

STUDENT VOICE

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Shoes are for Walking

By A.C.B.

Some people say, “Walk a mile in my shoes.” There are many types of shoes. High heeled shoes make women feel special. They wear them to dress up and look pretty. Running shoes are for going to the gym. Flip-flops are to wear to the beach. In the summer we wear all kinds of sandals: fancy ones, plain ones and dressy ones. Orthopedic shoes are for older people with bad feet.

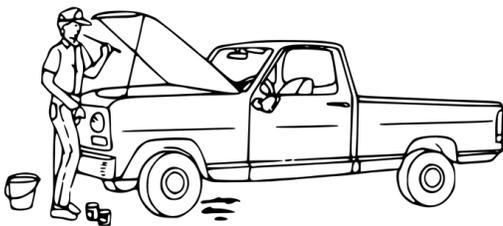
Let us not forget men’s shoes. There are dress shoes, sandals, jogging shoes and work boots with steel tips to protect their feet.

All of these shoes we wear to keep our feet safe.



My Muscle Truck Project

By Linwood



I am working to complete my truck this year. I’ve already stripped and reconditioned the chassis. I have replaced the engine and the transmission by taking them from the wrecked truck. I bought it from a friend of mine. I have transferred all other parts from the wrecked truck to the reconditioned chassis. All working parts have to be reconnected before the project is completed.

“Something I Would Like to Learn How to Do or Make In 2019”...

By Hazel W.

I would like to learn how to be silent and hear the words of God more.

I would like to make bibs for senior citizens so they can keep their clothes clean when they're eating.

I'd like to learn how to use all the features on my computer.

I would like to take the time to finish the book I started in 2018.

I would also like to learn more about planting a garden of vegetables and flowers this year.



By Dewin Tailey

In 2019 I would like to learn how to sew on a sewing machine. I would like to make dresses for myself and someone else. I would like to take a sewing class.

By Alice C.

I want to read better because I want to learn. I also want to learn computer and math. I love math. I am doing good in class. You are not too old to learn. I can do this, so can you. God will make 2019 better. Also I want to learn the Holy Bible because I want to read the Bible.



“Something I Would Like to Learn How to Do or Make In 2019”...



By Harry T.

Something I would like to learn to do is read a tape measure. There are lots of things around the house I can do on my own, but I can't do that. Knowing how to read a tape measure is very important, because with the wrong measurement your work will come out incorrect. Learning how to do those small and odd jobs around the house can make you feel pretty good about yourself.



By Shawna L.

You have to organize by main sections like my health, my finance, my home and etc. To break it down with your finance, you have to plan a budget and also stay on the budget. I will like to find a better job.

Next thing I will like to organize is my health. I need medical insurance to go to the doctor when I need to go and have money for my medicines. The BIG one of them all is to remember to take my medicines.

Next is my home. I need to go through my closets and drawers to organize it. My plan is to concur these for 2019.



By Ebony E.

I would like to knit a scarf. I would use pink, blue, and red yarn. I would make them for my teacher and tutors.

“Something I Would Like to Learn How to Do or Make In 2019”...



By Bernard M.

Something I would like to learn how to do or make in 2019 is how to write a resume. I want to be able to get a job. I want to work at a nursing home. I want to work with food and serve it on a plate to elderly people who live at the nursing home.

By Samuel P.

I would like to go on the Autobahn. I will drive a car at 160 miles per hour to experience the drive. I will like the feeling of 160 miles per hour to see how fast things go by me.



By Marie G.

I grew up near the beach. We would play at the beach and harvest oysters and clams.

I have always been afraid because I experienced the tides coming in and I felt that they would take me away.

I was afraid of drowning. I want to learn to swim or at least float so I can enjoy the water with my friends without fear of drowning.



The Hole

By H.M.W.

There's a hole in my back yard. It's a big hole I think an animal lives in that hole. But what kind of animal is it? I watched that hole for days, looking for that animal who made that hole in my back yard. Then one day there it was. A little gray and black muskrat, who had a family of eight babies, living in that hole with her. I watched her come out to get food for her babies, until they grew to be adults. When they all left I covered the hole with dirt and planted flowers.



My Own Personal Feelings

By Harry

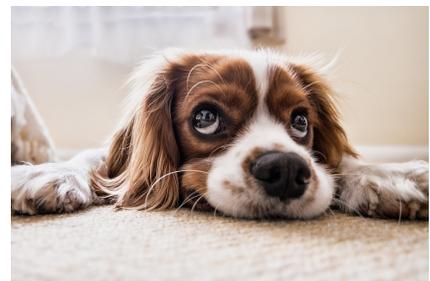
I was a student at Saint Philip's Episcopal church. I was going there for a bible study class. All of my classmates were wonderful and I can tell they are far more experienced than I am about the bible. I was feeling uncomfortable because I felt so out of place. I'm not blaming anyone but myself for my own personal feeling because I had one of the most understanding tutors there is. She is a wonderful and kindhearted person. I really enjoyed working with her.



My Puppies

By Charles

Hello, my name is Charles and I have two new puppies. Now, they are teething and want to chew everything in my yard and house. They like to dig holes in the yard, too. They cost me lots of money for shots and food.



“What I Am Thankful For”...

By Marie G.

This year I am thankful for the gift of life, for the fact that I am alive and well. It’s a blessing. I also have so many things I am grateful for this year.



God has been so gracious to me and has put me in the midst of such wonderful people who have a hand in my success.

This year I quit my job as a hair braider and didn’t know what to do next. I thought there will be nothing I can do for work. At that time a friend of mine offered me a job.

Above all I am thankful for my teachers and my tutors who take their time to teach with patience and kindness. I also want to say thank you to one person in particular, Michelle Harrington!!! AKA Miss Michelle! Who makes it a point to make sure I’m in class every day of the week, no complaints, no questions asked.

I want to thank each and everyone of you here for dedicating your time and effort to the READ center.



By Lauren P.

I am thankful for my family. Also, I am thankful for my job, learning to read and learn to play the harp.

By Janet B.

First of all, I am so thankful to the Almighty God for making it possible for me to be part of the READ CENTER. To be in the READ CENTER has changed my life a lot. There are special teachers and tutors who have made me to be where I am today. One of the tutors has gone home to rest. May her soul rest in peace.



I have nothing to give you. May the almighty God bless you, bless your children, your grandchildren, and your great grandchildren. I love you all. Peace.

The Amish People

By William



Amish people live in the country in Delaware. I've been going there since I was a boy. The grocery store has meat, ice cream, pies and cakes. There is a restaurant, a furniture store and an auction place. Amish people wear plain clothes and drive horses and buggies. Amish people are Americans.

Riddle

I can be nice.
I can be firm.
When you run I follow you.
Always remember I am on the side of right.
You can see me in the
community.
I am around day or night.
Who am I?
I am an officer.

A.H. -Future officer



My Dream Car

By Carnelia

My new car is a Honda CRV. It is a 2016 model. It is easy to drive and I feel safe. I love my new car. It is my dream car.



I love my new Job at Chick-fil-A

Laquinda



I love going into work to see my customers. They are very sweet to me and I refill drinks for my customers. I also clean the tables and sweep the floor. I peep in on the kids while they play. Going to work every day makes me happy. I enjoy getting ice cream for customers. Sometimes they ask for a carry out bag, and I get it for them. I get many bonus points from customers. The customers make my day every day.

My Life

By Marie

I have four beautiful children that have children of their own. Davonda is my only daughter and she has two boys whose names are Xavia and Damar. Dallas is my oldest son, and he has a daughter in California. He also has a son name Davon. Trey and Treyvon are my twin boys. Trey doesn't have any children, but Treyvon has four. Treyvon's children's names are Elmerld, Shikill, Aseem and one on the way. Some of my grandchildren I spend time with and some I don't. I would love to spend time with them all, but some are far away and some are here with me. It's great to have conversations about goals in their lives and to know how they are doing. When they visit I'm always cooking dinner and sitting down at the table with them. We talk about many things, laugh, play card games and watch movies. I'm so blessed to have them in my life.



Baking Chicken

By Jasmine

I like to cook chicken for my mom. I use green peppers and onions. First I take the skin off the chicken legs. I spray the pan with grease so it won't stick. I put chopped green peppers and onions in the pan with the chicken. I cover the pan and put it in the oven at 350 degrees until it browns.

About Myself

By Oniel

I was born in Jamaica on November 2, 1981. I have six brothers and four sisters who moved to the states. In 2004 I moved to the states for a better life. In 2004 when I first got here I was about to do construction, but it was too cold! So I looked for an inside job. Luckily I found a job at a local hospital. The best things that have happened to me are my three sons. They are ages 12, 6 and 2. I love them dearly and would do anything for them. The second best thing that happened to me was becoming an American citizen last August.





I am Well

By Floyd

One month ago I was not feeling well. I went to GenCare and saw a Dr. with a funny name. The Dr. sent me to St. Mary's Hospital. I had a chest x-ray. It was negative. They gave me medication and I am feeling better.

Islam

By S.R.

Islam means peace, surrender, submission, obedience and sincerity to Allah. Islam has five pillars that are rules all Muslims should follow.

The shahadah means there is only one God (God means in Islam Allah) and Muhamad is the prophet of Allah.

Praying (salah) we pray five times a day facing Mecca.

Fasting (sawam) we fast each year for the month of Ramadan.

Charity (zakat) Muslims should give money to charity, usually 2.5% of their savings every year.

The pilgrimage (haje) Muslims go to Mecca to worship Allah once in their life.



The things I Love to do

By Floyd D.

The first thing that I love to do is read the word of God. Enjoying my duties within the Church -transportation driver, usher, Men's Ministries, and being a great Deacon.

I also enjoy the comfort of being with my wife and family. I enjoy riding my motorcycle and going to the gym. I look forward to coming to class, learning about different things, about life and fellowshiping with my classmates. Personally I give thanks to God for my teacher and tutors for taking the time to help me.

By Calvin

This past year I have had some health problems. I've missed days from my church and school. These are two things I love to do and have been faithful for years. I read the gospel of John 14:1-27. "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."



My Knee Surgery

By George M.

I went to the hospital for partial knee surgery replacement. I stayed two days after surgery. Three weeks later they took the staples out. In November I started physical therapy until January. The doctor told me it will take nine more months before my knee is well. My knee is already feeling better.



Read Better

By Lloyd C.

I want to get my GED so I can read better. I like to read to children and I like talking to them. I like when they smile. I want to be able to read so I can pronounce my words much better.



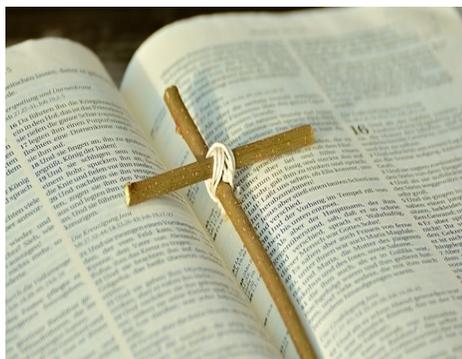
By Lance



I lived in New Jersey over 50 years. My wife and I took a vacation down to Virginia. We talked about it and made a decision to move.

Me and my wife moved down to Treehouse Apartments last November after Thanksgiving. I brought my cat. She loves moving.

One of my reasons for moving to Virginia was to be closer to family. Now I can start my new journey.



Jesus is the Savior of the World

By Kent D.

We need to learn what Jesus did for us. We can do this by reading the Holy Bible. Some Bibles are difficult to read so I recommend that you get a Bible that you can understand. I recommend that you start in the book of Matthew. You need to believe what you read. Jesus will lead you to eternal life. If you want Jesus to be your Lord and Savior you should read Romans:10:9,10. "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved! For if with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."

Cat woman

By Jammarr

Cat Woman saved the world. This is how it happened.

Superman was tied up in the water. Cat Woman untied him under the water, then they went to Gotham City. There they saw Batman driving Cat Woman in the Batmobile. They stopped to get something to eat. Then they went to the movie theater and ate some popcorn. Then they went to fight Poison Ivy. Batman tied her up in a rope. Robin who helps Batman, went to save Wonder Woman. Cat woman came grabbed Poison Ivy and threw her in the water.



The end

Having a Good Time In New York

By E.V.

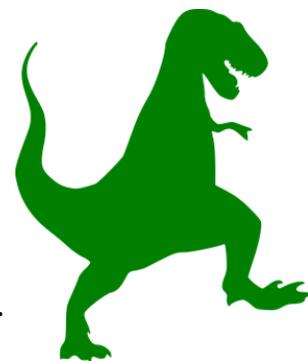


I saw my mom on December 15. We went to Chili's and my girlfriend went too. Then in NY I went to Harlem to see my friend's new apartment. My brother was having a ugly sweater party. Before I left I saw my god daughter. I did not want to leave.

Diki the Dinosaur

By Stephen S.

Diki the Dinosaur lives in a primal land. Diki used 2 sticks to make the fire, but one stick broke and it's no good. He used a rock to make a fire. Diki use his claws to scratch the rock. It worked and we now have a campfire. Diki came home to think. He has a brave little brain. Diki was talking to the mirror and said, " are you having a hard time?" Diki shook his head and said "No". Diki had an idea. It's time for a roar lesson. Diki the Dinosaur started to roar, "Roar!" But he squeaked. His roar won't work. He used his roaring exercise and all of a sudden, he tooted. It's time for a potty break. Diki the Dinosaur rushed to the bathroom and sat on the toilet. A butterfly came thru the window while the other butterfly was knocking at the door. Diki opened the bathroom door and saw it was a butterfly. But Diki had an idea. He went outside and started chasing the two butterflies, "I'm the predator hear me "roar" said Diki the Dinosaur. He squeaked as he was chasing the butterflies. All of a sudden he started tumbling down the hill. Diki the Dinosaur gives up and say's "Better luck next time."



The Wall

By Anne

I think the President should recalculate his decision on the wall, because he is only hurting the people on this side of the wall. If the wall is that important to him he can use his own money, because like every thing that goes up in the world eventually comes down. So why spend the people's money on the wall. What I am saying is that the next president might decide to tear the wall down, and that would be a waste of the people money and a waste of time. So stop being selfish and open up the government so the people can get their life back in order.

By Calvin

I like to cook food for mom and clean our home. I like to walk the dog. Then I go to sleep. In the morning I talk to my friend.



Christmas Season

By Rashad Walker

During the holidays I was with family. I was on vacation too, for a whole week. My sister, my mom and I ate dinner out at a pizza place. We went to Skate Land to roller-skate. I had so much fun with my family. My Old trainer, Paul, came to visit me and had dinner with my mom and me. I was so glad he came to see me. Paul's wife came too. My niece came down from the Eastern Shore. On Christmas day we went to my aunt's house for dinner with family I had so much fun on the Christmas holiday season. And I went to a lot of Christmas parties. It was fun and nice and it was good food at the party. And I went to my cousin's house for dinner I had fun. I was there with family and I had a nice new year with family. I had fun for the New Year I had food at the New Year party.



By Tim

When I first came to The Read Center, I could not read anything. My mom told me do not give up on yourself keep on reading, so I did. That's that, today I love reading books and the city I live in. I taught myself how to spell Richmond, VA. I had a tutor named Diane. She told me to read it over and over and it would help me understand my writing. I Thank GOD and mom and Diane for helping me. GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME.

The Government Shutdown

By Joseph R.

The Shutdown did not do the country any good. Many Federal Employees worked without pay. This law should be changed for the good. People worked to pay their car notes, mortgage payment, buy food and many other things. Working people did not want to go to the Food Bank. The shutdown force people to stay home. The people who made this law, were not affected and this shutdown may happen again.



Bullying

By Asheeda S.

When can you say, when it is enough?
 Can I say it's enough?
 By you being mean to me and hurting my feelings?
 Telling me what to do all the time
 Everything, I do is not enough
 'This is what you call bullying'
 If you know someone that is a bully
 tell them to stop bullying!
 I say stop bullying!
 One more time stop bullying!
 Stop bullying!!
 Stop!



Fall and Summer

By Marcia R.

My first favorite season is fall. I like to watch the colorful leaves fall onto the ground. I also like to see the trees turn into beautiful different colors.

My second season is summer because I get to wear different types of clothes. I enjoy the beach and spending time with my family. When it is warm I go outside bike riding with my family.



My Summer Vacation

By J.M.C.

I went to Florida. I had a wonderful time with my better half. We went on a glass bottom boat and we saw sharks. It was on my birthday.

My Life

By Taj



I was born on February 15, 2000 to a mother and father who gave up everything they had for me. Before my mother met my father she was working more than one job just so she can make sure that I had everything that I needed. As I got older my parent always took me to the children's Hospital for my speech. I

would always have to grab my parent and show them what I wanted. Many of my childhood friends bullied me because of the way I talk. That would hurt my feelings and make me want to cry. My parents know about it but would always tell me to don't let it get in the way. I did speech all my years in school. It helped me but not how I wanted.

When I was little I had this health problem when the doctor told my parents that I had ADHD which means I have a lot of energy. So the doctor made me take this medicine so I can focus on my school work. This medicine made me not want to be myself. My parents would watch how I act and decided to completely take me off the medicine. Sport is the reason why I can let out energy. It also helps me in school. School was hard for me because I would fail every test and quizzes in all my classes. The hardest subject was math because I just wasn't good with numbers. I am proud of myself that I graduated and am working plus am about to go to school because I want to be a personal trainer.

My READ Class Day

By Momaht

I typically ride to class on my bicycle. I ride down Staples Mill Road to Broad Street and all the way to Third Street to the Franklin Library. I am in the READ class for two hours. When I finish class, I ride my bike to a bus stop and put my bicycle at the front to go to work. I work from two until eight o'clock. Then I ride my bicycle home. To me it is good exercise to ride my bike.



The READ Center's mission is to help adults with low-level literacy develop basic reading and communication skills so they can fulfill their roles as citizens, workers, and family members. This mission is accomplished by providing classroom instruction, one-to-one tutoring, and educational resources to support students.

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