

# To the Citizens of Lancaster County:

The theme for this year's anthology is "Teamwork". It is through teamwork and hard work by the employees and students of Lancaster County Public Schools that we are able to enjoy this collection of writings and art work depicting the importance of working together to accomplish goals and aspirations. Additionally, it is through teamwork that the school system, the Rappahannock Record, and the Bank of Lancaster bring to you this year the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Anthology.

As a community, commonwealth, and nation, our strength comes from teamwork. Working together we accomplish much more than individually. It is more important now than ever before that everyone be able to contribute to the greatness of this society to ensure that, as a leader among nations, we continue to grow and prosper.

We hope you enjoy this latest edition of the Lancaster County Public Schools Anthology. Thank you for your continued support of the public schools and more importantly, your support for the future of this community through the education of the children.

I thank you students and staff for another exciting anthology.

Randolph H. Latimore, Sr. Ed.D. Superintendent of Lancaster

Teamwork is...

proJects
helping Others
playing faiR

Doing your best
being hAppy
shariNg

Jordan Hodges, First Grade

Teamwork
Helping someone
To get the job done
Helping people with chores
Helping people everywhere
Everyone can work together
Teamwork
Marquis Smith, First Grade

Teamwork is...

Listening gettIng along responsiBle

**B**eing helpful pla**Y**ing together Libby Friday, First Grade



Teamwork
I help my team
To get the job done
A team works together
Playing games together
Everyone can work
together
Teamwork
Joey Sanford, First Grade

Teamwork is when you share and play together. I like sharing with my friends, teachers, and family. When I share I feel happy. I like to play with my brother and sister. They like to play together with me and share the ball. Sha'Kayla Smith, First Grade

In gym we are a team when we play hockey, soccer, baseball, or midnight. Outside, we play red light, green light as a team. The people are me and this class, my mom and my sister. It happens in the class and at home.

The story begins in the gym. The problem is now we don't know what to do. The problem is solved by going outside. In the end, we are happy!

Jon Seal, First Grade

Teamwork is working together. I used teamwork when I helped my dad bake my mom's birthday cake. I show teamwork at the store by helping put the groceries in the shopping cart.

Precious Boyd, First Grade

I use teamwork to get things done faster. I use teamwork at home. I also use teamwork to help my mom feed our pets. I also use teamwork at school when we put together puzzles. Teamwork shows that you care. Carter Robbins, First Grade

Teamwork is about working together and if that does not

work try to pull it together. If you're a cheerleader and

you wanted to be head cheerleader, don't get angry and

quit. Stay and work on the part you didn't do well on.

Teamwork is mostly about working together. If you work together then you get much, much farther. The more people you have, the easier it will be. Teamwork is very good. If there was no such thing as teamwork, nothing would get done!

Helping is an example of teamwork. I love it when people help me. We get along much better. If there were no such thing as teamwork, people would not get along! Teamwork is a very, very special thing.

Joel Spiers, First Grade

Teamwork means working together. When you use teamwork you help other people. You use teamwork in sports and at your house and at your school. Like when people litter you use teamwork to pick it up. Noah Hook, First Grade

Teamwork is...

Being fair.
Respect
plAying
listeNing to others
Doing your part
DOing your very best
everyoNe working together
Brandon Self, First Grade

If you were a beginner in basketball and you did your best as a beginner, that's good. If you got told that you needed to improve yourself, don't say I am out of here, because that is being mean and misbehaving to a grown-up. That's not teamwork. If you were in football and you couldn't make a touchdown, don't go away and give up. Stay there and work harder then you did last time. Kashaila Veney, Second Grade

Once there was a coach that wouldn't let go of the ball. He didn't let his team even

Once there was a coach that wouldn't let go of the ball. He didn't let his team even play with the ball. But one day, one of the kids stood up to the coach, and said "If you don't let this team get the ball, we won't even get to have a game of soccer." The coach let the team play with the ball, and they had a game! The end Meggie Brien, First Grade If you work hard it will make your team happy. Getting the job done will make your parents feel responsible. Helping people will make them happy. Working together is fun. If we work together we will get the job done faster.

Maddie Simpson, First Grade

There was a boy whose name was Andy. He liked to play baseball. It was his favorige sport and he was at the baseball game. He played in June and it was hot. It was

There were a lot of people there. Andy got a home run. Andy was happy and his coach was happy!

Justin Washington, First Grade

Once upon a time there lived two little boys. The boys' names were Tom and Sam. Tom and Sam worked together most of the time, so their mom called them the teamwork boys whenever they worked together. They worked together in science, math, spelling and other subjects. Their teacher liked them very much because they worked like a team. When they worked together, their teacher would give them stickers for doing such a good job. Even their stickers would say "Good job". Their teacher said "that they were having a whom is the best working team in the class contest" and Tom and Sam won first place. When they got home Sam told their mother that they won 1st place and their mother told them that she was proud of them, and when they get stickers, they will get cookies and milk. After that they all went to

Crystal Blue, Second Grade

Once upon a time there was a little town and in that town there was a group of kids. The group of kids called themselves the Teamwork Stars!!! One day a new family moved in. The new family had two kids, a boy and a girl. The girl was 3 years old and the boy was 7 years old. The Teamwork Stars decided to ask the boy if he wanted to be in the club. So they went to the house where the new family was moving in. They knocked on the door and waited awhile. Soon the door opened and the boy invited the group of kids in. The Teamwork Stars asked the boy if he wanted to be in the club and the boy said "yes". So they told the boy where and when to meet them tomorrow. When the boy went where the group of kids told him to go, he saw them sitting in the grass by a tree. The group of kids asked the boy what he wanted to do. The boy asked if they could play soccer for the next few weeks. The other kids said "yes" since he was new. One day when the group of kids was playing soccer, a team passed them. The team saw the kids playing and asked them to play against their team and before anyone could say something, the boy said "yes". When the soccer game came, the Teamwork Stars were nervous. When they started playing, the other team got 1 point. The Teamwork Stars were not happy. They decided to work together, and so they did. They kept scoring points. At the end of the game, the score

Katherine Keyser, Second Grade

was 37 to 1. The Teamwork Stars won!!!!

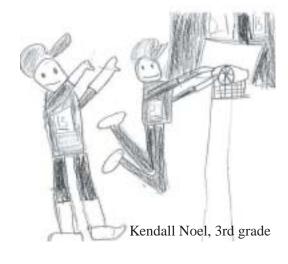
keep friends forever.

Teamwork is when you help each other. You use teamwork everywhere. Teamwork can help you make and Tyrell Henderson, First Grade

**Teamwork** Careful, helpful Kicking, throwing, catching Together score and win Tackling, passing, rushing Strong, intelligent **Teamwork** Weston Schomer, Second Grade

When you are on any kind of sports team you need some teamwork. When I was in baseball last year we were 11 and 0. The other teams were kind of behind too. We all needed some teamwork badly to catch up. My team won the championship because we worked very hard together.

Joshua Moore, Second Grade



Teamwork makes people get farther. It makes people feel happy. It helps people get where they want to be. In school you can help a classmate. At home if you have a brother or sister you can help them. That's teamwork! I like teamwork because I like working together. It also makes me happy. You get things done. It is really fun using teamwork. Teamwork really, really helps a lot. Taylor Woolard, First Grade

The little girl worked hard.

Everytime we play we partner up and that is teamwork.

And my teacher and I work together.

My class and I show teamwork.

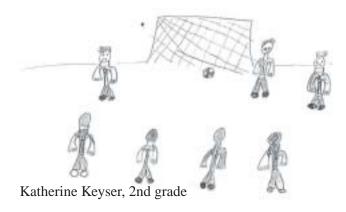
We always partner up.

Our class is made of teamworkers.

Read together with your friend

Kenosha

Kenosha Stewart, Second Grade

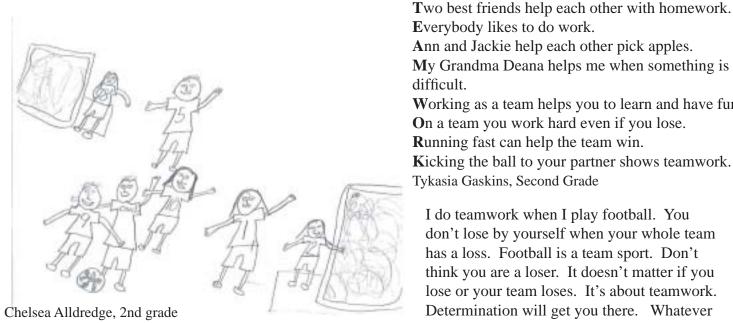


One day my teacher put us in groups and we had to do a project on outer space. I was teamed up with my friend. We met at the library with our notebooks. We thought and thought; then my friend had an idea. Then I thought of an idea to go with hers. We worked together making a moon. It was yellow and white. The day it was due, we got an A plus. Teamwork works!

Lori Smith, Second Grade

Teamwork is fun. Teamwork is cool. Teamwork can be a lot of things. Like sharing a ball, Sharing a toy, Or you can share your books. If you have teamwork you can **R**especting others do anything. Alexander Anderson, Second Grade

Teaching good sportsmanship Equal teams **A** group of people acting together Making it a good time Winning doesn't matter Other people cheering **K**ids – teamwork is a hit Carlee Broadus, Second Grade



Teamwork is good. When we work together, we can play soccer, basketball, baseball or gymnastics. You can help people do backflips! In soccer, you can help one another by passing the ball. In basketball, you can help one another by helping your team win. In baseball, you can help each other make home runs. Teamwork is good because we help each other.

Kristine Cralle, Second Grade

The basketball team at the middle school needs teamwork to win. Every weekend we go to practice for the game. Able to pass the ball to your partner. Maybe I will get the ball when we go to play basketball.

Walk to the line and make a shot.

Our object was to work to get better for the game. Reach high for the goal before shooting. **K**eep passing the ball to your partner. Sharda Beane, Second Grade

**T**eamwork Everybody tries.

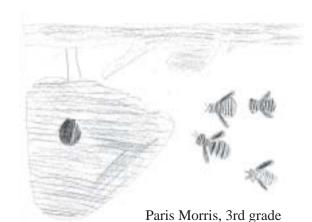
Or you lose if you don't! Remember to work together.

eamwork!

Anybody can do it! More you help each other the more you win. Work together, **K**eep working together! Sophia Deskin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

I love teamwork. Me, my mommy and my daddy are a team. We love each other and we do a lot of things together. My daddy is in Iraq, so me and my mommy are taking care of things together. I am proud of my daddy. As a family, we do things as a team. We go places together, we watch TV and videos together, and we eat together. We do homework and read books together. When daddy comes home, we will "buddy up" and have ice cream. We will also play Playstation and Game Boy. We are a team.

Brian Barnett, 3rd Grade



Teamwork is great. Each of us has a part. **A** lot of people have fun. Many people helping each other. We all share. Others want to join. Right in front of us.

Kindness is everywhere.

Tiera Hardin, Second Grade

Know what to do. Micaela Syversen, Second Grade

Together we work.

Many people help.

We try very hard.

All of us share.

Each of us has a part.

Only the best will do.

**T** is for two or more helping each other My Grandma Deana helps me when something is  $too\,E$  is for equal jobs **A** is for achieving goals **M** is for motivation Working as a team helps you to learn and have fun. **W** is for willing to do your job

**O** is for our promise to do work

**R** is for really trying hard **K** is for knowledge of a job well done.

Brandi Benton, Grade 3

I do teamwork when I play football. You don't lose by yourself when your whole team has a loss. Football is a team sport. Don't think you are a loser. It doesn't matter if you lose or your team loses. It's about teamwork. Determination will get you there. Whatever the sport, teamwork will get you to the top, so get your game on. Monty Hurst, Second Grade

> Teamwork is all about working together. People that play basketball work together to win. They practice and they help each other to aim to make the basket. They work together when they are really playing. When you win, you're proud of your team because they worked together to win.

Kelvonna Clayton, Grade 3

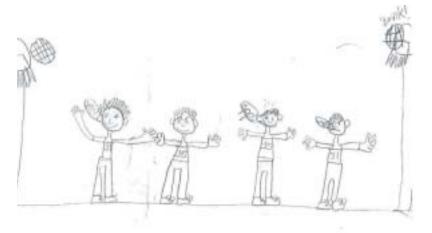
I think teamwork is when you help win a game and it takes a lot of teamwork. Like if you want to win a baseball game, it has to take a lot of practice and teamwork. I play a lot of sports and I help win because it is fun. You get used to helping and I like it. Remember it takes a lot of teamwork to win a game. Javonte Smith, Grade 3



Really want to get the job done.

Teamwork means of you work together you will make your team win. And if you win you will get a trophy together. Jonathan Towles, First Grade

One day I was at my house with my friends. We went to the playground to play on the swings. We saw other kids playing a game. We challenged them to a baseball game. We had 16 points. They had 14. Our team won. We used teamwork together. We were proud of ourselves. TreVon Walters, Second Grade



Bridgette Stump, 3rd grade

To me teamwork means two people working together to get a job done. My dad and I worked as a team to get our yard clean. We picked up a lot of trash my sister dropped on the ground. Then we picked up a lot of tree limbs. After that we raked the leaves. I said, "This is hard work", but my dad said, "Still we have to clean up the yard."

Are you wondering where we put all of the trash. We put the tree limbs in the woods. I tried to throw the tree limbs as far as my dad did, but I couldn't. My dad had to help me.

It was fun helping my dad. It was easier and a lot more exciting when you have help getting a job done.

Bradley Hudson, Grade 3

Teamwork can accomplish anything. It is working together. Shane Barnhardt,

First Grade

and I all got gloves. My brother said, "This might be hard," but I didn't listen to him.

Then we got to work. It was pretty easy, but some of it was as hard as picking up an elephant. My brother and I were so tired we took a break. After two hours of work we finally were finished cleaning the shed. Cleaning the shed is fun to me because it's not

really work when you have people to help you.

When I work with my family it's fun. When it was time to clean the shed my dad, my mom, my brother

Kai Antonio, Grade 3

My dad and I pick up sticks together as a team. We have to pick up sticks all the time because we have a lot of trees in our yard. He needs them picked up so he can cut the grass. Then he burns the sticks in the burn pile. My dad and I pick up sticks so the yard can be clean. The sticks are not hard to pick up.

It's fun to work as a team and pick them up. My dad and I are a good team. It's fun because you don't have to pick up the sticks by yourself. My dad and I enjoy the work and working as a team.

Kwanza Moody, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

There was a group of beavers. They were building a house in a river. It happened two days ago. They did this because they needed a place to live.

Beavers can sometimes weigh up to thirty pounds. They also can grow as long as one foot, two feet, or three feet.

They gather mud, logs, and twigs. Beavers help pat mud down. They also help put logs and twigs together. Beavers use teamwork by building a house together. De'Jon Savoy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Teamwork is about helping each other. In soccer we have lots of teamwork. We help each other win the game. And cheerleaders have to practice hard so they can know the words. This is teamwork because they help cheer on the team. Tyler Pratz, Grade 3



Cheyenne Cooke, 3rd grade

Teamwork!

Everybody uses teamwork. Animals use it. People use it. Even non-living things use it. Like when you fall and a rail is there for you to pull yourself up. Also, baby animals and persons depend on their mother and father to help them when they make a mistake. Basketball players throw the ball to each other so they can beat the other team. Soccer players kick the ball to each other to score a goal. Babies use it when they pass a ball to each other. A dog and its owner use it during a pet show or while the owner is training its animal. Animals use it to store food for the winter.

Parents use it to take care of their children. Friends use it to play games. Workers use it to build houses or other things. Mountain climbers use it to climb big mountains. Scientists use it to invent things. People in Greece, Rome, Spain and other countries use it. Our government uses it to make laws. The executive, legislative, and judicial branches use it to help protect the people and make laws. People in war use it to protect us. Everybody uses teamwork. Bethany Milstead, Third Grade



T is for two people working together
E is for everyone helping each other
A is for answering a call to pitch in
M is for making the time to help out
W is for people working to get a job done
O is for offering a hand when needed
R is for really trying to work together
K is for treating teammates with kindness.
Hannah Smith, Grade 3

Brandie Benton. 3rd grade

The SUMS club and I worked together to get all of the plants planted. Doing the job was as hard as picking up four bricks, because I had to lift very heavy bags of dirt. Next we had to dig big holes to put the plants in. Then SUMS club members and I planted, watered, and mulched the plants. At last Sums club had finished the garden!

The SUMS club and I had fun planting. It was fun because I got to water all the plants. One of the people in the group said, "Why don't we plant new seeds?" Then I said, "Okay," as we planted again. Working together is much more fun than doing it yourself!

Marques Kelley, 3rd Grade

My friends are tall. They are skinny. They like elaborate colors like blue, red, green, pink, purple and orange.

They are very supportive, nice, pretty, intelligent, kind, educated, beautiful, honest, elegant, and love dancing I love my friends a lot and I know that they will do a lot for me. They are the best friends anyone could have. They are very loving. Everyone likes them and thinks they are cool.

When we are in dance everyone likes to watch us. They liked the dance very much. After the recital they said, "That was a good dance." We all thought we would do badly, but wee didn't because we used teamwork. Teamwork showed us that we could do anything.



Story and Illustration: Brooke Hudnall, 3rd Grade

# Working with a Team

This is how my Girl Scout troop and I showed teamwork. We went around collecting books for the Public Library. We brought in old books we didn't read anymore. My Girl Scout troop also brought in money to buy a new rug for story time. It felt as nice as if we were angels doing the right thing.

This is how we collected money. We brought in one dollar every week for a long time. Sometimes we would bring in two dollars. My money started to run out. I said, "I am going broke but I know I am doing the right thing." We felt good that we knew how to be a good team. Elizabeth Flynn, Grade 3

My mom and I worked together on making Thanksgiving dinner. Before we could make the food, we had to buy it. First we went to the meat section which was as cold as ice! Sometimes my mom says, "We will need about a 15 pound turkey." After we got the meat, we went to the vegetable aisle to get green beans, corn, onions, and two boxes of dressing to put in the turkey.

Making Thanksgiving dinner was fun. My favorite part of making dinner was putting the dressing in the turkey, because the inside of the turkey felt wet and my hand was as hot as the Sun! My mom helped me chop up potatoes and make the gravy. The only part I did not like was cleaning out the turkey, because the neck bone and other body parts are still in there! My mom and I worked together to prepare a delicious Thanksgiving dinner.

Marissa Coates, 3rd Grade

My dad and I use teamwork when we clean the cars. First, we spray the windows with water. Then, we clean the front windows. After we do mom's car, we do dad's truck. It is fun to do dad's truck because I go into the back of the truck. I can not go in the back sometimes because it has things in it.

When we are done, I spray dad. He says, "I will get you." I hide and when he comes up I spray him again. At the end we look like we jumped into the pond.

It is hard work when we clean the car and truck, but it is fun too.
Nell Carter, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade



Marques Kelley, 3rd grade

The Brownie troop I'm in worked at the food bank. There had to be one hundred fifty bags! We set up the bags fifty at a time. It took us about ten minutes to set up fifty bags. We were as busy as beavers!

Next, we had to fill the bags. Each of us had a product to put in the bags. There was a lot of food to fill the bags with. Filling the bags was hard, but fun. It went a lot faster with the whole troop there!

Meghan Frere, 3rd Grade

My Granddad helped me fix my bike. I was riding my bike fast and then the peddle broke off of it. First, I told my Granddad my bike was broken. Then my granddad told me to get a screw driver. We were busy as bees! I was helping my granddad fix my bike.

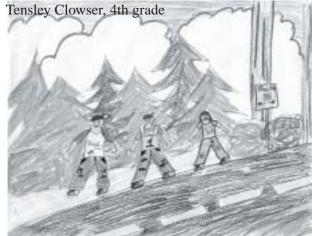
My granddad took the screw driver and put my bike upside down. Next, he took off the old peddle and put on a new one. Finally, it was finished. I said, "Thanks, granddad." I rode off on my bike. It felt good that I helped my granddad fix my bike. We were a good team. William Redmond, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

I remember the time our pet cat, Cat had her kittens in a hollow log on the other side of the street. We did not know that she had her kittens yet, but we soon found out. My mom, sister, the neighbors, and I decided to watch for cars and make sure that Cat did not get hit moving the kittens to our house. Then my mom remembered that we had to go to the store, so we asked the neighbors to watch Cat for awhile. When we got back, we thought that there was one more kitten, but there were no more.

We now have four kittens at our house: Dinken, Hershey, Jazz, and Yippy. It was very fun working together with my neighbors and family.

Natalie Whay, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade





Teamwork gets the job done faster.

Everyday I help my family.

away.

My grandmother helps me with my homework.

Working together is better than working alone.

Our family helps each other.

Reading together helps to understand the words.

Kindness and helpfulness get the job done.

Allesia Muschette, Second Grade



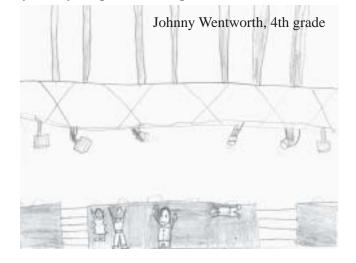
Keith Montminy, 3rd grade

Teamwork is important if we want to have "store" Everybody helps out to sell their treasures Adding up all the tickets and splitting them up Making sure everyone has the right amount to purchase

Working on the "store" sign advertising the cost of our items to sell Out shopping - friends watching over possessions **R**emembering whose things belong to whom Keeping track of everything is easy with your partner's help.

Destiny Howard, 4th grade

Thinking together Everybody involved Adhere **M**otivated Working together **O**rganized Respectful Kindness Melvin Gregory, 4th grade



# A Walk Through the Woods

It was the beginning of summer vacation and Tucker, Ty, and Trish were playing outside in Tucker's vard. The three 11 year olds have been friends since kindergarten.

"Hey Tucker, you want to go hike down the big hill by the woods?"

"Sure, just let me go tell my mom real quick!" Tucker went inside to go tell his mom, Haley.

"Mom, can we go down by the hill," Tucker asked?

"Just be back by six o'clock," replied Tucker's mom.

When Tucker got back outside, they ran down the hill. The woods looked kind of different. It looked like people had been cutting trees down or something. The creek by the meadow had dried up because all the trees were laying in it.

"We probably came in at the wrong place," said Ty. So they went back a little further.

"Where are we," asked Trish? None of the children knew where they were.

Tucker, Ty, and Trish had been gone for an hour now, and it was 5 o'clock. Ty After we play, my sister and brother help put our toys said that he wished he had a compass. "Who knows how far away we are," said Tucker as they were climbing over a dead tree. Trish told Tucker to stop complaining- "Well, what do you expect if you're lost? Who knows how many miles there are of these woods," asked Tucker.

> Finally the children came to an agreement that they would have to work as a TEAM to get back home.

Tucker, Ty, and Trish decided to retrace their steps as far as they could remember. The three friends retraced their steps until dark. Ty suggested that they spend the night in the woods. The friends gathered around a big oak tree and went to sleep.

In the morning, when Trish and Tucker woke up, Ty was already up. Ty told them he had heard cars about 100 yards away. Trish and Tucker followed Ty to the highway where they saw a sign that said Route 35.

"I know this route," said Tucker. "Follow me!" Ty and Trish both followed Tucker until they reached Tucker's house. They all three shouted "We're home!"

Tucker's mom ran from the house. "Where were you? Are you okay? What did you see? Oh, I'm so glad you're home!"

The next day it was a little hectic, but soon everyone started to settle down. Haley invited Ty and Trish's moms over to their house to explain what happened. Tucker, Ty and Trish told their moms that the only way they got home was by using TEAMWORK. Tensley Clowser, 4th grade

> Working alone takes a lot of time, but with teamwork on your side you won't waste a dime.

Some people forget about teamwork and try to take control. But with a team, you'll be on a roll. Cheniera Wiggins, 5th Grade

# Field Day

Last year on Field Day, my team was using lots of teamwork. First, we did the water balloon toss. My partner was using very good citizenship. How? We were working as a team. Our class was cheering for us with good sportsmanship. The next game I was not in, so I cheered for my teammates. With good teamwork and attitudes, we won the game. We were filled with hope and joy!

When the teacher called the winners up, it was my class! We got the trophy! It was a very important day, and from that day on, I still tell the story of how we got the trophy because we worked as a team. Corla Betts, 4th grade

Together different stories we have learned to write Editing our mistakes and our friend's too Arranging our brainstorming on paper Making webs for writing stories

Writing letters to our soldiers over seas Opinions – our own ideas and others that share Reading our stories to an audience – our class Keeping up with it all Joel Hudnall, 4th grade

Teaching people how to do what they can't do Estimating, Dividing, Subtracting, Adding, Multiplying and learning social studies We always work together Or act like a team.

pronounce a word we can help you Katie, too, will help you with the spelling words. Shaneka Yerby, 4th grade

Reading - if you can't

My name is Alex Brent and I'm going to tell you how NASCAR uses teamwork. When You Are racing side to side, your spotter is standing upon the top of the racetrack telling you if there is a car besides you. When you are racing at 200 mph for 500 laps and you are getting low on fuel, you have to make a green flag pit stop. That is where the pit crew comes in to play. If the pit crew doesn't have at least a 14 second pit stop, they could lose the race. And that is how NASCAR uses

Alex Brent, 5th Grade

Tutoring each other in skills and for understanding Editing and catching each other's mistakes Asking and answering higher level thinking questions Meeting in a group, discussing a book

Willing to work with an upbeat attitude Oral reading and responses to stories Ready for sharing thoughts and opinions in Literature Circles

Know what we read and enjoying it Mrs. Paul's and Mrs. Gorman's Classes Fourth Grade

Katelyn Abbott, 4th grade

Together in writing we are "great" Everyone works with ideas, ideas, and more ideas A great day of working together feels good Many creative projects we have done with each other

We get together to brainstorm On the friendly letter it was hard, but we persevered Really superior writers we are now Keep track of our stories in our portfolio

Teamwork is when people work together to get a job done. When you use teamwork it makes things go faster and easier. Teamwork can be lots of fun. Teamwork is enjoyable because you have a lot of friends to help you out.

Keirra Scott, 4th grade

teamwork.

Trell Smith, 4th grade

Together helping Each other At work Making people's jobs much easier With a group Of people it's important to Remind them to be Kind to others



Poem and Illustration: Ashley Rose, 4th grade

Terrified soldiers ban together to help make our world a better place.

In the year 2003 we had a very bad storm rip

Before Isabel came, my mom, dad, and I rushed

Isabel came and damaged a lot of houses. There

through our county, as well as others. They called this

to the store. We each had a list of stuff to gather to help us get through the storm. There was company coming

to stay with us. There was lots of work for us to do as a

team to get it all done in time. We had to straighten up

the house and make beds up for all the guests. My dad

and I went outside to weigh stuff down so it wouldn't

blow away or come flying through the windows. We

also taped up all the windows so if they broke, glass

were lots of trees down and sheds were torn up. We

went around and asked people in our neighborhood who

needed to be done, if we could help. My dad had lots of

we knew couldn't get out and do the kind of work that

yards to clean up and roofs to replace. My father made

a team of workers up to help him with the jobs. There

painted a shed. We had a good team and got everything

were five of us who helped, dad, Ryan, Raymond,

repaired a fence that was down near the water, and

Jeremy, and myself. We raked, picked up limbs,

done over the break we had from school.

storm Hurricane Isabel.

wouldn't hit anyone.

Terrance Clark, 4th grade

Every soldier has several jobs to help get things accomplished.

American Soldiers work in groups to search buildings that are used to make weapons. More than one soldier has to be working for teamwork to be successful.

When a soldier is in need of help, another soldier will back him up.

Other people from around the world help to fight in this war.

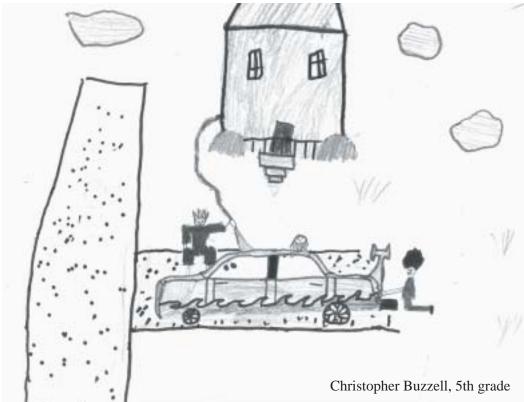
Rough lieutenants come together to command the armed forces.

Kind of hard to get things done without teamwork.

Sarah Smith, 4th grade



Nicole Crowther, 4th grade



Together the job gets done. Everybody does their share.

Always do your best. More than one person does the job.

Working together. Outstanding effort from an outstanding team.

**R**eady to help the team. **K**nowing that one person isn't enough.

Connor Flynn, 5th Grade

People work together, no matter what the weather. Trying hard doing your best always passes your teamwork test.

Be smart, Be proud! Always cheer your team on very loud! When losing a game don't be ashamed. Teamwork is a good thing. Try hard to make it work You should do better, no matter what the weather. Danielle Shelton, 5th grade

Teamwork is really a good thing to have when you are athletic. When my team and I get ready to play basketball, we talk about teamwork and use it.

During our basketball game we pass the ball around and let everyone shoot before the game ends. At the end of the game, our coach tells us we had good teamwork.

It is important for the athletes to work together. Any team is made better through teamwork.

Marcus Mondy, 5th grade

Reaching Your Goal with Teamwork Teamwork is when you work together You have to be responsible Share your ideas Know your part Trust your teammates Be loyal Most of all, you have to reach a common goal With teamwork, you have to be nice But don't try to take over, You just have to try and reach that goal! Shardaye Lee, 6th Grade

This is what teamwork means to me: the "T" is for the tasty victory we won together. "E" is for everyday we play ball together. "A" is for all the time we spent with each other. "M" is for making us good at basketball. "W" is for what we accomplished in our teamwork. "O" is what outstanding work we did. "R" is for the right moves you knew to do. And last, but not least, "K" is for knowing what to do in our time of need.

Brooks Muschette, 5th grade

I think teamwork is a way to accomplish anything in life. Life is hard and it needs help from teamwork to make it easy. Teamwork can be used for many things like sports to household chores.

Teamwork can get you somewhere in life. It says that a person helped you or you helped them. It says that you helped someone accomplish something they needed or wanted.

So, the next time someone needs or wants something, help them. Teamwork can make a big difference in life and so can you. Chelsie Smith, 5th grade

I love teamwork because you can always count on your buddies to help you. Teamwork is also found in sports. The sports that have teamwork are basketball, football, and baseball by tossing and catching the ball. Without teamwork you can't win a game. Teamwork is ninety percent of the game. In teamwork there are jobs, and everyone has one. That's why I love teamwork. Curtis Pratz, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

> Teams work together, They help each other through. They make sure that no one's lost or cold.

Their friendships never get too old. Teams work together.

Teams work together, There are many kinds of teams. The teams that pick up litter, Or ride in submarines. Teams that sing in choruses, Or simply sit and dream.

But there is one thing in common With all these different teams. Teams work together To fulfill their dreams. Elizabeth Jespersen, 5th Grade

There are four minutes to go in the fourth quarter. The pee wee Eagles are down by five points. The Fredericksburg Colts have possession of the ball. Number 31, Keith Veney (left safety), did not give up. He stayed in the backfield for a pass, but they did a running play. So, Keith ran up to the boy who was running the ball and tackled him and made him fumble the ball.

There were only three minutes to go in the fourth quarter, and the team's blocking was as good as ever. They gave the ball to Dorian. He ran the ball twenty yards. Five yards from the goal line, they held the Eagles until the last play when Keith ran the ball to the end zone. Touchdown! The time was running out. A minute fifty was left in the fourth quarter, and they had a one point lead. They held them there to win the superbowl! That is what teamwork is all about.

Keith Veney, 5th grade

Teamwork!

# The Missing Word

This year's Anthology theme is a very important scheme.
You learned about it when you were very young.
You saw it taught, you heard it sung.
On kiddie shows and PBS, they all display this word at its very best.

This word gives hope to failing teams,
Helping them to fulfill their dreams.
It can help in school, or in a sport,
Just as long as your friends give their support.
Without it we would not be safe,
Nothing would seem to be in its place.
We wouldn't have a winning team,
Just one person who simply took the lead.

Teamwork is the missing word.

I hope you'll remember it from this day forward.

Imagine what life would be.

Without this missing word,

What are we?

Sydney Shivers, 5th Grade

# The Meaning of Teamwork?

What is teamwork? Let's first look at the root word, team. There's no teamwork without a team. A team is a group or pair of people that work together in sports, projects, or to basically try to reach a goal. When some people think about teamwork, they think about people just simply working together. Teamwork is not just about socializing, gaining a good reputation, or getting an easy "A!" To have teamwork, you have to gain a lasting friendship that you can rely on. Teamwork is about a loyal devotion that you take out of your free time to work with a friend or teammate to reach a common goal.

You may think we're just going to tell you about the nicer things about teamwork, but I'm not, because teamwork isn't always perfect. Teamwork is much harder to achieve than it sounds. You're going to run into "ups" and "downs" and some problems along the way, but when you're through, you're going to feel good about yourself because you reached your goal. And you probably had a good time with a friend on top of that. Teamwork may not be as easy as it sounds, but in life it is needed!

Andrea White & Belanda Jessup, 6th Grade

I think teamwork is important because it helps people do things faster and more efficiently. For instance, in a football game there are a lot of people charging at you. What would you do? You could run, but unless you are fast, you might get tackled and not get too far. If you pass to an open teammate he can catch the ball and make a touchdown. How about a relay race? You depend on your teammates to shout words of encouragement to you and the rest of the team that will boost your team's morale and you will probably win the race.

In conclusion, that is why I think teamwork is important; to do things faster, easier, and more efficiently. Evan Antonio, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



Racquel Francis, 8th grade

# Don't Give in Today or Ever

Teamwork helps encourage you

It makes you believe the things you can do,

If you work hard with a friend

You will succeed at reaching your goal in the end,

Share your ideas and put them together

Hey, you never know, you'll have a friend forever,

Never give up and never give in

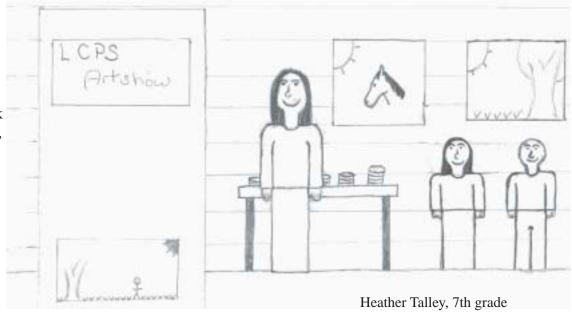
If you have an idea, grab a pencil or pen,

So, what I'm trying to say

To get my point across to you today

Teamwork is working together

So, you'll have good sportsmanship from this day and forever! Porsha Mays  $6^{th}$  Grade



#### **Teamwork**

Teamwork is help and care,

We just need it everywhere!

flames".

and school.

Teamwork gets you through the

So it won't make you "blow up in

Teamwork gets you through home

Teamwork is like the golden rule!

Natalie Jackson, 5th Grade

Teamwork has to be a group of people that work together. They have to be cooperative and have to be able to get along. Everybody on the team has to help one another to be successful. They also have to do their jobs.

Teamwork gets things done faster. If the team has a good relationship, they will do a better job.

The team has to have a good relationship and be polite. To have a good relationship, you need to talk to each other. You also need to talk about your problems with your team. Discuss your ideas with your peers. You also need to listen to your teammate's ideas. To be a good team, you need to know that you can rely on each other to get the job done. You also need to respect each other. You need to try your hardest even when you fail.

To be the best team you can be, never give up! James Johnson & Michael Alston, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Teamwork
Compete, together
Fun, cooperation, effort
Accomplish a lot of things
Team
Donte Lee, 7th grade

It's time to do it Get the job done! It's time to get fit, Teamwork is fun.

No fighting involved, All treated the same. To have problems solved, Teamwork isn't just a game.

To win the game, You work together. Don't be put to shame, Teamwork is better. Nichole Brandon, 7th Grade

#### **Teamwork**

Teamwork-(n)-cooperative effort by a group of persons acting together as a team.

Do you really know what the word teamwork means? Teamwork means to work together. You can have a team of two or seventy, but you're still a team. Teamwork takes willingness, effort, support, reliability, a positive attitude, and trustworthiness. You will use teamwork in so many ways like in sports events, clubs, games, and many more. Teamwork is like bees in a beehive. They have to work together to make and store honey.

Loyalty is important in a team. You need loyalty so that your teammates and friends can trust you. Effort is also an important concept in teamwork. You need to contribute effort so one person doesn't do all of the work. Effort needs to be contributed so that you can complete what you're doing or need to do. You have to have a good attitude to be supportive of your teammates and to complete what you're doing.

In summary, teamwork consists of several people working together to reach a common goal Nicole Shelton &Genevieve Campagnola, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Here is a story/poem I wrote about teamwork in action. This is just an example of what teamwork is, so don't worry if you can't play basketball, baseball or other sports because there are different ways to accomplish teamwork.

It was the play offs, the quarter was four, The other team was up fifteen; or it could have been more.

The losing teams were ball hogs; they never passed the ball!

So that showed they didn't practice teamwork at all.

The coach was inexperienced; he was no used to the game.

The line-up of the 4th quarter remained the same.

A young boy spoke (it was his first year).

He spoke so loudly no one could help but hear,

"Don't get me wrong, you're an excellent coach,

but maybe we should try to win in a different approach."

So with that he whispered the plan in everyone's ear

As the other team gloated without a care.

When they rebounded the ball, they all knew the plan.

They threw it to their center, who threw it to their shooting man.

In the blink of an eye, or a single clap,

The score was 48-50; they were barely back to back.

The forward rebounded to their point guard, who dribbled up the court.

He was not the tallest player, he was actually short.

He dribbled to the three point line and then,

At the sound of the buzzer the ball went in.

For, you see, with teamwork a lot of things get done...

It takes half the effort, and can be extremely fun!!!

Tyesha Harvey, 7th grade

# We Think Teamwork Is...

Teamwork is working together,
Working hard to reach a goal
And to try your best!
Celebrating your achievement
Accomplishing what you can and cannot do,
It doesn't matter if you win or lose
Just share the fame or share the blame,
Most goals are accomplished with teamwork,
Teamwork is working together and getting out there
to play!

James Brien & John Spring, 6th Grade

**T** is for talent.

**E** is for effectiveness.

A is for ambition.

**M** is magnificence.

**W** is for wonderful.

**O** is for obedience.

**R** is for radiant.

And

**K** is for kindness, the most important ingredient! De'Ane Means, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

# Lancaster and their Teamwork!

One hot summer day a team from Montross, Virginia was playing against the Lancaster Red Devils in softball. In the 1st inning, a girl from Montross got a run and Lancaster got nothing. The same happened in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> innings. Finally Lancaster held Montross for the 4th and 5th innings, but Lancaster still had nothing. The score is 3-0 and Montross was up to bat going into the 6<sup>th</sup> inning. They got one run! At the end of the 6<sup>th</sup>, Lancaster had nothing. At the top of the 7<sup>th</sup> with a score of 4-0, Lancaster holds Montross. Lancaster goes up to bat, in the dugout they hold hands and wish they could win. Up at bat was Ashley Brien who hit a double to right field. The girls cheered as they talked about teamwork. Takeia Jones steps up to bat. She also hits a double with Ashley Brien going home. She is safe! Next up is Kati O'Brien with a runner on 2<sup>nd</sup>; she takes the pitch as Takeia goes to 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kati gets a single and 1st and 3rd bases are occupied. As Carly Webb steps up to bat she takes the pitch for Kati to go to 2<sup>nd</sup>. The catcher over throws, so Takeia runs home and Kati is safe at 3<sup>rd</sup>. The score is 4-2. There is a player on 3<sup>rd</sup> when Carly hits a home run. It is now tied up! Kim is up; she bunts the ball and is safe at 1st. Tiffany steps up and hits a triple which gets Kim home and a win For Lancaster. The score is 4-5! At the end of the game the team puts their hands in on the count of three they yelled... "1-2-3...Together we make a difference.

Tiffany Pittman, 7th grade

# **Team work – The Game**

Last year my baseball team won against an undefeated team. Everyone played extremely well. The baseball game was played without mistakes. The team played just like professionals. We knew where to throw the ball, and where to hit the ball. That was because of teamwork.

If a player missed the ball, somebody else was right there to catch it. Everybody covered the bases. I think we were all pumped! I was catcher; if a ball got by me or someone was coming home, the pitcher was right there!

My dad was the coach. He was proud of us. After we won, the players threw water all over him. He was so excited he didn't care about the water. We could not have won if we had not worked together as a team!

Kevin Wilkins,7<sup>th</sup> grade

12 Teamwork is something
We all should do.
It may be hard, but you can
Always come through.

You may fall down plenty
Of times
But you should always come back
With a made up mind.
Teamwork is helpful and easy
As can be
It's something passed
From you to me.

Teamwork you may have to Twist and bend.
But it's all worth it in the end.
Brianna Ritchie, 7th grade

Some people say they stand alone.

Some people say they are on their own.

Tome, teamwork is a must.

I prefer to stick with trust.

I am not an independent.

Give me money and I'll spend it..

I cannot stand alone.

I cannot be on my own.

I found a team that best fits me.

The one I love the most...

My family! Rebecca Carillo, 7th grade Teamwork is something we use with others. To be like sisters and brothers. We work together,
To be friends forever,
Don't let people fight
Or stand like an armored knight.
You can't do it on your own
You have to do it with others, not alone
Keenan Rojas, 7th grade



Teamwork takes a lot of responsibility on everyone's part. Working together teaches another team player what he/she may be doing wrong during a game. Positive attitude and respect gives guidance to each player as they follow through the position they are playing.

Teamwork is a skill of self control that requires you to have a lot of patience in the game. Playing hard and practicing good sportsmanship builds your self-esteem with everyone; with people involved in the game as well as with those who may be watching.

Teamwork takes a lot of responsibility for each individual player who attends each and every game. Making sure you are always on time and in good humor will get you off to a good start!

To sum up teamwork; be strong, confident, and play as a team.

Justin Cammarata, 8th grade



Teamwork is putting the team first and working together. It works well with almost every situation. A good teamwork theme is "Together we make a difference" (my school motto).

Teamwork works by exchanging skills and ideas. For example, a softball team exchanges skills by having different people at different positions according to their skills, and what they are good at. A good example of teamwork is when I'm playing softball and someone hits it in the outfield, they have to throw it to each other to get it to the right place. When teammates have an idea, they have to express it so the rest of the team can discuss it. A big part of teamwork is communication. To use teamwork, the team must communicate to help the group. Without teamwork, nothing will get done and the team won't improve. Another example of not communicating is when you're running a relay, and you don't tell the other person on your team that you're passing them the baton, and they drop it. To achieve teamwork, the team has to get along. The people on the team have to listen to one another and help each other out. If the team doesn't get along, then all the goals and dreams the team has will start to disappear. It's a lot easier to win when your team has teamwork.

Teamwork teaches people to get along, and it not only helps the team, but it will also help you.

Emmalyn Carter,8th grade

What is teamwork? What does it mean? To me teamwork is a sign of working together and having fun doing it. For instance, suppose you are on a basketball team and you are playing for the championships. If you are on a team, and you and your teammates don't have team work, it will be harder for you to win that game because everyone would not be on the same page. The team that has the best cooperation has a better chance of winning. Another example is when you are ill and need an operation. The doctors that are supposed to perform the operation can't get along and dislike each other. This means they won't have teamwork, and it is questionable if they can be trusted with your life! It wouldn't take as long and they probably won't have any complications if they will all work together as a team. To conclude, teamwork just means a team or group of people working together as one.

Latifah Jeter,7th grade

#### Firemen

Everyday they risk their lives To save people they do not know, And everyday they say goodbye Not knowing where they'll go.

Burning red, hot and large, Is the creature that they face. A race of time is all they have, For determining this case.

They know that one mistake, A bad judgment if you will, Would be all it would take For a fragile life to be killed.

They work together to construct a plan
To overcome the creatures reign.
But they do not know if they can
Without causing a lot of pain.

The one thing that seems to work
In degrading the big beast,
Is the wonderful magical murk
That seems to make him weak.

They sink into the beast's domain
To rescue the fragile jewel.
All they feel is heat and pain
In this place so hot and cruel.

They finally find the jewel
In this place so deep and dark
So scared and alone
But still safe and unmarked.

They carry her out of sight
Of the horrified beast
They gently put her down
Her fragile body cold and weak.

They had won the battle But still there was a war But that didn't matter Because they felt secure.

Weak and beaten the beast retreats

Another time he did not win.
Until another victim he meets,
The beast will strike again.
And together the firmen defeats.
Rebecca Buzzell, 8th grade

Teamwork is working together to reach a common goal. Compromising is a leading factor in teamwork. If you can't get along with certain people, you will never accomplish a goal. Not agreeing on a situation and causing your team to get upset and lose focus can make your team weaker. I play a lot of sports. The one major thing that keeps us together is teamwork. We listen to each others' ideas, and we use them. Recently, we were playing a championship game, and two of the girls were mad at each other. They ended up making the whole team upset, which caused everyone to mess up and cause errors. They finally got over their argument and decided they wanted to play as a team. That was what caused us to play better and come back and win.

You need to accept others' beliefs and customs, when working as a team. It doesn't matter who they are, or what they look like. You shouldn't judge somebody by their looks. This is why team work is important, so that people will learn to work together. It shouldn't matter what tone your skin is; it should matter how you work with people. If you don't get along with others, then you're probably and individual; you like to do things on your own. Others' beliefs are important too. If a person cant' do something because of what they have been taught, then most likely they won't do it.

Teamwork has a lot to do with the way you perform. When you get older, you're going to have to work as a team in your job. There is never going to be a job that you don't work as a team. Teamwork can make a big difference. You can get things done a whole lot quicker, but then again it depends on the people you work with. You need teamwork wherever you go, such as sports, raising a family, doing your job, or just helping cook dinner. Everything involves teamwork.

Teamwork is very important. You can do a lot of good things if you can work as a team. No

matter what you do, it usually involves teamwork. Sara Caudle, 8th grade

Teamwork helps people come together in union and makes the world a better place. The word "teamwork" means that people work together to achieve a goal. It's good to be a part of a team because it helps you to make a difference in life. It's also good to be part of a team because it shows the other members that you care about the work you're doing.

The summer after seventh grade, I went to the Four Corners with a mission team. The team and I traveled for four days to reach Window Rock, Arizona. Our mission was to help out poor Navajo Indians and to do some repair to a woman's house. We worked as a great team to change the lives of the children and that of the woman. My team and I held vacation bible school for all of the children.

Our great efforts were shown by our kindness, love, and respect. The team was changed by this great work; it helped us to know each other better. Our efforts also helped us to enjoy the work we did. The great teamwork we showed made the Navajo children's faces shine.

The world without teamwork would be horrible because it wouldn't give anyone a chance to make a difference. Everyone should show great teamwork because it makes the people around you happy. It also shows that you're a person who is willing to reach an honorable goal with the help of others.

Ann Fitzsimons, 8th grade



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		O					
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		S					

Brittany Green,9th Grade

A is agreeing

W is working together

B is being nice

X is "x" amine the problem

C is cooperative spirit

Y is you work together

**D** is doing things together

**Z** is zipping around to get things

E is everyone working

**F** is finishing together

**G** is getting along

H is hanging together

I is ideas to talk over

**J** is joining together for a common cause

**K** is keeping on doing a project to get it done

L is learning from each other

M is many together

N is not alone

O is opinions being heard

P is putting your ideas together

Q is questioning each other for understanding

**R** is roughing it together

 ${\bf S}$  is something in common

T is together

U is under a common influence

V is viewing teams as one

In the word "teamwork," There is no "I" or "me." There are always many people, Working together you should see. Teamwork works in many ways, It's used each and everyday. For granted many people take, But the more you use teamwork, The more friends you make. Riva Harding, 9th Grade

Teamwork is hard work, I say, One without the other is nothing, You can't accomplish anything that way. Working together can accomplish something, Whether it be mending our hearts, Whether it be saving the world. If we could at least try, Who knows what could be unfurled. If we work together, Nothing is impossible. If we work together, We could be unstoppable! Jordan Merrill.9th Grade



Nathan Blake, 9th grade

People work in teams when playing sports, but not only sports. In music, too. They come together in one sound, helping each other be the best he or she can be. Without the trees, there would be no leaves. Without clouds there would be no rain. Without teachers there would be no students. Everything works in teams whether in sports, music, or nature. Everything is a team. Sarah Ellington, 9th Grade

T – trust

 $\mathbf{E}$  – effort

 $\mathbf{A}$  – attitude

**M** – making friends

**W** – working together

**O** – outstanding

 $\mathbf{R}$  – reaching out to each

other

**K** – keeping together Yasmen Rose,9th Grade Teamwork is important in all sports; It is displayed on many types of courts;

It requires discipline and hard work, too,

Just like you and I should

It teaches us about life. Although sometimes it causes strife;

It applies to everyone, So we should all forget the work

T – talking to one another E – everyone working

A – applying yourself

M – making an effort

K – keeping your cool

Solita Beale, 9th Grade

R – respect for one another

W – working hard

O – organizing

**TEAMWORK** 

together

And have some fun! Taylor Clark,9th Grade

"Teamwork – n; work done by several associates with each doing part but all subordinating personal Teamwork is the basis for almost all sports. Sports prominence to the efficiency of the whole."

Websters Dictionary

There are many meanings to teamwork. The one above is Webster's version. This is my version: teamwork means having to work together with one or more people in a sport or everyday life. Whether you are passing the basketball or helping someone move a table, you are using teamwork. Great teamwork can lead to great accomplishments!

Antwon Cox, 9th Grade

Teamwork is...

Taking time to work together Evaluating group decisions Achieving goals

LaShawnna Norris, 9th Grade

Maintaining a good relation ship Working harder to make a difference Overcoming obstacles as a team Respecting others and their feelings Knowing what you should know

This is what it will take to have teamwork.

such as basketball, football, and baseball cannot be played without teamwork.

Rhett Moore, 9th Grade

Teamwork means to work together or to function as a team. In teamwork, each player has to work together with the other players on his or her team to exercise a play. For example, if your team is trying to score and your teammate is open and you are not, you must pass the ball or you are not working as a team.

There are very few sports on the planet that are not team sports. Many professional team sports are successful because of teamwork, not because they have one outstanding player, but because the entire team works together.

LeamMorki So, without teamwork no teams can succeed. The next time you play a team sport, use teamwork and your team will do well.

Ross Kellum, 9th Grade

T is for a team that always sticks together

**E** is for energy that keeps the teamwork going

A is for attitude, a good one in fact
M is for moving step-by-step
W is for work, so everyone should work to stick together

**O** is for obedience, your brain is the key

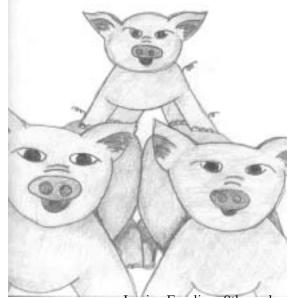
**R** is for respect, without that there is no team

**K** is for kindness that tells how much you care. Amber Smith, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Teamwork is a great way to get things done. Much can be accomplished when a group of people work together. For the past three years, the SCA at Lancaster Middle School has raised money for the American Cancer Society. Because of their teamwork, they were able to hold many fund raisers, including dances, car washes, and bake sales. They attended Relay for Life for two years and plan to go again this year. All the other groups that attended also raised a lot of money for the cause. This kind of teamwork could save many lives! Emily Shrader, 9th Grade

# My Father and I

One day my father and I had to get ready so we could go fishing. We got up early just so we could pack. After we dressed, we packed a big lunch. We had to use teamwork to load the boat onto the trailer. Finally, everything was ready, and we were on our way to the river. When we got there, my father backed the boat into the water, and I unbuckled the straps. The boat was soon in the water, and we were fishing in a couple of minutes. We helped each other put bait on the line, and we caught a lot of fish. When we were finished, we both loaded the boat up and went home. I noticed that all through the day, my father and I used teamwork. With my father and me working together, we made the day twice as much fun.

Jessica Ercelino, 9th Grade



Jessica Ercelino, 9th grade

T – to become one

E – exciting team

A – and achieve

 $M-more\ by$ 

W – working and helping

O – others out

R – respectfully and

K – keeping focused one

day at a time.

Shelley Coleman,9th Grade

# Teamwork

(A Short, Short Story)

The opposing team was winning by ten points. They had already won one match. If they won this match, it was all over. Coach Garrison was very upset with his team. His starters were not setting the ball up for a spike. They were all just trying to get it for themselves to impress the coach. They were never working together. It was their sixth game and they had not won one game. It was all because they did not know how to be a team. Coach Garrison had tried to teach them, but there was no hope.

The score was twelve to zero. If they did not get their acts together, they would lose this game as well. All of the girls were out on the volleyball court, waiting for the serve. "It's up, it's over, and she bumps...the setter sets it to the outside...she spikes it...and it's their first point of the game."

Garrison called a time-out. The girls ran over to the sideline looking kind of confused. Garrison had a big smile on his face. He did not care if they were going to lose by fourteen points...as long as they didn't lose by fifteen. "Coach, how did that happen," the players asked.

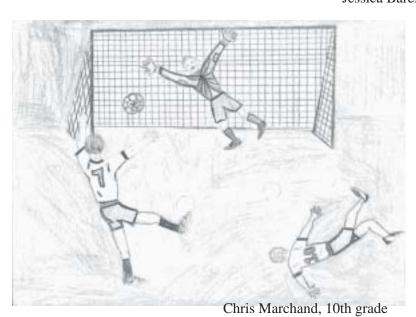
"Teamwork," he said. Tabitha Rinehart,9th Grade

When we think of teamwork, we usually envision a big group of friends steadily working together to get something done. But teamwork can apply to many different things and can involve a varying amount of people Two friends working together on homework – teamwork. A small group trying to complete a science project on time – teamwork. A whole team working together to make a goal – teamwork. Teamwork is at the core of every goal, accomplishment, and success. Without teamwork relationships would not survive and goals would not get accomplished. Teamwork requires cooperation, kindness, and even making allowances for people not as skilled as others in the group. If people are being kind and working together, anything is possible. Amanda Dreylick,9th Grade



To see people working with each other, Encouraging and helping one another As they strive for a common cause: Many others watch and give their applause.

When the game is over and the crowd is gone, Our team will cheer and chant on, Ready to play in a couple more days, Knowing they will do better next time they play. Rebecca Wineland & Daniel Robertson, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade



# I Am the One

I am a word that can make many,

One

I am the one, who makes your body,

Stand

I am the one who makes your car run as a

Whole

I am responsible for making these letters become a

Word

Without me the world would not function

Properly

Without me there would be no winning baseball

Team

You ask who am I

I am teamwork

Patrick Oliver, 10th Grade

#### Friends Are On Your Team

When you think of teamwork, you may think of a football team working together to make a touchdown. Even though this is a classic example of teamwork, it is not the only type. Friends work together to help each other achieve goals. Parents help their children when they are struggling in a school subject. Without friends and family to help you during times of need, the battle may be more difficult.

Some people think that in order to succeed, one must do everything on their own. I have come to the conclusion that this is not always the case. Succeeding at something in life primarily comes from within a person, but teamwork between you and others who care about you can definitely boost your spirits and perhaps help you achieve your goals quicker.

Think about what your life would be like without those whom you hold dear. Those people who make your life worthwhile are the ones who have been on your "team". These teammates are extremely valuable in your life and they are always on your side.

Jessica Barefoot, 10th Grade

# A Senryu on Teamwork

Lancaster played tough And everyone gave their all To beat our rivals Chris Wyvill, 9th Grade Teamwork is overrated.

Do you know how many times I've waited? Waiting for a team that's cruel

With broken smiles and minds of fools.

If you can depend on you,

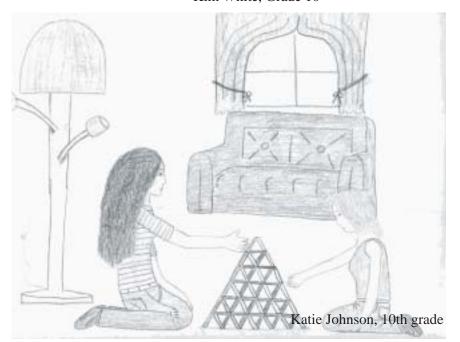
You're the only team that's true.

A team of one that's great as many,

A team of one that's good as any. *You* are a team with one strong goal,

Depend on yourself... the team with one mighty soul.

Kim White, Grade 10



T-E-A-M-W-O-R-K
Working together to make everyone better!

Teamwork allows us to belong to something Greater than our individual selves!

We must share our gifts with our fellow man, For we are only a part of the rest of us!

In life, teamwork is the key to success.

More people should try to unlock the door!

Tykeisha Taylor, Hillary Holt, and Tasha Foster, 11th grade

Together they work to complete a task,

Every person doing their part.

Always fighting and striving for the best,

Memories come forth when it's done with a friend.

Working together each with a helping hand,

Organizing and preparing each aspect of the play.

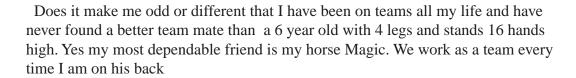
Rigorous plans are put into action,

Keeping it real for each and every man.

A <u>team</u> is known for working together,

Because when there's <u>teamwork</u>, you know it'll be even better.

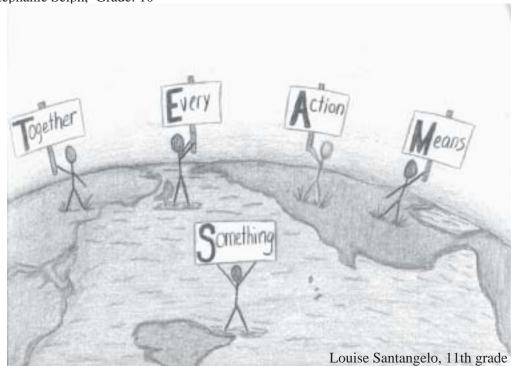
Roxann M. Francis, 10th Grade



He is not like most team members that get jealous and do not show up for practices. He is always at the same place waiting for me. This makes an incredible bond that will show in the competition ring, but do not get me wrong; we have our days when we cannot get along to save our lives. He will decide he is not getting on the trailer or that he has the need to bite or kick. I just take it as we are a lot alike, because I get in my bad moods when everyone should just stay clear. It just means you have personality to you.

I really hope that we will be together for the rest of his life, and I hope that I can become a good enough rider to bring him to his full potential in the show ring. I will have to leave him home during college, but I hope we will be able to pick up where we left off when I return, and maybe one day he will even be the horse that teaches my children how to ride.

Stephanie Selph, Grade: 10





Rebakah E. Conboy, 10th grade

To try alone and be isolated for the struggle or to have greed to find power and worth only for one is unfulfilled.

To succeed, to win, we must all work differently but together, each doing our own part, our own skill that we were made for. Each part is important and there is no exception to say that one is greater than another. Every person is needed and each skill feeds another. All intertwining and working for the benefit of all, not just in the obvious but in life.

Jessie Love, 10th Grade

All for one and one for all
That's how it goes
From high school ball
All the way up to the pros.

Everyone's looking for that
big W

And hope to play strong
and true

But in order to win and not
to fall

We must remember, its all
for one and one for all
Leif Mieras, Grade 10

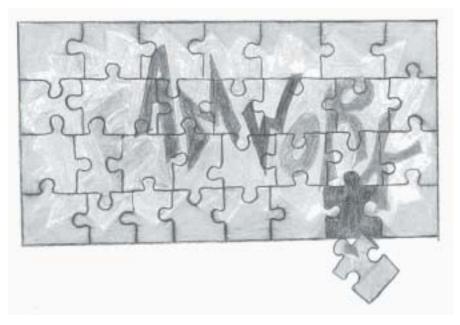
Teamwork is something you need in almost every sport. In basketball, you have five players on the floor, each with a different role. You have the point guard and shooting guard. The point guard brings the ball up the court, and the shooting guard helps the point guard to get open and go to the basket. Then you have the small forward, the power forward, and the center. When the point guard brings the ball down the court, the small forward helps the shooting guard get an open shot. Then the power forward helps keep the center from getting double-teamed. When the center is double- teamed, he passes to the shooting guard or small forward for the open shot. On defense, when a person is guarding somebody and someone on the other team goes to set a "pick" on a person, your teammate should tell you the "pick" is coming. If the person with the ball cannot be stopped, your teammate will come to help you double-team him. In basketball you need to use teamwork to win! If your team has good teamwork, your team may win the CHAMPIONSHIP! Donte Owens, 9th Grade

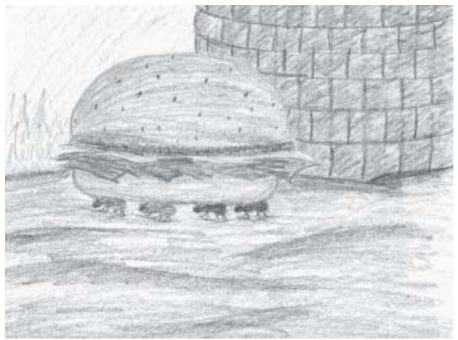
What do you think of when you hear the word teamwork? I think teamwork is much like a puzzle. A puzzle is comprised of a certain number of little pieces that fit together to make a picture. Even missing one piece ruins the puzzle by leaving it incomplete. Each individual piece is insignificant by itself, but once all the pieces are placed together it makes it a whole.

As I have discovered in life, a whole is nothing without the sum of all of its parts. When you are involved in a team sport, such as football, baseball, or basketball, it takes the entire team to win a game. In order to do this, the team must come together or fit as one. An individual player cannot win the game by him or herself. You cannot win a game if you do not have all the players working for the same cause either. It takes the entire team working together as a whole to achieve their goal, which is to win. The same is true with a puzzle. One piece cannot, and does not, determine the end result. All the pieces need to fit together in order to be complete.

So from this, I hope you see how teamwork and a puzzle are similar. They both cannot work if they do not have all their pieces in place. It takes an entire team or all of the puzzle pieces to complete the goal. Every piece needs the other to be absolute and all of the players need to fit together to be a team. From reading this paper, the next time you hear the word teamwork, I trust you will think of a puzzle.

Tim Blake, Grade 10 Illustration by Brianne Oltermann, Grade 10





Melissa Santangelo, 11th grade

Individuals' Emotions
Gathering – deciding to collide
Inspired minds designing movements
To hence impudence and the other focus on desire

We think as one-?
Then see one as a whole prevail
Deepening exhales to keep up with stale patterns
Forms a median of confidence in ourselves
To excel

Though fatigue is a motion for another to notice Once apprehended the opposition bounces to defend it

Tiredness's turn from its own sensation
Betters our concentration
That penetrates communication's control over the hour of confrontation

Their physical is ours to devour Between a victorious shower of split powers

We as a team are calm and able
Are foes to those frustrated and unstable
Together capable of success
Chris Cornwell,12th Grade

#### Joint Operation

The night is long and wet.

As always working hard and working up a sweat.

Hard and strong, we try to fight

Just to keep our enemy at fright.

We are here for our country's name;

We're not looking for fame.

Captain says we're going home,

But Uncle Sam had a different tone.

Together we fight and stand;

Together we stand side by side;

Together we'll go home with pride.

Matthew L. Hathaway, 12th grade

#### Teammates

Together in a Group –

Boys competing, struggling Sweating – Just trying to make the team.

Boys practicing, working Improving – Just trying to please the coach.

Boys helping, encouraging Worrying – Just trying to come together as a team.

Boys losing, winning Learning – Just trying to be the best.

Together – as teammates. Brian Jarvis, Grade 12 Teamwork opens new doors to new things.

Everyone wins on a team!

Anyone can win, but teams are always winners!

Many different people are on one team.

Work ethics are gained on a team.

One person can succeed, but teams never fail!

**R**each out; there is always someone there.

**K**ick out the losers; join a team!

Rebekah Leigh Revere, 12th grade

Teamwork is when your team scores a touchdown on the Hail Mary play to your number one receiver.

Teamwork is when your number four man hits a Grand Slam in the bottom of the ninth when your team is down by three runs.

Teamwork is when your team scores a goal to win the game with twenty seconds left.

Teamwork is when your center slams the ball after passing through the top three defenders in the district.

Teamwork is when you are down one point and get a take down to win your wrestling match, and get three points for your team.

Teamwork makes plays.
Teamwork beats the opponent.
Teamwork wins championships.

Teamwork
Travis Rice, 12<sup>th</sup> grade

The Importance of Teammates

You were there when no one else was. It was you who convinced me to try out For a role, a place on a team, A part of a whole.

There I was on the list.
I made the team!
I liked the uniform; I hated practice.
But you were there.

After all the hard work,
All the sweat and all the pain,
I wanted to quit, and have some fun,
But you were there.

Game day, my first.

No fans for me, while I hit and caught and ran.

No one to cheer and say that's my girl,

But you were there.

Through it all,
When I got hurt and couldn't play,
When I needed strategy and advice,
You were there.

I am glad I discovered
Just what I really can do when I try.
I may not be the best, like you,
But I'm glad I was there, with you, teammate.
Kimberly Headley, 12th grade

T- There have been times in my life that I have learned the true meaning of teamwork.

E- Early in my high school days I practiced peer togetherness as <u>we</u> ran the basketball court in glory and in strife.

A- As an ardent player, I have dribbled, rebounded and passed to be a team star.

M- Moreover, I enjoyed this sport because I learned the true meaning of sharing,

sacrificing and putting forth every effort to do my best for our best.

W- Working out at practice, the coach put <u>us</u> to the test.

O- Over the years I have looked back and appreciated all the efforts that <u>we</u> put into

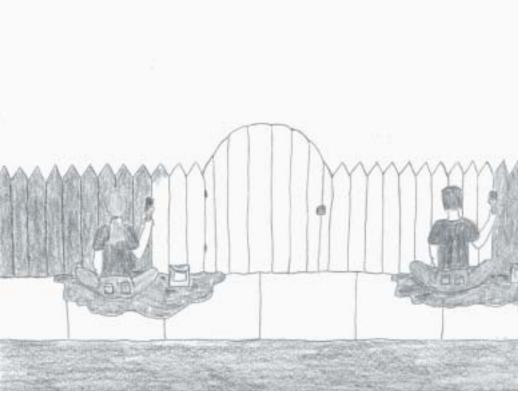
basketball.

R- Ready and motivated <u>we</u> struggled together to be winners.

K- Knowing all the knowledge and preparation that  $\underline{we}$  were involved in would be a

lasting foundation that would help <u>us</u> persevere all the days of <u>ours</u> lives.

It all comes down to <u>TEAMWORK!</u> Jessica L. Kelley, 12<sup>th</sup> grade



Erica Patton, 10th grade

#### "WORKING as a TEAM"

I understand our delightful home is not here anymore-Fire and noise now grows throughout. I understand our joy and happiness has left us now, Stolen away by those who do not know. I understand our feelings are not even worth a speck of dirt, The same dirt that we all began our bodies from. I understand that we are so very distant, Evil and harsh towards different bloods.

But I do not understand why we are this way, Evil and harsh towards different bloods. I still do not understand why we are so selfish, Pleasant enough just to please our own hearts. I still do not understand why we make so much noise, Filled with loudness and heat! I still do not understand why we feel so alone, Alone and disturbed in our own flesh.

We must work together to achieve that missing piece.
We need that something that inflates our spirits,
And makes us happy.
We must all work together to understand the questionable,
To bring answers to the confused,
To finally stop the pain,
That has killed our delightful home.
Tiffany Carter, Twelfth Grade



Keyona Butler, 10th grade

It's that time of year When baseball draws near!

All nine players are pumped and ready, Hoping the year will be good and steady.

The game has started and it's really intense; It's so much fun to play within that fence!

The pitcher rears back to throw a strike And does the same throughout the night.

The game is over, and we begin to roam; As a team we pack up and head home. Kyle Pittman, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade What is teamwork?
Few really know.
What is teamwork?
It is a word we all should know.
What is teamwork?
It is something that we're all
part of.
What is teamwork?

It is something we learned from our Father above.
What is teamwork?
Is it working alone?
No, it is the one thing that cannot be done alone.
What is teamwork?
Kristie Henderson, 12th grade

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