

Wildcat Tracks

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Interview with My Teacher

by Joseph Nesser
3rd Grade, Mrs. Laffoon

Joseph: What is your favorite color?

Mrs. Laffoon: blue

Joseph: Where is your favorite place to visit?

Mrs. Laffoon: St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Joseph: Do you have any pets?

Mrs. Laffoon: No

Joseph: What is your favorite food?

Mrs. Laffoon: Mexican

Joseph: What is your favorite restaurant?

Mrs. Laffoon: Fajita Flats

Joseph: Do you have a hobby?

Mrs. Laffoon: Yes, tennis and sailing.

Joseph: Where did you go to college?

Mrs. Laffoon: Texas State University

Joseph: How long have you been teaching?

Mrs. Laffoon: 17 years

Joseph: What is your favorite movie?

Mrs. Laffoon: Fried Green Tomatoes

Joseph: Where were you born?

Mrs. Laffoon: Florida

Joseph: What is your favorite type of music?

Mrs. Laffoon: soft rock

Joseph: What is your favorite time of year?

Mrs. Laffoon: Summer

Thank you Mrs. Laffoon for letting me and the rest of Wilchester Elementary get to know you better

What is a good friend?

I think a good friend is someone who is kind, someone who makes you feel special. Someone who will listen to you when you are sad and makes it all better. A friend is someone who likes to play and share with you. I think I have many good friends at Wilchester Elementary.

Alex McConn
2nd Grade, Mrs. Redd

The Species Connector

By William Fowler
5th Grade, Mrs. Marks

If I could invent anything I would invent a device that would help humans communicate with animals, such as cats, dogs, and other animals. This device would be called a species connector. This invention could help people communicate better and help animals get what they want. It would also help them survive a longer time. If there was a problem and an animal was sick or dying, we could help medicate them or treat them to a good health. We could also get to know the truth about animals if they liked being locked in a zoo, or if they liked staying in a house. Think of all the true facts and research we could get if we just communicated better. We could also understand their feelings, like if they are happy, sad, or depressed. I think that the species connector would be an excellent device to help pet owners, biologists, zoologists, or any human get to know more about animals. Even though this invention would be a little pricey it would serve its purpose and be a big help to science.



My music favorites are.....

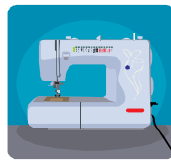
My favorite type of music is pop and funky music you can dance to and have a fun time with the music playing. I also like slow but fun songs that make you want to wave your hands in the air. I mainly like songs with meaning so I can understand the words and story to the song. The singer's music I like is the Jonas Brothers, Miley Cyrus/Hannah Montana, Taylor Swift, and many more. I like their music because it makes you want to dance and sing along. I love music!

**Mia Fjerstad
Mrs. Khoury**

What Makes a Good Friend...

I thought a long time about what being a good friend means. A good friend is always truthful. Always be honest with your friends. A good friend is never mean. Of course, sometimes friends say or do things to one another that are not exactly nice, but a good friend is never malicious or spiteful. Good friends do not bully others. Bullies don't really have any friends, just kids acting like they are friends out of fear or intimidation. A good friend will stand by your side. You also need to be willing to do the same for your friends.

By Harrison Camden
5th Grade



My Favorite After School Activity

By Abigail McCall
2nd Grade, Mrs. Redd

My favorite after-school activity is Sewing. I like sewing because it is fun, productive, and you can make useful things. My sewing teacher's name is Miss Sherry and I take sewing lessons at Thimble Fingers. I have made a belt, a small draw-string bag, a large draw-string bag, a pillow, a stuffed animal, and a scarf. Right now I am working on a "crazy quilt". When I am finished with the quilt, I am going to make a tie. I love sewing, and I look forward to my lesson every week.

Favorite Books

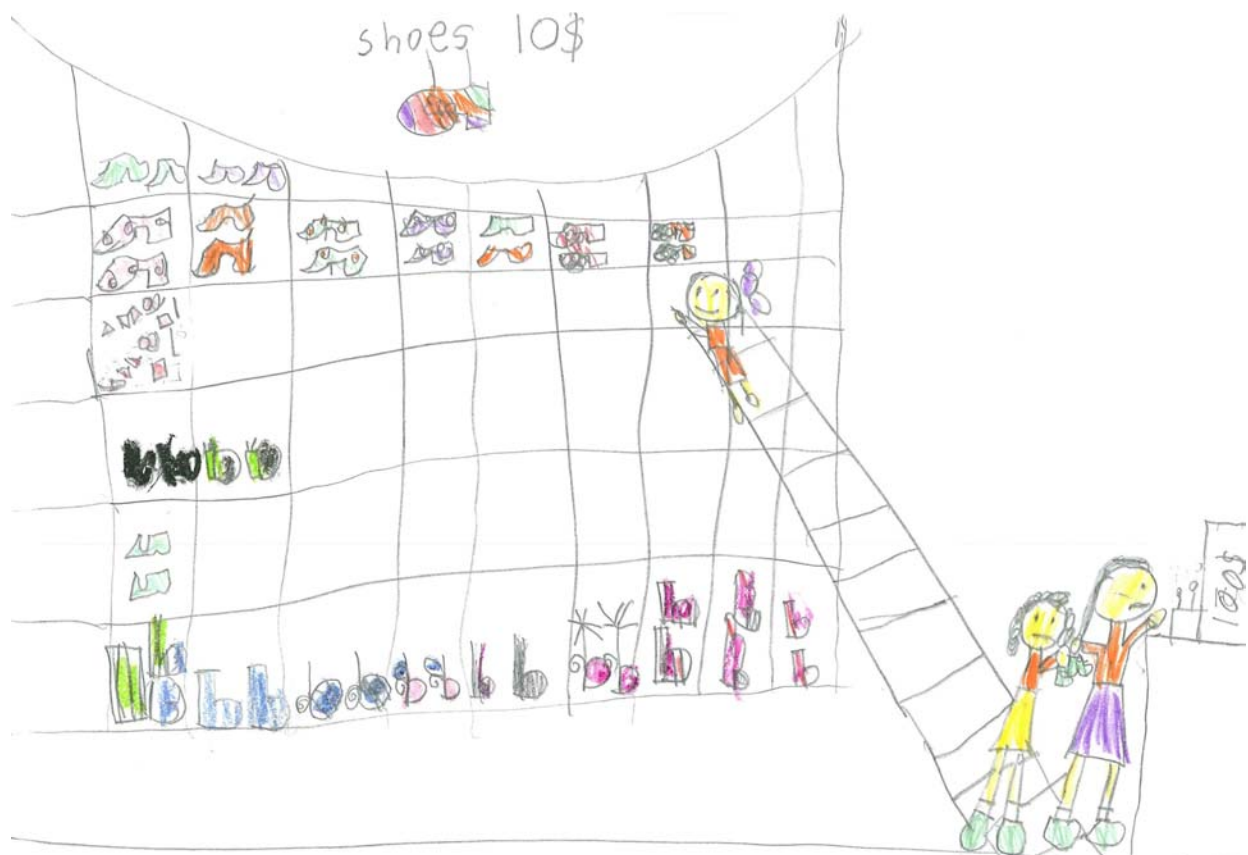
By Ashford Hastings
4th Grade

My favorite types of books are ... fantasy!! I like to read fantasy books because it puts you into the zone of imagination where anything can happen from riding dragons to riding spaceships. Do you like searching underground mazes? If not, than try defending your life against a centaur. Since you can never do stuff like that in real life, it's a good way to feel like you're casting spells or sword fighting against monsters. A good book may even be better than a real adventure because you can choose your own. That's why I love fantasy books!

Sarah recommends...

If you like mysteries that are kind of sad and filled with adventure, go check out So B. It by Sarah Weeks at your nearest library. It's about a girl named Heidi who lives with her mentally disabled mother and a neighbor named Bernie. Heidi leaves her home in Reno, Nevada on a mission to uncover her mother's past. During her adventure, she has many lucky moments, but not always. I shouldn't tell you too much of the story, but if you want to know more, check out So. B. It by Sarah Weeks.

By Sarah Cannon
3rd Grade, Mrs. De Leon



My Future Shop....
Art by Anusha Sood
2nd Grade

The person I look up to most is...

The person I look up to most is my mom and dad because they tell me what I did right and wrong and when I'm feeling down they always try to figure out the problem and some what comfort me to make me perk back up again. When I need advice the first person I talk to is either my mom or dad. They almost always tell me the correct thing to do with the situation from bullying to boredom. They always encourage me to do things I don't want to do but they turn out to be fun. They encourage me to do well in all the many things I do. They always look out for my safety to make sure I stay safe. The things that teachers don't teach me they teach me those things. They always teach me things such as to stand up for myself, and other things. So when I need someone to look up to, I always turn to my mom and dad.

By Catherine Parnell
3rd Grade

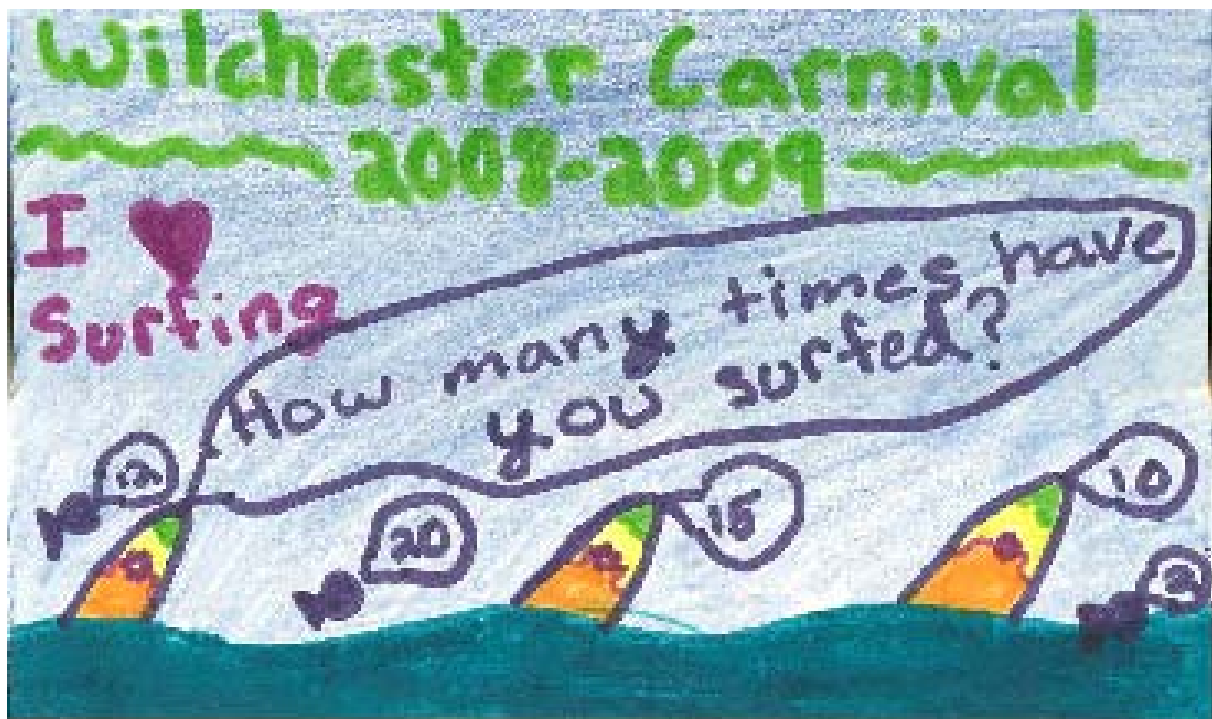


Art by Rachel Wedel
2nd Grade, Mrs. Redd

If I Had \$1000 to Give to a Charity...

\$1000 doesn't seem like a whole bunch of money now-a-days, but every penny counts when you are trying to save a life. I would give the money to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital because I think that every child deserves a life as good as mine. The \$1000 could help in finding a cure for a young boy or girl with cancer. Speaking of which, cancer is an unfortunate event. \$1000 can really make a difference for a child in need of a cure.

Marianna Davis
5th Grade



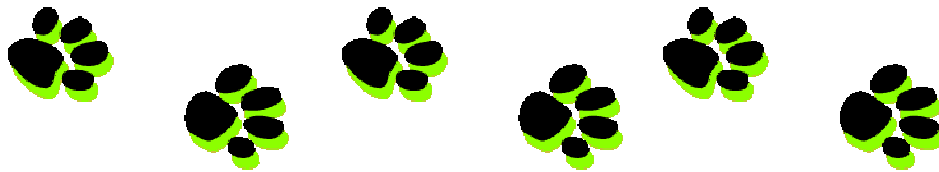
Art by Meg Hunt
5th Grade

The Perfect Day

By Virginia Herring

4th Grade

How to start your perfect day is by your mom or dad waking you up and telling you that you do not have to go to school. Then you sleep till 10:00 and go to the mall. When you get there you buy some shoes and clothes. Next its lunch time and you go to your favorite place to eat to get the one thing you like the most. Later I get home my mom says you can pick out any ice-cream you would want. That is how to end your perfect day.



The Best Day of My Life So Far Was...

In first grade I was new at Wilchester. I did not know anybody! But later in the year I met a very special person. She was so nice, and she was new at Wilchester just like me. She is fun, exciting and most of all adventurous. I was so happy that I had finally found a friend. My wish was to meet someone and it came true. She was my best friend. We are still best friends and I am in third grade. I think that we will be friends for life!

Julia Davis

3rd Grade



My Favorite Athletic Team

Art By Brandon Jones

4th Grade

If I Had a Time Machine

If I had a time machine, I would like to travel **back** in time... Life was so hard then and it really fascinates me. I enjoy learning and it would be amazing to see the events that went on in real life before I was born. One of the people I would most like to meet is Laura Ingalls Wilder. She is one of my favorite authors and I love to read about her life. Laura inspires me with her wonderful books and shining personality. I would also like to travel back in time to see the battle at the Alamo when Texas won its independence from Mexico. Traveling back in time would be great!

Olivia Siciliano
4th Grade, Miss Hunter



If I joined the Circus....

If I joined the circus, I would be a tightrope walker because my favorite thing in the circus is the tightrope walkers. In the circus if I was a tightrope walker, I would do lots of cool stuff like doing the bear walk on the tight rope and hopping on one hand on the tight rope. It will be so cool. I will love it. The crowd will cheer. I will wave to the crowd. I will be so happy. Brooke, are you dreaming? No, I am not. Yes, you are. I am sure that I am not dreaming. Wait, this is a dream. I wish that I was in the circus!

Brooke Moore, 1st Grade



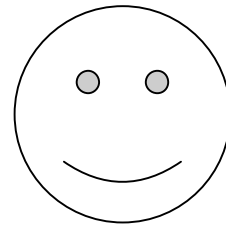
"The Strongest Person I Know"

Art by Ryan Jones, 1st Grade

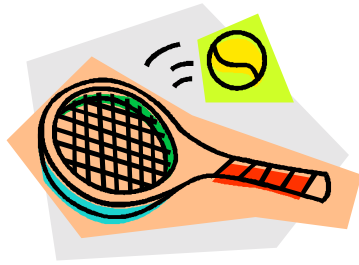
School is most fun when ...

we go to the library. I like the library a lot because I absolutely love to read and they have so many great books there that you can check out. In Wilchester's library I've found so many great series that I now read and check out books from all the time. I also love the library because of the fun picture books Mrs. McDonald reads. I love picture books and listening to stories. Besides that, the books Mrs. McDonald picks out to read are always really good. The thing I really love about the library though is that it is always so quiet and calm. It's a place where you can really grab a book and begin to read without anyone disturbing you. It's because of all this that the library is the place at school that I have the most fun.

By Caroline Crawford
4th Grade, Mrs. Davis



"Zoo Animal"
Art by Caroline LaVern
1st Grade



Why I like to play tennis.

When I was just 4 years old my dad bought me my first junior racket and he started teaching me how to play tennis, he also put me in tennis lessons.

I like to play tennis because I like to run a lot and I like the feeling when the ball bounces off the racquet.

I like playing tennis with my family and especially with friends,

I also play junior leagues and some tournaments. My favorite player is **Rafael Nadal (RAFA)**, who is No. 1 in the World. I want to be like Rafa one day so I think I should try harder and practice more often.

By Nicolas Guarin
3rd Grade

The Top 10 Things To Do

Besides Watch T.V

By Taylor Morris, 4th grade

1. Read a book
2. Go on a walk
3. Play football with a friend
4. Go to the park
5. Play a board game
6. Plant some flowers
7. Clean up around the house
8. Study for a test that is coming up
9. Help your mom cook lunch, dinner or breakfast
10. Go on a bike ride

My Favorite thing to do with my family

There are many things I like to do with my family. I like to play with my sister and my 4 brothers, yeah that's a lot! Yeah, that's a lot of fun too!

I like going to Argentina to visit my grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. We do great things there like ride on horseback, go climbing up mountains, and playing with my 48 cousins! I like to go to the beach and ride my bike. I like swimming in our pool and play in our backyard. But the favorite thing to do with my family is riding on horseback in the mountains! I love my family!

By Lucía Caranti, 1st grade



Ways to keep our earth healthy...

I interviewed my grandmother who grew up on a farm and did not waste anything. I said to her, “Dad tells me growing up on the farm you and your family used to conserve everything—nothing went to waste. Based on your experience, what things can we do today to help our earth?” She said, “Recycle, use cloth diapers and do not litter. It is easy to pick up trash and put it in the nearest trash can”.

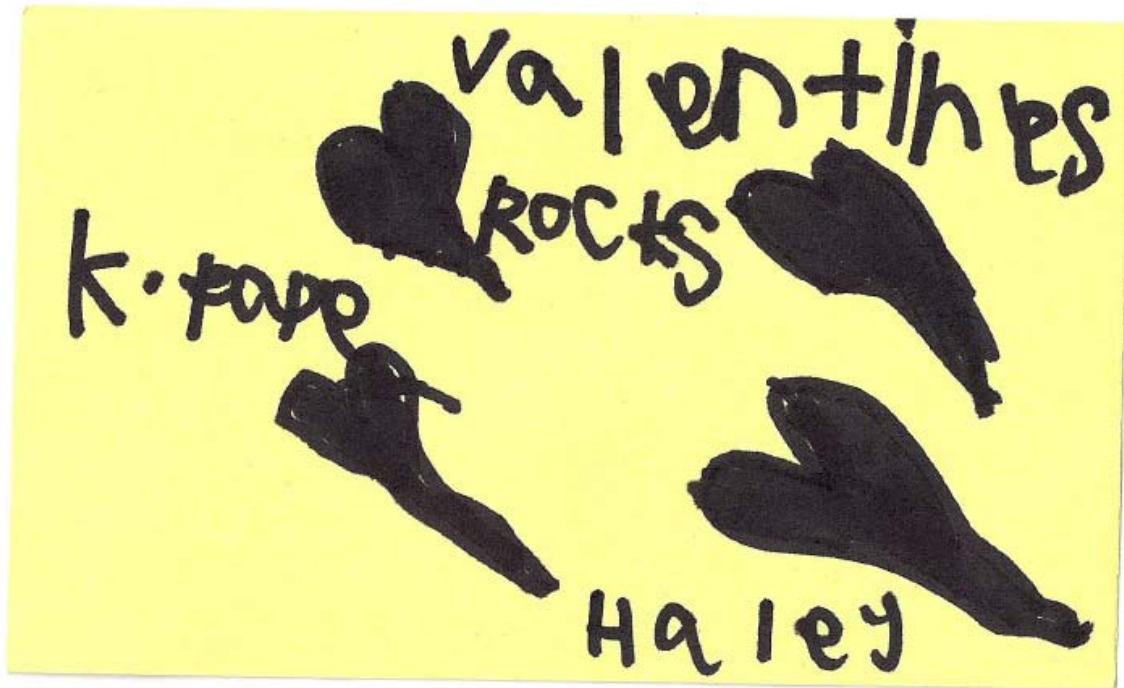
By Leah Bach, 4th Grade

The Most Valuable Things I Own

The most valuable things I own are books. I always have my nose in a book. I have so many books on my bookshelf I can't even count how many there are!!! My favorite kinds of books are mysteries, the reason why is because I like to make inferences. The reason why books are so special to me is because first off I personally love to read. The second reason why is because I like to discover new things, take adventures and find out information about interesting places & things, and with books I can do all of that ... Without even leaving the comfort of my own home!!!

By Madison Bigler, 3rd Grade

"Valentine Favorites" by Haley Syamken, Kindergarten



"My Big Event this Year" by Hagen Bach, 2nd Grade



Art by Olivia Brady
5th Grade

Wilchester

is special because...

The wonderful teachers
like Mrs. Kirkland 2nd, Mrs. DeLeon,
Mrs. Finley 3rd, Mrs. Hunter,
Mrs. Gonzales 4th, Mrs. Marks, Mrs.
Guillory, and Miss Thompson 5th,
I love them all and I will
miss them too!

Wilchester Rocks

P.S. We will always be #1 with the great
staff we have!

Carsen Durham



5th Thompson