey awoke and screamed too. What is up with me being scary? I guess people don’t like worms. Gabby told her friends, “I woke up because of something cold,

and that cold something was Wordy Worm! How did he get out? Did one of you girls do it?" Their reply was a sharp N-O. Of course, I was the one who did it.

1:35 pm

Stacey decided to put me in my slimy exercise ball. I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE my slimy exercise ball. It is where you slip and slide in a hamster ball with goo in it. You, for some reason, never run out of oxygen. The people are supposed to be entertained while you exercise. Even though why it was made doesn't make sense, I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE it. I went up, then did a 360. I went down and I tried to go uphill but failed, and this and that happened. After a little exercise, everyone was bored. Stacey took me out of my ball to meet a neighbor, Katherine Parker. She LOVED me! She asked my name, and why I was here, and she watched me munch on an index card. Katherine cleaned my cage and wiped off my glasses. Even Cheese (Katherine's kitten) liked me. It is like they had never seen a pet worm in their lives.

4:59 pm

Katherine was a little sad because I'd have to leave soon. She said, "Wordy Worm, don't go back to that horrible school! Do you like me better? Oh, of course, the school wins." I tried to translate to her, "YOU are totally better." I still like school, not LOVE it. Veronica Parker, Katherine's little sister, cried and was sad too. She said, "NO! NO, WORMY, GO HOME! NO! NO! NO! WORMY STAY!! NO, NO, NO, WORMY GOING! HE STAY! NOOOOO GOOOO HE STAYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY!" "Calm down, Veronica, I'm sure the wormy will come back, right Stacey?" said Katherine trying to calm down Veronica. "Yeah, I'm sure he'll be back soon. I'll bring Wordy Worm back tomorrow," said Stacey.

6:45 pm

I am starving, so I slipped through the bars and found my not yet served dinner. I munched on it, but I was caught. Everyone, except me, wondered, "How did I get out?" Stacey promised to NEVER, EVER starve me again.

Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am

I woke up with Stacey in a beautiful dress, feeding me. After that, she quickly left to go somewhere. I felt a little lonely. So I slipped through the bars, with some breakfast in my mouth. I found some paper balls and faced Hunter. He came running in, so I made my launch. I missed! He dashed forward. I didn't know what to do. Strawberry heard the ruckus and ran beside Hunter. Two big against one small? Just then I saw back-up: Stacey had a whole basket of paper balls! I squirmed as fast as I could squirm and launched a ball. It hit Hunter! He plopped on the ground and whimpered and barked. Strawberry left before I could launch my next ball at her.

11:05 am

Stacey came back and changed. Afterwards, she took Hunter and Strawberry outside for a walk. Nobody noticed I was ever out of my cage, fighting the dogs. When Stacey arrived home, the dogs didn't. Mrs. Smith was confused so she said, "Stacey, where are the dogs?" "Oh, they're tied in the backyard with Katherine, Veronica, and Cheese. They want to come in to play with me and Wordy Worm," replied Stacey. "Of course they can come in if they have manners," said Mrs. Smith sternly. So they watched me and played with me. I was glad to have company.

Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

I am glad to be back at school. I was glad to meet someone new, even the dogs. Now Stacey's house, dogs, and neighbors are memories I'll never forget.

## Wordy Worm Visits Niagara Falls, Kenidee, grade 5

I looked into the window from the back porch, trying to hear what Mrs. Clarkson was saying. “Kids, I have a surprise for you! For our family vacation, we are going to Niagara Falls,” she exclaimed. “But I want to go to Disney World,” 7-year-old Gloria whimpered. “I wanted to go to Lego Land,” 10-year-old Zach shouted. “I understand, but your father and I have already decided. Besides, Niagara Falls is amazing and you will love it,” Mrs. Clarkson explained. As I listened, my face grew a grin. She made it sound so delightful. I decided I wanted to go with them to experience how beautiful it was for myself.

I leaned closer to the door. “We’re going next week, after school on Friday,” she said. I squirmed back to my hole to tell my roommate, Wilson the Worm, the big news. “Guess what Wilson,” I asked. “I’m going to Niagara Falls,” I blurted out. “How are you going to get there, and who are you going with?” he questioned. “I’m going in a car with the Clarksons,” I answered. He stared at me in disbelief because the Clarksons hated him. One time, he snuck in the house and Zach spotted him, and he went nuts and threw him out the window. The house has not been entered by Wilson the Worm ever since.

Though Wilson was worried about my trip with the Clarksons, I was excited to go. It felt like forever, but the day finally came. After the kids came home from school, they jumped into the car, along with me of course. I crept into the car behind them and hid behind Zach’s seat. As soon as we left, Gloria began yelling, “are we there yet?” Mrs. Clarkson stopped the car and told her to be quiet. I was thankful, and the rest of the car ride was peaceful. When we got to Niagara Falls, the kids looked around with their mouths open. I will have to say it was beautiful, Niagara Falls that is, not the kids with their mouths open.

Soon, however, they were bored and decided to take a hike. Funny enough, the kids still had their mouths wide open. Near the waterfall, it was really slippery. I was squirming along, trying to keep up, when I slid and fell. Falling, and terrified, I saw a crow swooping down towards me. He caught me and I tried to squirm free. Caught tightly in his beak, I was trapped. It felt like we were flying forever. When we finally landed, I had no clue where we were. It just looked like a forest to me when he dropped me in his nest.

I looked around, carefully, wondering where I was. Above me, the crow was circling the area. I crawled out of the nest, down the tree, and into the grass. I saw a building in the distance. Amazingly, it was the Clarkson’s house. On my way home, I looked around at the surroundings that I had not seen before. The forest was ginormous, and was so much larger than I knew. The grass was longer than near my hole. I kept squirming for a while, amazed but still scared to be away from home. Just then, the bird saw that I was not in his nest. He spotted me and dived in, but I dodged him.

Luckily, I was closer to my hole than I knew, so it only took a few more minutes to get back home. I anxiously crawled down a hole, happy to be safe and sound. Relieved, I saw

Wilson, who was eating of course. "Hey, Wilson, I'm back," I said joyfully. "How was it?" he asked dreadfully. All I could think to say was, "It was an adventure."

### **Wordy Worm Goes to Africa, Grace, grade 4**

Hi, I'm Wordy Worm, and I am about to tell you about my trip to Africa. One day, I was on the family's back porch when I overheard the parents say to the kids that they were going to Africa. I wanted to go, so on the day they were leaving, I got in the back of the car. When they put their suitcases in the car, I almost got squashed! When we got to the airport, we lost track of time so when the dad looked at his watch he noticed our flight was going to leave in 1 minute so we ran to our gate but I had to hop on a suitcase. So when we were at the gate we had just made it when they were closing the door to the plane but they saw us so they let us in. When we were on the plane I fell asleep. When we got there it was hot! We got in our rental car. The next day we went on a safari. But the ride was bumpy so I fell off into the wild. I chased the tour bus but I couldn't catch it. So I was looking for a safe spot when I was in the middle of the plains and I heard a herd of elephants! I ran away but they were faster than me. So I rolled into a ball hoping they wouldn't crush me. When they went by, I closed my eyes and when I opened them I was still alive. So I went to the nearest tree but it didn't have any leaves. Then I looked to my right and saw a pack of lions coming my way. I freaked out, "What should I do?" I said. The worst part was that they were coming my way! I tried to blend in and it worked! The lions ran past me. But I had one more problem, how will I find the family and how will I get home? I had to find them so I followed the road for three hours. I was sleepy but I really wanted to find the family. After one hour passed I saw the hotel. When I got back to the hotel room door there was a hole so I went through it and I was in the room. I jumped in one suitcase and fell asleep. When I woke up, we were at home so I went to the garden. "What a day!" I said half asleep.

The End

### **The Adventure of Wordy Worm, Matthew, grade 4**

Wordy Worm was born in a tree. He wanted to go outside but his mom said no. But his dad said, "Time for bed." In the middle of the night, Wordy Worm read books and learned about animals and different creatures. He went outside and took some pictures of plants, animals, and everything else outside. Then he went back home.



### Story by Isaiah, grade 4

In a small place where no one knows it exists, there's a small worm that knows a lot whose name is . . . Wordy the Worm! Yeah, what he said. One day, he woke up with no eyesight. It was strange for him. He opened the door from his bedroom. Nothing was there. All he saw was glasses floating in midair. He said to himself, "I should use those for my eyes." He grabbed the glasses and put them on.

"Wordy!!!" a voice out of nowhere spoke.

"Really is that the best you could say, shush!"

"I do the talking. You shush! So where were we? So let's continue."

"Who's there?"

"Wordy, I'm sending in another planet. This planet is earth — once something bad happened. I put you asleep so nothing bad would happen to you."

"Why only me?"

"You are special, smarter than anybody. Now, let's go. Da Da Da!"

"Stop making sound effects!"

"Why they're catchy to you. It's catchy."

"Let's get this over with. Where am I? Hey dude, where did you go, Voice? Hmm? Maybe he left. Oh, there you are."

"We can fight the dragon."

"What dragon?"

"This dragon."

"Oh, I have dragon instincts. Let's fight."

So Wordy defeated the dragon.

Wait a second, can I say the end? Sure, the end.

### **Story by Keara, grade 3**

Wordy Worm and I went on safari, and we saw other worms and bugs too. We saw parrots and rabbits with their bunnies. There were also giraffes, monkeys, tigers, butterflies, and bees. Other animals we saw were bears, elephants, and wolves. We even saw lightning bugs. All of those animals were at the waterhole. A horse came and gave me and Wordy Worm a ride all the way home.

### Story by La'Leyanna, grade 3

Wordy Worm is my best friend forever. He is a really nice friend to me, and Wordy Worm is nice to my family too. One time, Wordy Worm was in the hospital. I started to cry because my best friend was in the hospital. Then Wordy Worm felt better. He got better because they gave him some medicine. Wordy Worm said to me, "That is nasty!" and I said, "It is going to help you feel a lot better."

"I know I'm going to get better," Wordy Worm said to me. "If I get better, does that mean I can go back to school and see my other friends?"

"Yes, you are going to school, but that's only when you get better, okay best friend?" I said.

"Yes, I know that I'm going to school when I get better," Wordy Worm said.

"If you go to sleep, your stomach will not hurt anymore," I said.

"Okay, I'm going to sleep so I can get better. Bye!" he said to me.

One night later, he said, "Mom and Dad? I feel really, really good. Can I go back to school to see my friends?"

I was so excited to see him.

### **Story by Emma, grade 3**

Wordy Worm was a good worm, and he loved books. One day, he was very hungry and tired, so he got out of his little book and headed to the hallway. When he got out of the classroom, he headed for the cafeteria. There were a lot of people in the hallway, but when he got there it was like heaven. There was so much food, and he couldn't wait.

Oh no! There were so many kids. They were kicking, screaming, and pushing. He almost busted his eardrum. Almost! So he ran as fast as he could run. He got there. He climbed and climbed and climbed to the lunch counter. He ate as much as he could.

### Story by Ty'Onnah, grade 3

Wordy Worm was going on an adventure. He jumped over water and dove into a pile of lava. He was the coolest worm around. One day, Wordy went out on an adventure, but he never returned. After two days, his mom called the police, but Wordy was the police. His mom was so worried that she went out to look for him. Wordy was just on another adventure, but it wasn't just any adventure. He was on a dragon-snake-killing adventure. He was not in trouble, he could take it, but people back in Wormsville did not know that he was on an adventure. They were too worried looking for him to think about what he was really doing. When Wordy went on the adventure, he found one of the snakes. It was a real battle trying to fight the snake, but Wordy did it. When Wordy came back to Wormsville, people were so happy that he was not missing. All of the famous people in Wormsville wanted to meet him, but Wordy said, "No! You guys are mean!" They thought that Wordy was mean for saying that, and they thought Wordy was mean. He isn't. He is a nice worm.

### Wordy Worm Adventures, Kaleb, grade 3

One day when Wordy Worm was on a stroll, he went by the car shop. He thought a second, then went to look. Then he saw that it was a Corvette shop, and he saw an S.S. Camaro, which is a Chevrolet! It was black with two yellow stripes. Beside it was a silver Corvette, and on the other side was a light green Corvette.

Wordy Worm left and then he heard a loud, “VROOOM.” He thought and then looked back. The three cars were following HIM! No one was driving them. “AHHHHH!” he screamed, but since he was a worm it sounded like “ ” so no one heard him. He ran as fast as he could to the grass.

Then he heard transformer sounds and a hand came out of the car, picked him up, and locked him in the Camaro! That night, the Camaros and the Corvettes took Wordy to a dark alley and the Camaro let Wordy out. Then, the silver Corvette transformed more than before . . . it was a whole man! Then it said, “Are you Wordy Worm?” to Wordy. He muttered, “Y-y-yes.” “Good,” said the robot, “I am Sideswipe. Bee, Crosshairs, we’re clear.” The other cars transformed. Sideswipe said, “The black and yellow one is Bumblebee or Bee and the light green one is Crosshairs.”

Then a blue truck with red flames pulled up. Also, an ambulance, GMC truck, and light green and orange Chevrolets, not Camaros, pulled up. Also, a giant, giant, GIANT dinosaur that Bee, Crosshairs, and Sideswipe could ride pulled up. Then Crosshairs introduced the dino after they transformed into GIANT robots. “The T-Rex is Grimlock, the 2-headed pterodactyl is Straff, the stegosaurus is Snarl, the spinosaurus is Scorn, the velociraptor is Slash, the triceratops is Slug, and the brachiosaurus is Slog. Drift, you can come down now,” Sideswipe called. Then a helicopter came, transformed to a samurai and almost hit the ground but transformed into a car. Then the samurai said, “Wordy Worm, I am Drift.” After that, the other vehicles transformed. “The orange and light green chevys are Skids and Mudflap. The GMC is Ironhide. The army truck is Hound,” said Drift. Then the blue and red truck said, “I am Optimus Prime.”

“Optimus who?” said Wordy Worm.

“Optimus P-r-i-m-e,” said Optimus.

“Ohhhh,” said Wordy.

“This is beginning to be a huge war,” said Optimus.

To Be Continued . . .

### **Story by Eli, grade 3**

One nice sunny day, Wordy Worm and I went to London. It was a long ride. We had to take an airplane. I didn't want to, but I had to. It was terrible, but two hours later, we stopped somewhere. I hoped we were there and finally we were there in London. I was only 10 years old. We didn't know where we were going. Then we got lost. Next, we looked everywhere and found our way out. Then we found a hotel to stay in. There was a lot of space. We went to the park. Then we went to the pond. After that, we went home and went to sleep. At the end, we went back to the airport and flew back home.

### **Story by Avery, grade 3**

There was a worm named Wordy Worm. He loved adventures. He hoped he found a lot of animals and he decided to go to the jungle. He went to the jungle. When he started to walk for a while, HE GOT LOST!!! He got so scared. He thought he would die out there. Then, he saw a tiger roaring at him. He got really terrified. Then he saw a jaguar behind him. Then, they started to run and they passed him. They started to fight so he said to himself, "I have time to get out of here," so he ran. He left while they were fighting. He saw loud birds in the jungle. Then he started to walk. He also saw monkeys swinging branch to branch. He saw a swamp with frogs, toads, and insects. He kept walking and he saw his house so he ran and ran. He finally got there and lived happily ever after.



### **Wordy Worm Fighting for German Tests, Casey, grade 4**

Once upon a time, there was a wordy worm named Charlie. He goes on an adventure in Germany. When Charlie goes to Germany, he investigates how people speak there. Then Charlie studied for a big test in German in German class . . .

Next day: Charlie was doing his test on German. On Friday, he looked at his test . . . he got a 100 aka A+. He was filled with joy.

On the next day, his teacher told Charlie that he did better than an A+. So she told Charlie that “You’re going to go to München!”

“Why?” asked Charlie.

“Why?” His teacher told him he was going to the big spelling bee there.

During recess, Charlie was studying hard. The next day, he was going to München!

When Charlie got there, he was thinking about the first question for only 5 seconds, and he got it right and got 5 points. He got another 7 questions right. He was at 40 points! His opponent was losing by 10 points. When Charlie won, he went to the final place. It was Lupberg. Charlie won. Everyone was proud of him. Charlie shook hands and said good job. And it ended happily ever after.

### **Wordy's Great Adventures, Parker, grade 4**

Once upon a time, there was a young worm named Wordy who was bored, so he decided to go on an adventure. He said, "I think I may go to the North Pole and see Rudolph and the other reindeer. It would be a blast to see Santa too." But enough about where he's going, he first has to know how he's going to get there. He decided to go through the book telaporter.

The book telaporter is a blank chapter book that can take you wherever you want to go by opening it and telling it where you want to go. When he got to the North Pole, he went to see Rudolph and the other reindeer. After seeing the reindeer, he went to see Santa and his workshop. He asked Santa if he was on the naughty or nice list but all Santa told him was that he would have to wait until Christmas to find out. He had so much fun at the North Pole that he decided to visit some other places.

For his next adventure, he decided to go to Africa. As he watched the animals on the safari, he sang the song "This Time for Africa." He liked watching the meerkats run around and play; at one point one group of meerkats fought another group. It was sad to see them fight. He saw a beautiful sunrise over the savanna and zebra running with its herd. Africa was a great stop on his trip.

His next stop took him to the mountain Vesuvius. There he picked a fight with a dragon-like creature. When he fought the creature, he calmed it by singing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." The problem was he didn't know all the words, so as soon as it calmed down he got outta there before it got angry again.

After Vesuvius he went to China. He really wanted to see the Great Wall because it has a great view in many directions. While he was there he met a monk and had dinner with him. The monk gave him a fortune cookie that told him that he would have a wonderful adventure in Greece. So he went to Greece.

When he got to Greece, he went to see Zeus and all of the other mythological characters. He tried to run the 100 meter race in the Olympic games but quickly realized that worms can't run.

Lastly he went to Egypt to see the great pyramids. He had to just look at them from the ground because the big bricks of the pyramids were too tall for him to climb. When the adventures were over, Wordy learned that if you are ever bored then just go to your library and start an adventure.

### **Wordy the Worm's Reading Adventures, Abbigail, grade 4**

One day, there was a worm named Wordy the Worm. He was playing detective. He was trying how to read a really big book. There was not much time left in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. He worked hard to read. He had 17 days left. He thought he could read a book, but he messed up. He could not pronounce the words. He thought that since his name was Wordy he could read. His name has to do with words, for goodness sake. How could he not read?

Wordy had so much trouble. His teacher, Mrs. Caterpillar, asked if he needed help. Wordy said no because he thought his friends would laugh at him. Even though he did need help. One girl said, "Don't be afraid to ask for help. It's not that hard."

After class he went to his teacher's desk and said, "I can't read. It's too hard for me. Can you please help me?"

She said, "Sure. Ask your mom if she is ok about it."

Wordy said, "Ok good. When can we meet?"

Mrs. Caterpillar said, "Sometime next week sound good?"

This was not good. He was running out of time. Most kids are excited about 9 more days of school. But unfortunately Wordy was not. Days flew so fast he lost count. Wordy told his mom that the lessons with his teacher were not working out. Wordy did not want to tell his teacher because he thought it would hurt her feelings. On the last day, Wordy read it so clear! He was so proud. So all summer long he read books and he thought he would enjoy them for the rest of his life.

With 1 day left of school, he thought he could read the whole day. And if he wanted to read, he could all he wanted. And that's all he wanted. Wordy had fun being a 1<sup>st</sup> grader. Now he's a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader which means harder books for him and new adventures!!!

THE END

### **The Rescue, Jacob, grade 3**

It was a very wet day. Wordy Worm was playing with Leo in the rain. Then a diamond back rattlesnake bit Leo. Leo went to the hospital. Wordy Worm went to ask the boss of the hospital if there is an antidote.

There is only one antidote. It is a red gem.

“Thank you, Boss,” said Wordy Worm.

“You’re welcome.”

But Wordy Worm didn’t know what to do. He looked in a book called red gems. Just then, he got sucked into the book. When he got into the book there were red gems everywhere. Wordy Worm got a crystal and went back home.

He went to the hospital and gave them the crystal. Leo was okay.

## **Wordy Worm Reads Instead of Eats, Carlin, grade 5**

### **Part One: Wordy Worm's Devious Plan**

Wordy Worm was a smart worm who loved reading books, but the rest of the worms ate books for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. He loved reading books like the other worms loved eating books. His favorite books were mystery books, and at home he had a large shelf with all kinds of mystery books. His favorite series was A to Z Mysteries. They were by his favorite author, Beverly Cleary. Wordy Worm had one friend. His name was Benjamin Worm, but his friends called him Benjy (it was easier to say). Benjy was just like Wordy Worm; they loved reading books together. Benjy also loved mystery books. After tea time, they would sit and read a mystery book together. By the time they had finished all of the books, a new one was published.

Wordy Worm started to get tired of being picked on for reading books, and Wordy Worm knew Benjy was tired of being picked on too. So all night long Wordy Worm sat on his pile of leaves and made a foolproof plan. The next morning Wordy Worm met Benjy at the school bench like always, and they entered the school together. They made it to their first class and as soon as they entered, the room became silent. Then the teacher broke the silence by saying, "Good morning class. Today we will learn what to do when you see a human." Then a loud rude student shouted out, "Wordy Worm would probably start reading." The class started to laugh and then the teacher yelled, "SILENCE!" The class quieted down and they carried on with the lesson. It was officially time for "Operation Readers."

### **Part Two: Operation Readers**

Wordy Worm had devised a plan to convince the other worms of the benefits of reading. He thought hard about the great books he has read and wanted to introduce his best books to the other worms. Wordy Worm spent the next week preparing for show and tell and for his presentation. He asked his friend Benjy to help him make the presentation fun and interesting.

It was a day away from show and tell and Wordy Worm planned to wear a nice suit that had been cleaned that very day. Then he asked Benjy how he looked and Benjy said, "Look at this! We are twins!" As it turns out, they had picked the same outfit to wear and they were the perfect outfits for the show and tell presentation. Wordy Worm and Benjy had decided to present and act out one of their favorite mysteries, Sherlock Holmes.

Wordy Worm and Benjy stepped in front of the class and began to work their magic. Benjy was Watson (Holmes' trusty sidekick) and Wordy Worm was Sherlock Holmes of course. After ten minutes of dazzling the class into silence, and as their presentation concluded, they were unsure as to whether or not they succeeded in bringing the book to life. Then suddenly, the class erupted into a loud roar of applause. Mission accomplished.

In conclusion, worms now do both . . . eat AND read books (at least the good ones).

### Story by Hannah, grade 5

Hello, I'm Wordiest Worm, but you can call me Wordy Worm. I am THE smartest worm in Dirtington Elementary. My favorite class is Aboveology, the study of the world above The Worm Community. I REALLY love it.

"Wordiest Worm!" Mother Worm called. "Time to get up!" I maneuvered myself down the narrow tunnel and out of my family's tunnel to the feeding room. Hundreds of worms were digging around here, eating as much as they could. I spotted my family near the wall, and wiggled over. Wormy Wordete, my little sister, was eating part of the wall.

"Wordete!" Mother Worm scolded. "Eat in a straight line!" Father Worm was behind her, trying to be as quiet as possible. "And you!" she said, spinning around, "Get you head out of the newspaper!" Mother Worm was always cranky in the morning. I decided this would be a good time to go. "Bye Mother Worm, bye Father Worm, bye Wordete." And I headed down the tunnel toward school.

On the way I met up with Tail, a weak, fragile little worm who happened to be my best friend. "Hey, Wordy," he said, "Do you have any extra lunch money?"

"Here," I said, giving him my extra coin.

School was the same. Math, science, history, lunch, recess, art, music, P.E. then, at the very end of the day, was aboveology. Mr. See, our teacher, said, "Hello students. Today we will be learning about the creatures of Above. Some are just like us, like the giant, furry clawed thing called groundhog." The class oohed as he drew a picture of a fat creature with hair all over it. *How could that be just like us?* I thought. "Some creatures are our enemy though. Like the foul, evil beasts called birds." The class gasped as he drew a picture of a thin beast with weird-looking fur called feathers, and two flat things that stuck out to the side called wings, and a yellow triangle sticking out of the middle of the face.

Then Mr. See turned on his Wormavision. Then he played a video. Girls screamed as birds flew across the screen, eating worms whole. When the video ended, Mr. See said, "Now you know to NEVER EVER go Above. Many heroes have been eaten. So never, ever, ever go." He said just as the bell rang, telling everyworm it was time to go home.

As I was going home, I spotted a really narrow tunnel leading up. I decided to follow it. As I climbed higher, I saw a bright light ahead. As I got nearer, it became much hotter. Then I burst through the top. I gasped as I realized I wasn't in Dirtington anymore. Looking around at the strange things about, I felt like I'd seen it before. Then I remembered the video! The video from Mr. See's class! I was in Above!

I couldn't believe it! I was so much nicer in Dirtington. Sure it was bright and a little hot, but it was beautiful. There were green giant things everywhere, rising up from the ground. I was worried about losing the worm tunnel, but I decided to venture off to look around.

I hadn't been going very far when a face popped out. It was HUGE! It was different colors and looked like it was screaming, but no sound was coming out. "AHH!" I cried. Then the hideous beast turned around. Behind it was the strangest thing I'd ever seen. There was a thin, gray beautiful creature with six little legs and two antennas. But she was attached to the evil beast.

"Oh my, did I scare you?" she asked.

"Yes, um, well, are you okay?"

She looked at me puzzlingly. "What do you mean?"

"Well, you are stuck to an ugly beast!" I exclaimed.

"An ugly beast, oh, you mean my wings?" she said, laughing.

*Wings, I thought. Like horrible bird wings?* "Um, are you going to eat me?" I asked.

"Eat you? Why would I eat you?" she said.

"Well, aren't you a bird," I said cautiously.

"Just because I have wings doesn't mean I'm a bird. I'm a butterfly. Beau the Butterfly."

"I'm Wordious Worm, but you can call me Wordy." I said.

"Well, Wormy, what are you doing in Above?" she asked.

"I'm exploring."

"Ooh, can I explore with you?"

"Sure," I said, and we started off.

Soon, we came to a big hill with a bunch of red ants marching up and down. "Hello," Beau said. "What are you doing?"

"Why we are gathering food, my dear," he said, kissing her hand. Beau giggled. Wordy immediately did not like the captain.

### **Christmas Snow, Maxwell, grade 3**

One day there was this worm. His name was Wordy Worm. It was Christmas and it snowed. Wordy Worm and his family went outside in the snow.

Next morning, it was Christmas morning. He went back outside and played with his brother Jack Worm the day after Christmas.

His family had a good Christmas.



## **The Adventures of Wordy Worm, Mia, grade 5**

One day Wordy Worm was at home doing his regular cleaning in his room. Suddenly there was a knock on the door. "Hello, who is there?" said Wordy Worm.

"It is me, Spiky Spider. I have come to tell you about the flooding down in Antville. I have brought the one and only ant. Could you let me introduce you to Reading Ant?"

Wordy Worm opened the door and came out. Before Wordy could talk, a super big wave came from Antville.

The next day, Wordy woke up to a terrible fright. He was not in his house. He was on the sidewalk. A group of kids was coming at him. He was really afraid, more afraid than ever!

After a while of wandering around the place, another group of kids was coming up the road. But instead of walking right past, the kids stopped and one of the naughty kids said, "Look, boys, that worm is lost." At that point, the boys picked him up and put him in a jar.

Poor Wordy was so afraid of what would happen next that he did not realize that his friends had just been dumped right next to him.

Suddenly, Wordy Worm felt the power of a giant. At that point, his friends scared him by yelling, "Wordy is here; Wordy is okay." After he told them how he was okay and how he planned to get them all out of this horrible place. So he went into action and smashed the top of the bottle. Then his friends grabbed him just in time before he fell out and together they climbed out.

After a few weeks, the three friends moved in near a healthy pond with lots of good food to eat. And they lived happily ever after.

The End

## **The Undead Adventures of Wordy the Worm, Ethan, grade 5**

Intro: 1654-1655, England

King Worm and Queen Worm were both in really good shape. They weren't feeling bad or sick or anything. But, on February 17, 1654, King Worm was ill. He needed a doctor. The queen got the best doctor in the kingdom to assist the king. He told her everything was fine. He gave the king some pain medicine but it didn't help.

A few months later, the king started acting strange. When he was done dining, he would let his mouth stay open for a few hours. He started making weird moaning sounds and tried to bite the queen. And, get this, the king would run away from radiation of any kind.

September 8, 1654, he bit the Queen and she became ill also. Eventually, the guards noticed this behavior and summoned the doctor again. The doctor was now worried if it was spreading and he would get it. He said he doesn't know what's wrong and he gathered all the elders who might know something about this. But, it was too late and the King and Queen started going outside at night. And, when they went to the village they started trying to break into the homes. The villagers were terrified. The next morning they evacuated telling the other villagers to leave. Many disbelieved but some did listen. They knew the King and Queen were acting strange. Meanwhile, the elders reported they knew nothing of such an illness.

On December 17, 1654, the King and Queen broke into a villager's home. That morning the villager's friends came to visit, but never returned to their homes. Every night, the population of villagers decreased. The ones who were unharmed started to flee and go to "The New Land" to live and settle. They shared the news and started calling the ill ones "zombies" after the name of King Zombie because he was first ill.

The name "zombie" was fully established on March 21, 1655. But the villagers that fled did not know that the illness in England was spreading and slowly the people would die and reform into non-living monsters.

Present day, America

Wordy the Worm was a brave boy. He never turned down a dare. He was always the best in all subjects in school. But he especially loved geology and science. Besides class work, he was athletic and skilled with art.

He also had a gang of other kids. His friends are: Squidgy, Seedy, and Nerdy. He also had a family: Wordy, Mom, and Dad.

Wordy was really into monsters and Halloween. That day was October 28, 2014. He didn't believe in zombies but he likes pretending to be one. He was always the zombie for Halloween. He like scaring other kids but not freak them out or anything He always got the most candy and no one ever complained about not having the most.

At school, Wordy was at lunch enjoying a PBJ sandwich. His friends were talking about Halloween and where to get the most candy. "Hey Wordy, I'll get the most candy this year. I calculated the average candy amounts and the highest is already where I live!" Nerdy challenged.

"Yah, right, like a nerd can even get candy!" Squidgy teased.

"None of you guys can get more candy than the fastest kid alive!" Seedy replied.

"Well, I guess there's one way to find out!" Wordy finally admitted.

Note-to-reader: You know how in England 1655 those villagers fled. Yah so one zombie got stuck in a food crate the night the humans left. When the humans got to America, they opened the crate and they got bitten and you know what happens. It has been spreading but fortunately Wordy lives in San Francisco. Eventually the news will get to where he lives. Now back to his adventure.

Halloween night, 2014: "Hey, where's Wordy?" Squidgy asked.

"I'm here!" Wordy shouted.

"Nice costume!" Seedy complimented.

"The costume has no effect on how much candy you get," Nerdy corrected.

Everyone got one hour to get the most candy. This year, everyone bet on Wordy. But Nerdy had a bet on Seedy. Nerdy was slow but knew about how much candy he would collect at every house in town! Seedy was quick and could get candy from a neighborhood in 5 min! Squidgy knows what's best in order to get more candy from each house. Wordy isn't good with anything but he always gets the most. The race was on! It was packed in every neighborhood. A lot more packed than ever. That was going to waste valuable time. Plus more people would take more candy and none would be left for us. After 50 minutes the time was short and intense. When it was over, they all met at Wordy's house. They counted their candy and results were: Wordy 736 pieces, Nerdy 698 pieces, Squidgy 511, and Seedy 737 pieces. Seedy wins! "Hah! I told you speed always wins!" Seedy boasted. Halloween was always fun even if Seedy isn't much of a sportsman.

But on December 3, 2014 the news of zombies spread. Wordy was so scared he was practically petrified. You probably would freak out but the zombies started scattering and the closest was in Kansas. When Wordy learned this he calmed down a bit and got a little more courageous. He thought maybe if these were un-living monsters he could outsmart them.

Everyone where he lived got the news. Everyone started to lock their houses and every rap on their door was either ignored or was yelled at. No zombies were seen at that time period. The only thing kids sort of enjoyed was no school. Some kids were so scared they would

hide under their covers and never come out. Others were so brave they wanted to move where all the zombies were. They said they could slay every zombie.

Even if zombies are slow, they are dangerous and no one knew how to kill or get rid of them. Some zombies also learned how to drive and to load a gun. That is how they got to Kansas.

The next day at home, Wordy texted Squidgy saying they should meet up and take on the zombies. It was perfect. After all they had a group. Squidgy texted back saying "Yah, that's awesome but Nerdy can't come." "Why not?" Wordy asked, confused. "He already told me his parents won't let him." After that text from Squidgy, they met at a park and Seedy asked, "What weapons do we have?" Wordy replied, "None."

You are probably thinking why would they have no weapons in a zombie apocalypse! Well, for one they aren't old enough. For two, they don't want to accidentally shoot a person instead of a zombie. Lastly, no one knows how to kill a zombie. The group planned to get parents' attention of the zombies and wherever they are they will GPS the location so that the military will hunt them down. The group was scared but they knew it would save the world. They had a plan and told their parents about what they were doing. Their parents freaked out. They all didn't let them do it. But the device Nerdy made a while ago can locate anything hostile or monstrous. The zombies are pretty much all that and if anything dangerous besides zombies interferes they can detect it. Now it's on!

So yeah, I said that the parents wouldn't let them go. But they made an agreement so that they could go if they went with their parents. They accepted and they started traveling east. Nerdy then regained his bravery and asked to go on with them. He did and his parents went with him like the rest. They spotted the first zombie in Northeastern Kansas. They had no weapons so they avoided it. They were terrified on how they looked. They acted like dead people.

Note-to-reader: Because they acted like they were dead the people started calling them the un-dead. The other reason was people thought their own spirit was gone and dead. So the group ran into a lot more zombies near Missouri. In fact they decided to hide there and GPS that location so the army would come to that town. They knew they couldn't hide for a day without going out of their hiding places. They had to make a run for it. They saw the least amount of zombies by the car. But even just ten zombies are dangerous, and there were about a dozen by the car. They had to make a sacrifice.

They ran to the car when they realized they weren't zombies. They were people who told them to stay where they are to have the best chance of survival. That moment Nerdy realized, "If the zombies are coming from the east then the source must be east." Wordy replied, "If they started from the east and we never were harmed up to now it might be in England!" Squidgy was shocked. "It did start in England." So they got on a plane and the adventure begins!

On the plane, everyone was nervous. They were afraid but knew they had to stop the zombies. They also thought about what that guy from Missouri said. Then they figured it out. Zombies ran the airport! Half the passengers were zombies.

Note-to-reader: You can't tell the difference between a person and a zombie like you can't tell the difference between a demon and an angel. Well, you could but you couldn't tell their looks apart. You can tell by how they act. The group was terrified but had a plan. They acted like the zombies! That fact let them know how they could blend in.

They survived on the plane while other human passengers freaked causing the zombies to bite them. Plus the zombie pilot crashed the plane in Italy! The place was infested with zombies. The group was so scared that there was a lot of wetting of pants. They stuck with the disguise but how would they get to England, and how would they stop the source with all the zombies around? They knew they were stuck in Italy with zombies everywhere! Is this the end?

Luckily there was another person to survive the plane crash. They met up in a zombie free place. The person whispered, "The way to stop this is to get to King Zombie's castle and slay him so all the zombies will turn back to people. There is a magical way to get to the castle quickly, but we have to get past the zombies." Everyone was shocked but kept their focus and followed his lead. They got to an alley that looked endless. The guy shook his head to tell them to go. They ran through and at that moment they arrived at King Zombie's castle. They all literally wet their pants at the sight and were speechless.

They nervously entered in zombie disguise and fortunately blended in. They saw zombies everywhere. They all seemed to walk toward a throne. That was King Zombie's throne! They all freaked so much they looked like they got back from watching 1,000,000 horror movies. The zombies seemed to be giving the King gifts. Wordy and the others knew what was happening.

The group had to plan quickly. The mother of Squidgy quickly grabbed a knife and waited in line. The rest pretended to be guards and grabbed extra weapons.

Note-to-Reader: The plan was for Squidgy's mom to stab the King when the "guards" slashed the King seconds before the zombies could touch them.

The group was extremely scared but stayed just sane enough. At that moment, the pretend "zombie mom" walked up and stabbed the King quickly, but the King bit her before she could get the knife far in. She turned into an actual zombie! The group kept their sanity and summoned enough anger to finish the King!

Suddenly, they were teleported back to their home and everyone was there just the way it was before. The news of saved zombies spread quick and the group knew they had done it! They had a huge party and when it was finished they knew cross-country trips were safe again. They knew they were safe and they didn't hide anymore. They were hoping this wouldn't happen next worm Halloween!

## Wordy Worm Held Captive, Griffin, grade 5

Hi there folks!! I'm Wordy Worm and I'm here to tell you about a scary experience in my life. It all started off as a great day. I had breakfast then got ready for school. Walked to school with my friends and had a great day. So far that day nothing bad had taken place. As school ended, I started to walk home and my friends were staying after school for an extra class. When I was about to slide into my worm hole all of the sudden . . .!

A little kid picked me up and I felt like I was flying but being held onto really tight. I was really scared. My mom came outside and screamed when I yelled "HELP ME!" My mom tried to get my dad in time but when he came it was too late. The little kid had already taken me inside the house. I was thinking of what to do. What should I do!!!! I was panicking. I couldn't think. I couldn't do anything!! Then . . . I passed out.

When I finally awoke I was in a tiny jar with a few holes. I had luckily survived and was not eaten. The jar was a foot away from the ledge and after countless efforts I managed to fall off the ledge and break the glass. Luck was on my side that day because I wasn't hurt from the fall. The glass shattered into a million pieces. It took me a while but I also managed to move through the glass and almost out of the room. Then again the little kid walked into the room and he picked me up and took me all the way back to the desk. I tried to fall off again but the kid came back with another jar and put me into it. Then, he pushed it back so I wasn't able to escape as easily as last time.

Again and again I had to push to go back and repeat. It took the rest of the day to escape the jar. So the kid was asleep and so was everyone else when I escaped the 2<sup>nd</sup> time and I actually made it out the door. By the time I reached the door I was so tired I could barely move. So I made it outside to the grass and then fell asleep until the next morning. When I woke up I was in the grass where I was the night before. It took a long time to figure out where to go. I took a path and about after 3 or 4 hours of wandering I found a spot that I knew. It was by the schoolyard where we are not supposed to go. So I knew the way home from there.

When I went into the hole I saw my mom crying in the kitchen. I went up to her and said, "It's ok. I'm here now." My mom cried with joy after she saw me. She announced to everyone that I was back. Everyone came down and hugged me and were so happy to see me. I was also very happy to see them. I thought I would never see them again. That was probably the scariest adventure I ever had.

### **Story by Alexander, grade 3**

Wordy Worm and I were best friends. We were such good dancers. One day, we were mad at each other. We each thought we were the best dancer. Because we thought that we were better than the other, we had a dance battle. Wordy Worm won!

**Story by Ty, kindergarten**

Wordy Worm went with Howie to visit his pet dinosaur. He could play with it.





### The Adventure to the Library, lanet, grade 3

Once upon a time, there was a worm named Wordy Worm. He was going on an adventure to the Bosler Library.

Wordy Worm was coming in through the double doors so he can look at different books. Then the librarian looked at him slithering across the shelves and looking at books. So, she was going to walk over from her desk to the shelf Wordy Worm was on.

But then Wordy Worm slithered inside a book so the librarian couldn't find Wordy Worm. Wordy Worm started to read the book, then headed out of the Bosler Library.



### Wordy Worm Adventures, Rianna, grade 3

"Wordy Worm, Wordy Worm," said Mr. Apple. Wordy Worm woke up as they were in class and everyone laughed. It was finally time to go home. Mrs. Worm picked him up from school and his mother said, "It's almost Valentine's Day. You should make a card for someone!"

"Okay, but I need help."

"Then ask Kyle for help," said his mother.

"Hey Kyle. I need your help."

"What do you need help with?"

"I need help with a Valentine's card."

"Then go to the heart forest," said Kyle.

"Where is the heart forest?" asked Wordy Worm.

"It's by the real forest. Now see what he has to say."

The heart king said, "Just make it from your heart."

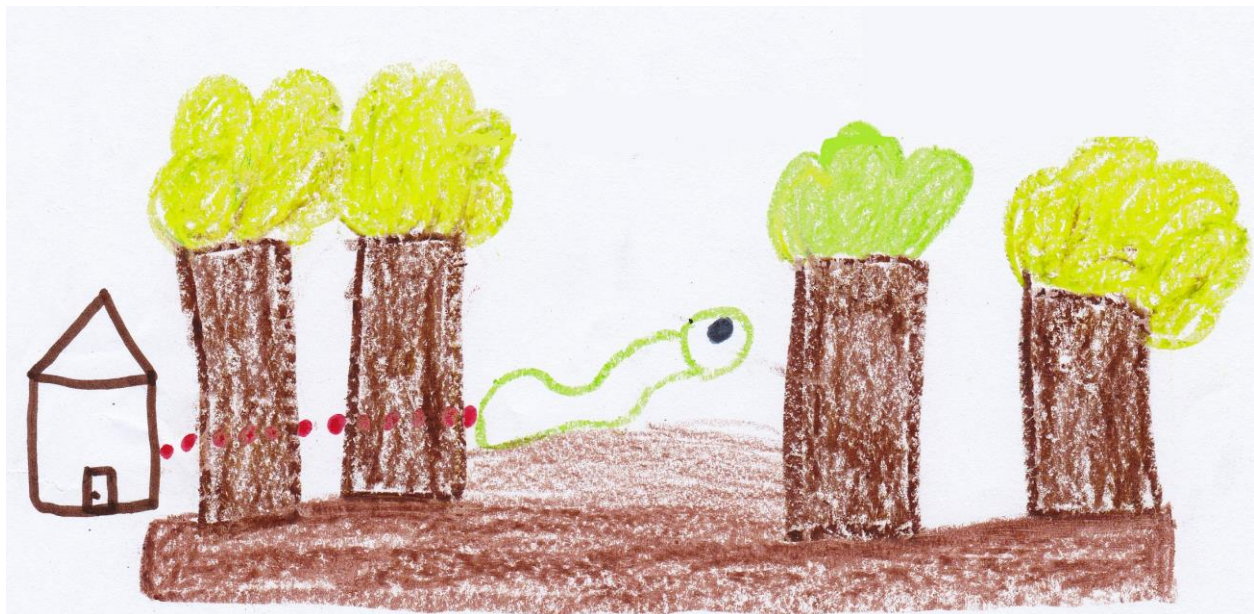


### Wordy Worm Went into the Wood, Krissy, grade 3

Once upon a time Wordy Worm went for a walk in the wood, and he left a trail behind him. He ran out of stuff that he made the trail with. It was all gone but he didn't know that it was gone so he kept walking. He got lost and he couldn't find his way out of the forest.

He tried to find his trail so he can go home. Then he found footprints and he followed the footprints farther & farther into the woods. The footprints stopped. He didn't know where he was so he went back the way he came.

Wordy Worm found his trail. He followed the trail. Then he got home and took a nap.



### The Adventure of Wordy Worm, Jeremiah, grade 3

Wordy Worm, Neal, Natasha, and Lobo were on their way to Paris to see the Eiffel Tower together. Wordy Worm said, "Why are we here?"

Neal said, "We are on an adventure to 5 different places, okay?"

Wordy Worm and his friends were finally there at the Eiffel Tower in Paris. They were all happy. Wordy Worm, Neal, Natasha, and Lobo then went to New York. But when they got there, Jackson was there. Jackson was there because he had moved to New York. He moved because no one liked him. Not even his family liked him. So he told his family, "Let's move to New York because people keep bullying me." Wordy Worm, Natasha, Neal, and Lobo just walked away.

Now they're going to Washington, D.C. then Brooklyn. Then they were done with their trip. We are going to Niagara Falls, then we are going home.

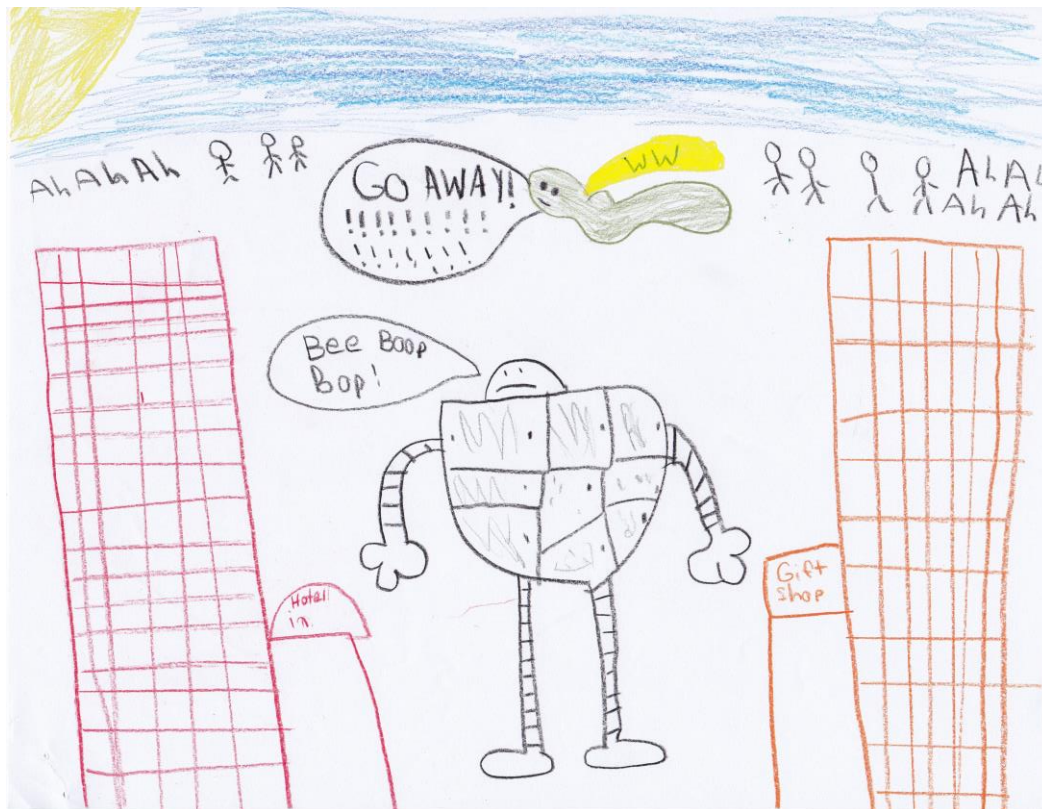


### The Bad Trip to New York, Rylee, grade 3

Once upon a time there was a worm named Wordy Worm. He lived in California. He loved to write and illustrate books. He also had a big dark secret.

One day he took a trip to New York City to write a new book. When he got there, strange stuff was going on and nobody was really there. When he got to his apartment, he saw on the news that there was a giant Evil Robot lurking around New York City. So Wordy Worm had to reveal his secret which is . . . he is a superhero! He used his powers to defeat the Evil Robot.

Now New York is safe and sound since Wordy Worm is there. He also got to finish his book.



### The Adventures of Wordy Worm, Jameson, grade 3

One day it was hot and sunny and a worm named Wordy Worm was going down the sidewalk. He almost got stepped on but he didn't because a little girl named Allison saw him.

She said, "It's okay. Don't be afraid because there is no reason to be afraid. I will release you. Okay?"

"Okay," said Wordy Worm. "Thank you for saving me from that giant gray and white bird."

"You're welcome," said Allison. "Now go off." And Wordy Worm was off.

When Wordy Worm was off all of the sudden he saw shadows going in circles above him. He was very frightened. Then Allison heard him scream. She quickly ran back after Wordy Worm. She caught him just in time. She had a bat with her and she hit the bat on top of the head. He fainted. Wordy Worm said, "NICE JOB!"

Allison said, "Okay, I am very sorry of what I said."

Wordy Worm said, "It's okay."

"Is my apology accepted?"

Wordy Worm said, "Yes! Yes! It is!"

Allison took him home, showed her parents and they said she could keep him!



### Wordy Worm Goes on an Adventure, Ciana, grade 3

Once upon a time some other people and I were with. When we got there to the woods, I had to get a map because I did not know where we were supposed to go. So I went to get a map.

When I got back, I turned around and they were not there. I started to get worried, but then I found them. Then, after we went to this cliff.

Then a bear fell out of a tree. Then Wordy Worm got bit so we had to hurry up to the hospital to get him alive and that was it.



### Wordy Worm at the Playground, Cassie, grade 3

Wordy Worm is at school. He went outside to eat off the apple tree. A girl goes and shuts the window and she leaves. Wordy is stuck outside!

He goes to the window, but he can't open it. He goes down the slide, across the fence, and he falls. A dog swoops him up. He takes him to the window.

He says, "Sorry. I was just running around. Wordy Worm, here's the bell. It is recess."

He saw the teacher open the window. He crawled in. Then he went to bed and fell asleep.





### Story by Anna, grade 1

Wordy Worm is looking for his book. He slithered into the bookcase. Then he slithered into the reserved section. Then he looked for the book to do something magical for his lab, but on his way he got lost in the forest of Goldilock. He really did not want to run into the three bears because he was afraid of bears. And then suddenly he saw something brown. It came closer and closer. Then he saw three big bears.



### Wordy Worm Saves Christmas, Charlotte, grade 3

One day Wordy Worm was wiggling through the park when he saw a group of kids arguing and crying. Wordy Worm wiggled over to the kids and asked what was wrong. One of the kids said to Wordy Worm that they could not find out what Santa's address is. Then Wordy Worm looked at the envelopes and saw that the letters from the address were missing and they had to go look for them. They were all looking around to find the words but they could not see them anywhere. Then a little boy said, "Look I found the letter 'N' on a sign on a house!" Wordy Worm said, "Good job! You found the first letter!" They looked at the envelope and the letter "N" appeared on the envelope. Then they started looking again and the twin girls found the letters "O" and "R." Wordy Worm said, "You found the two letters of Santa's address!" Three other kids found "T" "H" "P" and those three letters appeared on the envelope and so did the "O" "L" "E," letters that the other three kids found. Wordy Worm said, "We have to find out what all these letters spell out!" The kids spelled out all the letters and it spelled "NORTH POLE." They thanked Wordy Worm for helping them out with Santa's address. Then they got to send their letters to Santa.

The End



### Wordy Worm's Adventure, Emma, grade 3

Hi! My name is Wordy Worm. I am small, green, and love books! This story is about my big adventure with my friend, Squirmy Wormy.

As soon as I woke up, I raced downstairs. My mom said, "What's the big rush?"

"I have to get to Squirmy Wormy's house! We're going to the haunted house. Remember?" I said.

"Ok, go ahead," my mom said. This is going to be so much fun!

As soon as I got to Squirmy Wormy's house, I ran in. "I'm here! Come on, let's go!" I said, out of breath."

"OK," he said. This is my first time going to a haunted house and I am so excited! I'm usually scared of things like this, but not this time!

When we got there, I saw a big fat gargoyle. Inside it was dark and spooky. This place is already giving me the chills. I felt like someone was watching me. I don't believe in ghosts, but THIS is scary.

A little while later I was looking in a room when I realized I was alone. Where was Squirmy Wormy? Then I heard a loud BANG. I froze. I'm getting out of here! I raced down the stairs and saw the door was open. Perfect! As soon as I got to the door, it closed. "Hahahaha!" I heard a voice laugh. I immediately turned around, expecting to see a ghost. I saw Squirmy Wormy. He tricked me! "I can't believe you fell for that!" he said, still laughing.

"Fine, you got me," I said out of breath. After that, we both walked home.

That was the best day ever! Even if my best friend scared me. I can't wait to go there again!

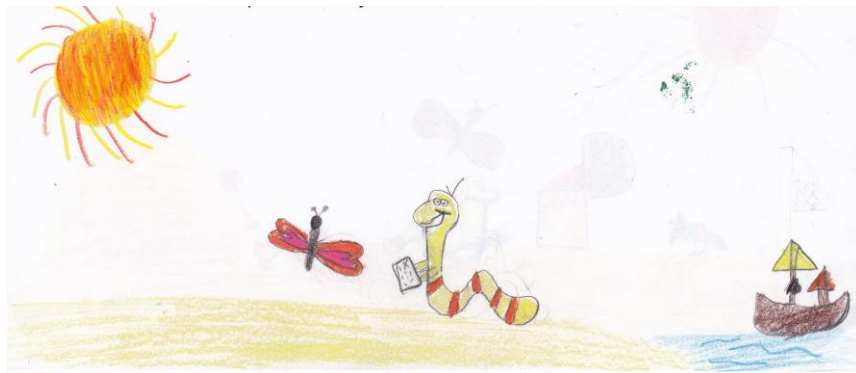


## The Adventures of Wordy Worm, Hannah, grade 5

One day Wordy Worm and Parker were playing outside. They were playing hide-and-seek in the forest. Wordy Worm and Parker were having so much fun! Whenever it was Wordy Worm's turn to hide, he would hide so well. One time when he was hiding, he hid so well that he found something in between the rocks. He looked at it and realized it was a map. He ran to go show Parker.



Once he found Parker, he showed him what he had found. When Wordy Worm opened the map, it was a giant X! Wordy Worm and Parker had no idea what it meant. Wordy Worm walked around to see if there were any clues. But, they could not find any. Suddenly, out of the corner of Wordy Worm's eye he saw a ship, but not just any ship, it was a pirate ship! They walked to the ship to ask if anyone knew what the X meant.



When they got to the ship, they met a pirate. The pirate's name was Leo. Pirate Leo asked them, "What do you boys need?"

Wordy worm said, "We don't know what the X means on this map."

Pirate Leo laughed and said, "That marks treasure! Do you need some help looking for it?"

“Yes, please,” said Wordy Worm and Parker. Wordy Worm, Parker, and Pirate Leo all started their journey to go look for the treasure. They followed the directions for a long time. When they finally reached a large red “X” on the sand, they started to dig as fast as they could.



It wasn't too long till they dug down to a gold treasure box. When they opened it up and looked inside it was overflowing with gold coins, necklaces, buttons, and pins. They each got what they wanted. Pirate Leo got the gold necklaces. Wordy Worm split the gold coins and they all split everything else. “We should play outside more often!” said Wordy Worm.



### Wordy's Big Idea! Tailah, grade 3



One day Wordy Worm and his friend Bucky were taking a vacation to the mountains. First, they had to pack their clothes. Then they packed their shoes and hats. Next, they packed their food. Then, they went to sleep.



Then, they got a ride to the mountains. When they got there, they saw some wood. Then they had an idea. They were going to make a house. They gathered some wood and nails and started building.



First, they made the floor. Then they made the first wall. Then they made the second wall. After that, they made the third wall. Then they made the last wall. Finally, they made a roof.



Then they found paint sitting on the grass. The worms painted the house and made a ladder. Then the worms went to the store and got a couch, tv, coffee table, two beds, two tvs, two dressers, a sink, a fridge, a cabinet, and a table. Then they went to sleep.



They both woke up and went to the store and got a mower, a car, some string, a bucket, and food. First, they put string on the tree and tied it to a bucket. Next, they mowed the grass and made a driveway. Then, they put the food in the bucket and made a deck. Then, they pulled the food up and put it in the fridge. They pulled the car in the driveway. Wordy Worm and Bucky mowed the lawn and went back home and got all their stuff and brought it into the new house. Then, they went to bed.

When they woke up, they sold their house for \$9,053. After that, they went to the store and got a couple bean bag chairs and carpet for the living room. Then they went to sleep.



They woke up and went outside and played ball. They called their friend, Ducky, and said, "Come to the mountains. Our new house is there. Come over and play ball with us. It is a blue house."

When he got there, they went to the store and got three dirt bikes. Then they came home and rode the dirt bikes around the mountains. Then they found a ramp, and they started ramping. After that, they did 360s. Bucky did a twist and Ducky did a back turn. Next, they went back to their house and Ducky stayed the night. Ducky came back to the house and they went to sleep.



Then they woke up, and they all ate. Then, they went to the store and got a fence and wood. After that, they came back and made a garage. Then, they made a fence. Then, Ducky moved in. They got a bunch of books and bags and rode their dirt bikes to his house. First, they hooked his bed. Then, they hooked his dresser and tv. After that, he got his clothes, shoes, and food. After that, they went back to the house, and they put all his stuff in the room and unpacked his clothes. Once he was done unpacking, they went and watched tv. After that, they went outside and played with their dirt bikes. They went up and laid down because they were so tired so they went to sleep.

