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Letters to Santa
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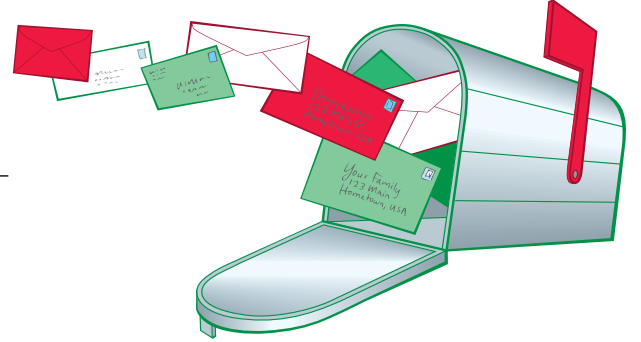
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LETTERS TO SANTA

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Dear Santa,
Please bring the Christmas spirit back to Mayor Krueger so Mound City can continue having the Christmas lighting contest. My daddy sure misses competing with our neighbors. I would also like a rocking horse, a baby doll and a volleyball.

Love,
Hattie Kent

Dear Santa,
I would like a crayola crayon wheel and a big dinosaur coloring book. Thank you.
Your friend,
Colten Schafer

Dear Santa,
I would like the puzzle peguins on Ice, crayola crayon color wheel, a little pet shop color book. Thank you.
Your friend,
Cheyenne Rauch

Dear Santa,
I have been naughty. I want a tractor, a gray chair, and red chips. Beau wants a red train that says choo choo. I will leave you some Goldfish to eat. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Kipton Waigand, 2 1/2

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want a pink scooter and a yo-yo. I would also like a toy horse and a Barbie Doll house. My brother wants a toy crane.
Sincerely,
Ava Claire Tubbs, 3

Dear Santa,
Are you doing good Santa? Are the reindeer doing good? Are the elves doing good? Do you have any dogs at the North Pole? I wanted to tell you I have a loose tooth! My first one! Have you decorated for Christmas? We have our Christmas stuff out. We have Christmas lights outside so you can find our house. Can you please bring me a Paw Patrolter with dogs, Donatello from the movie, a hamster cage with stuff and a TMNT Pizza Thrower? Thank you.

Love,
Zachary Caton, 5

Dear Santa,
I really want an iPad. I really want a toy unicorn. How is your mom (Mrs. Claus)? I think your elves are funny!
Love,
Jayli Farr, 4

Dear Santa,
What I really want for Christmas is the pickup with flatbed and skidloader with the pallet and concrete block from John Deere. I also want a little tractor, green, for Teagan. I have a list and want everything that is starred. That is everything I want.

Love,
Mayson White

Dear Santa,
I wish I can have a Hot Wheels toy. I also want Hot Wheels tracks and the Hot Wheels garage. I have tried to behave my best this year. It would be nice if my brother, Ryan, could have a remote control John Deere tractor. Please don't forget to take the chocolate chip and M&M cookies and drink the chocolate milk on Christmas Eve.

Love,
Jaxon Edwards, 5

Dear Santa Claus | South Holt R-1
Ms. Oswald's Preschool Class

Dear Santa,
I didn't get to see you at King and Proud. My dad didn't plan on it. The special thing I really want is a collar for my cat. My cat is Mobie. I would like to have my own necklace and bracelet.

Love,
Kristin Quinlin, 4

Dear Santa,
I want a blue Barbie house. I also want a Caterpillar truck. I want a computer to look up stuff.

Love,
Kameron Noland, 4

Dear Santa,
I like playing! I like making things in art area. I would like a couch and a chair. I like reading books.

Love,
Victoriah Woolsey, 4

Dear Santa,
I want a Pet Shop airplane with lots of toys on it.

Love,
Jolie Oliveria, 4

Dear Santa,
I want an Elsa and Anna doll.

Love,
Aggi Bradbury, 4

Dear Santa,
I want a Power Ranger for Christmas. I want two blues, two reds, orange, two greens, and two blacks. I want a brand new shirt and a brand new backpack. I want brand new folders, motorcycles, and four-wheelers.

Love,
James McAfee, 3

Dear Santa,
I want a toy BB gun. I want everything that I see on TV (except big kids' stuff) and a big ninja thing. Santa doesn't really make dogs or cats. Santa likes gingerbread men.

Love,
Evan Rogers, 4

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas, Santa! I would like some presents. I would like a football and a ball.

Love,
Dyson Grove, 5

Dear Santa,
I want Legos. I want Bumblebee and Transformers. I want a House Thing.

Love,
Harlan Martin, 4



Dear Santa,
Your Elves on the Shelf are crazy! Why are the boxes in two bags? I would like an Uno Attack game.

Love,
Lochlan Bailey, 5

Dear Santa,
I want a Big Giant Lightning McQueen made out of big tires. Thank you for my presents!

Love,
Memphis Mick, 5

Dear Santa,
I would like an Ultimate Batman House.

Love,
Luke Oswald, 3

Dear Santa,
I would like a Peppa Pig Playhouse and a Cotton Candy Maker. Santa will bring me some more toys, too. He will fill my stocking with a little bit of candy. I want him to bring my sister things.

Love,
Bristol Davison, 3

Dear Santa,
I would like a teddy bear. I would like some more toys.

Love,
Abigail Spruk, 3

Dear Santa,
I want a Lego thing, a new Mario, another new Mario, and a girl toy for my sister. I want a working thing for my Dad and new shoes for my Mom and for Mom a new bike with a holder for golf balls. Also a new bike for my Grandma, Grandma Gloria, because she gave my mom her bike. A new Jenga game for my sister and for me. Cooking stuff for my Mom because she's going to need that stuff so she can cook for me. I also need new Lego things for my Lego game.

Love,
Jager Morris, 4

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Camper, I want a toy that you wind up to let the hair grow. I want an Easy Bake Oven.

Love,
Morgan Medsker, 4

Dear Santa,
Are your reindeer doing good? I want a Superman shirt.

Love,
Liam Kerns, 5

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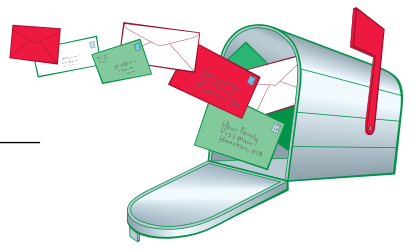
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LETTERS TO SANTA



Dear Santa Claus | South Holt R-1
**Ms. Oswald's
Preschool Class
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Dear Santa,
I want an Elsa and Anna scooter. I want lots of Shopkins. I also want Monster High dolls, Ariel. I want paint stuff and a pizza playdoh. I also want to watch the Good Dinosaur movie. I love my elf, Maude.
Love,
Charlotte Plummer, 3

Dear Santa,
I want a live pet mouse. I would like a live pet bird because I lost my other one. I would like a live pet turtle. How did the elves' toy machine break down? I would like a stuffed animal Panda, too.
Love,
Eden Allen, 5

Dear Santa,
I want a pool for Christmas. I also want a Nerf Blaster. Two robbers guns for my friend and one for me to play each other.
Love,
Coltyn Fansher, 5

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me presents. I want some colors, like red, orange, green and yellow. I want a new house, a bike and lots of bubble toys. I love bubble toys.
Love,
Addilynn Hayworth, 5

Dear Santa,
I want a real life puppy. I also want silly string. I want a radio.
Love,
Emalynn DeBee, 5

Dear Santa,
I want some presents. I want a Frozen castle. I want a Frozen bicycle.
Love,
Laynie Verbick, 4

Dear Santa,
I want a truck and trailer and tractors. I want some cows, a big giant swimming pool and nothing else.
Love,
Tristin Ridler, 4

Dear Santa Claus | South Holt R-1
Mrs. Mendenhall's Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I am 6 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this year is a 4 wheel-er and a car. I promise to leave cookies for you. Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love,
Hunter Parsley

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I am 6 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this year is a zoomer kitty and an iPod. I promise to leave cookies for you. Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love,
Paizlee Milne

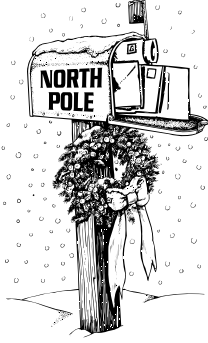
Dear Santa,
This Christmas I am 5 years old. This year I have been a little naughty but mostly nice. What I would like most this year is a Elsa dress that sings Let it Go in Spanish. I promise to leave ginger snaps for you. Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love,
MacKensi Meyer

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I am 6 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this year is a Dusty and a Blazin' Blade. I promise to leave cookies for you. Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love,
Ben Partridge

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I am 5 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this year is a Guinea Pig and a phone. I promise to leave cookies for you. Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love,
Trista Plummer

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I am 6 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this year is a Zombie Strike and a cop boat Lego set. I promise to leave m&ms for you. Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love,
Wade Acton

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I am 6 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this year is a 4 wheel-er and a phone. I promise to leave cookies for you. Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love,
Kaydn Hoepker



Dear Santa Claus | South Holt R-1
Ms. Moore's Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is iPad and truck. And I promise to leave out cookies for you! Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love,
Braxton Carroll
P.S. Please say "Hi" to Mes Clz for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is trampoline and mini toy oven. And I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love,
Bayleigh Harrison
P.S. Please say "Hi" to Rof (Rudolph) for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is pig and mini toy oven. And I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love,
Paige Walter
P.S. Please say "Hi" to Msis Clz for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is Barbie horse and toy camra. And I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love,
Sophie Mendenhall
P.S. Please say "Hi" to Elf fanc-her for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is fireman truck and remote control. And I promise to leave out cookies for you! Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love,
Hunter Jennings
P.S. Please say "Hi" to Rof for me!

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Kindergarten Class
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Dear Santa Claus  | South Holt R-1

Ms. Moore's Kindergarten Class

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Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is mini toy oven and Mc square car. And I promise to leave out cookies for you! Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love,
Brianna Loins
P.S. Please say "Hi" to other reindeer for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is nurf gun and stick on nails. And I promise to leave out cookies for you! Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love,
Claire Ezzell
P.S. Please say "Hi" to Ruwtof for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is trampoline and mini toy oven. And I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love,
Bella Whetsel
P.S. Please say "Hi" to Rof for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is toys and horse. And I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love,
MeeyaRae Goacher
P.S. Please say "Hi" to Rof for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is PlayStation 3 and tractor with blade. And I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love,
Tanner Milne
P.S. Please say "Hi" to Rof for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is hay elevator and Paw Patrol. And I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love,
Corey Wilmes
P.S. Please say "Hi" to Rodrawlof for me!

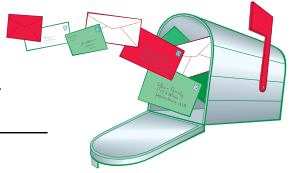
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is Barbie horse and iPad. And I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love,
Chloe VanAntwerp
P.S. Please say "Hi" to Ms Clz for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is monster truck and toy hand. And I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love,
Joey Waggoner
P.S. Please say "Hi" to Rowtf for me!

LETTERS TO SANTA



Dear Santa Claus  | South Holt R-1

Ms. Renfro's First Grade Class

Dear Santa,
I have had a jolly year. What do you wear? A gift that I need are some new snow boots. A gift that I want is a new pony.

Love,
Bella Sisk

Dear Santa,
I have had an awesome year! Do you or the elves make the presents? A gift that I need are some new socks. A gift that I want is a Zoomer Chomplinz.

Love,
Michel Quinlin

Dear Santa,
I have had a jolly year. Why do you have to have reindeer? A gift that I need is more gloves. A gift that I want is a cotton candy maker.

Love,
Sierra Krohn

Dear Santa,
I have had a jolly year. How are your reindeer? A gift that I need is new tennis shoes. A gift that I want is a brand new skid loader.

Love,
Wesley McAfee

Dear Santa,
I have had an awesome year! Why did one of your reindeer play with my dog? A gift that I need is a Royals cap. A gift that I want is a modular Nerf gun.

Love,
Tayte Prussman

Dear Santa,
I have had an awesome year. Why do you wear red every Christmas with a red and white hat? A gift that I need would be more books. A gift that I want is an Imaginext Ultra T-Rex.

Love,
Lex Conard

Dear Santa,
I have had an excellent year. Do you have a reindeer named Rudolph? A gift that I need are new snow boots, size 3. A few gifts that I want are a real minion, a toy freeze ray, and a minion alarm clock.

Love,
Brodie Seippel

Dear Santa,
I have had an awesome year. Why did my elf bent the star on the Christmas tree this morning? A gift that I need is a new scarf for this year. A gift that I want is a Zoomer Kitty.

Love,
Camdyn Davison

Dear Santa,
I have had a jolly year. How many elves do you have? A gift that I need would be sunglasses. A gift that I want is a four wheel-er.

Love,
River Cotton

Dear Santa,
I have had an awesome year. Santa, do you have a reindeer named Rudolph? A gift that I need are some overalls, snow boots and a winter coat. Some gifts that I want are a Spiderman bike and an Xbox.

Love,
Gabriel Wallace-Corcoran

Dear Santa,
I have had an awesome year. Why do you have so many reindeer? A few gifts that I need are new shoes and new shirts. Some gifts that I would like would be a Zoomer Kitty, remote control helicopter, and an Elf on the Shelf.

Love,
Dani Denney


Dear Santa,
I have had an awesome year. How many elves do you have? A gift that I need is snow boots. A gift that I want are chapter books with short chapters.

Love,
Whitney Turner

Dear Santa,
I have had a jolly year. How are the reindeer doing? A gift that I need is new tennis shoes. A gift that I want is a makeup set.

Love,
Scarlet Kridler

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Dear Santa Claus  | South Holt R-1

Mrs. Certain's First Grade Class

Dear Santa,
I have had a good year. How does Rudolph fly? A gift that I need is new snow boots. A gift that I want is a bb gun.

Love,
Keagen Taylor

Dear Santa,
I have had a good year. How old are you? A gift that I need is a scarf. A gift that I want is a phone.

Love,
Chloe Hays

Dear Santa,
I have had a good year. Do you really have magic? A gift that I need is slippers. A gift that I want is Paw Patrol.

Love,
Will Jackson

Dear Santa,
I have had a good year. Does Rudolph's nose really glow? A gift that I need is slippers. A gift that I want is a Lego bat boat.

Love,
Cameron Biondo

Dear Santa,
I have had a good year. Are you 100? A gift that I need is snow boots. A gift that I want is a phone.

Love,
Memphis Jones

Dear Santa,
I have had a good year. Did you that Mrs. Bohart's grandma lives 4 hours away from the North Pole? A gift that I need is mittens. A gift that I want is a guitar.

Love,
Chloe DeBee

Dear Santa,
I have had a good year. What is 100 + 100? Gifts that I need are a hat, gloves, and a sparkly purple scarf. A gift that I want is cowgirl boots!

Love,
Kacie Williams

Dear Santa,
I have had a good year. Are you 1,006 years old? A gift that I need is mittens. A gift that I want is a picture of you and Rudolph.

Love,
Lakota Lull

Dear Santa,
I have had a good year. How old are you? A gift that I need is a pink sparkly scarf. A gift that I want is the American Girl doll Grace.

Love,
Leah Howell

Dear Santa,
I have had a good year. How do you see everyone? A gift that I need is snow boots. A gift that I want is 12 beaver skins.

Love,
Kyler Noland

Dear Santa,
I have had a good year. How are the reindeer doing? A gift that I need is new tennis shoes. A gift that I want is a makeup set.

Love,
Nathan Morris

Ring In The Joy!

Holiday bells are ringing once again, and we'd like to chime in with our thanks to you, our neighbors and friends. Seeing you is always a joy for us, and we wish you all a happy and memorable holiday season.



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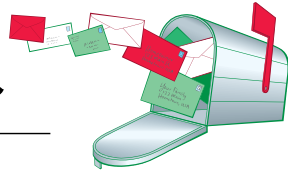



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Dear Santa Claus | South Holt R-1
Ms. Showalter's Second Grade Class

Dear Santa,
Hello my name is Mika. What do your elves do at your workshop? I have one of your elves, I hope she has told you we have been good. For Christmas I would like a iPod, a real microphone and more Beados.
Love,
Mika Medsker

Dear Santa,
Hello, how are you doing? How many elves do you have? My favorite holiday is Christmas because I get to be with my family. For Christmas, I would like Beados Gems and an American Girl Doll.
Have a Merry Christmas,
Katelyn Schuman

Dear Santa,
How many people are on the good list? I am in 2nd grade. For Christmas I want Beados, a miny teachers desk and a miny student desk.
Love,
Addi Bailey

Dear Santa,
Hello Santa, how are you doing? How many elves do you have? I want a horse and everything it needs for Christmas.
Love,
Renner Thompson

Dear Santa,
How are you? How old are you? I like to dance and run around outside. For Christmas I would like a unicorn and snow.
Your friend,
Ella Schaeffer

Dere Santa,
Hi how are you doing? How many elves do you have? I am in 2nd Grade. I like singing. I want Orbees.
Love,
Hailey Majewski

Dear Santa,
how are you doing. Are your elvs the Elv on the Shelf. I live in the trailer park. What I want for Christmas, 5 Platoons and a Wii.
Love,
Cayden Ray

Dear Santa,
Hello Santa my mom and dad are divorced. Are you going to dads house a day earlier? How cold is it. For Christmas I would lik a doll house with a elavator and snow. I love horses.
Love,
Sammi Meng

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How many elves do you have? I realy like sports and toys and I am 7 can I have a new bike for Chirstms.
Love,
Ethan Morris

Dart Sant Crow,
How bright is Rudolphs nose? I like to play games with people I would like computer for the computer Black Ops2 for the computer I would like a x box1 four con trollers for the x box1.
Love,
Daysen Thompson

Dear Santa
What is your favorite thing to do? How old are you? For Christmas I would want a Xbox 360 Marvel Avengers game. I have the toy gave me last yer.
Love,
Gage Schroeder

Dear santa,
how do you do, my favorite holiday is crismas. I ant a x-box 360 and a Disney Infinity and 8 Pokemon toy and a Domness rex zumer.
Love,
Gavin Wallace-Corcoran



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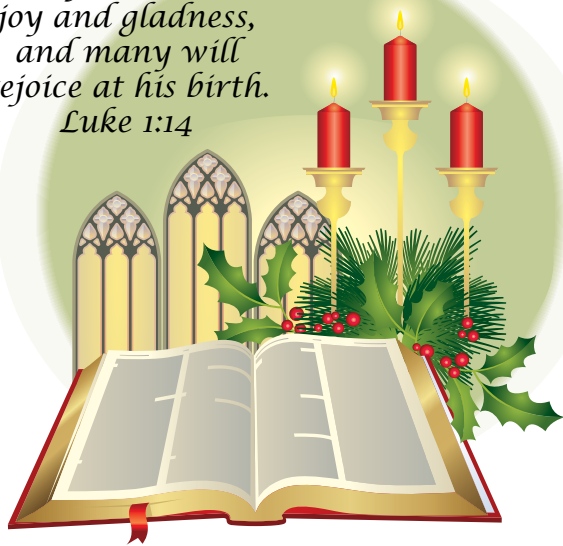
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Merry Christmas!

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LETTERS TO SANTA



Dear Santa Claus  | South Holt R-1
Mrs. Nester's Second Grade Class

Dear Santa,
I want tickets to Sea Life. I want free tickets to Lego Land. I want tickets to a zoo.
Love,
Logan Morton

Dear Santa,
I want a snake catching kit. I would like to have a minecraft blind box! I want a terraria set.
From,
Tykota Ray

Dear Santa,
Why is Rudolph's nose so bright? I want a Wii U and a game called Under Cover City and a game called Splat Toon and a toy called Riv.
From,
Tait Morris

Dear Santa,
My corner of my room is a mess! I could really use a big tub. And I could really use a 30 paged book.
Love,
Izzy Luce

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie house because mine is broke. I would like an art set. I would like a Wii U.
Love,
DeAnna Krohn

Dear Saint Nick,
I would like an electric train. I have a train but it broke. I would like free tickets to Lego Land.
Love,
Oliver French

Dear Santa Clause,
I would like an orange nerf blaster with a lot of nerf darts. And a Xbox 360 game called Hi Zi. And a game called Halo 5.
From,
Breydan Conner

Dear Santa Clause,
I would like a gymnastics bar short and tall. I would like it to be teal. I would like it to be pretty.
Love,
Jernie Morris

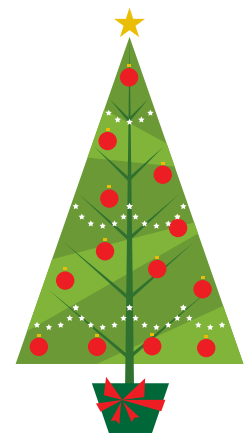
Dear Santa,
I need a new book at my home. Thank you for the elf. My elf is good. How many elves do you have?
Love,
Lexi VanHoutan

Dear Santa,
I want an elf on the shelf for school. I want a picture of an owl for my teacher. I want two real baby bottles.
Love,
Serenity Greife

Dear Santa Clause,
I would like a new paint set with the palet that you put the paint on. I would also like some new crafts. I want every color of paint and some sparkles for the crafts. I need some paper clips so I can make crafts. I need some paint brushes and the big board that you put paint on. Also a painter's hat. And \$900,000!
Love,
Piper Bradbury

Dear Santa,
I want you to get me two books and some other stuff. And some necklaces. And some bracelets.
Love,
Jacelyn Fansher

Dear Santa,
I would like a zoomer dino. I would like Call of Duty. I would like a light saber.
Love,
Christian Jones



Dear Santa Claus  | Mound City R-2
Mrs. Walker's Preschool Class

Dear Santa,
I want a unicorn for Christmas that has a purple, yellow and pink mane and tail. Her horn needs to light up. I would like a ballerina doll with a purple outfit. I want a real reindeer that can fly. I love you.
Love,
Sara Klaas

Dear Santa,
I love to play with the babies at school and cook for everyone, so I would love anything for babies or cooking. I also love the movie Frozen and listening to music. I help my Mommy and Daddy at the farmers market and know all about growing veggies, so I would really like a Veggie Tales Junior Asparagus doll. I love to watch the Veggie Tales movies too. Please bring my little sister, Aleyda, something special too, because she is such a good sister to me.
Love,
Maya Clodfelter

Dear Santa,
I would like an Elsa blanket. I would also like an Elsa book. I would also like all of the Frozen character stuffed animals. I would also like a Ana pillow. I would also like a reindeer pillow. I like you and love you. I would also like some Elsa and Ana shoes. I would also like some Santa decorations for my tree. I really like you and I want to fly in your sleigh with you. I would like a little Ana and Elsa doll too.
Love,
Darby Morris

Dear Santa,
How are your deers? I would like a tool box with tools and it goes on a flat truck, please.
Love,
Brody Killin

Dear Santa,
I would want a robot dinosaur for Christmas, please. A robot lizard and then a stuffed Power Ranger that is dinosaurs stuff. A stuffed dog for my baby brother and then for my sister, a stuffed baby doll. Is it snowing at the North Pole?
Love,
Caleb Russell

Dear Santa,
Please can I have a hot wheels car. I hope you can bring my puppy, Cameron, some toys. I think my brother would like toy cars. Can you bring my mom and dad stuff from the North Pole?
Love,
Jaxon Edwards

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a new princess Barbie? How is your reindeer? Do you really have a Rudolph? I want anything in my stocking that you want to give me.
Love,
Daelynn Whetsel

Dear Santa,
Please, I want something for Christmas. A Peppa Pig toy and a fake cookie and a dinosaur fake that is a stuffed dinosaur. You take presents down the hole to kids.
Love,
Chase Gard

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? Thank you for being so nice. I want to wish you a Merry Christmas. I would like a ballerina toy for Christmas. Thank you very much.
Love,
Aleyda Clodfelter

Dear Santa,
I want to say hi. How is the North Pole? Can you please bring me a baby doll? I like you Santa.
Love,
Dallas Ellis

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? I would like a pair of high heels for Christmas. I would also like a Barbie doll. I would also like a mermaid doll. I would also like a new pair of shoes.
Love,
Madison Martin

Dear Santa,
I would like to know if you have a house. I would like a stuffed animal Rudolph for Christmas. I would like some presents around my Christmas tree. I want some artist stuff. I want a Doc McStuffins doll. Please put candy in my stocking.
Love,
Ava Klaas

Dear Santa,
I got to watch a movie and have popcorn at home. I would like to show you my list of what I want for Christmas.
Love,
Jazlynn Hale

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? How are you and Mrs. Claus? I would like a bow and arrow for Christmas. Thank you.
Love,
Lane Bevering

Dear Santa,
I want a toy rocket ship for Christmas. I really love you. I want a car that can float on water. Santa, I like that you watch over us and I like you.
Love,
Cole Klaas

Dear Santa,
I would like a pickup with a flatbed and skid loader. How is Rudolph? I would also like a green backhoe arm to put on the back of a tractor. They are at John Deere.
Love,
Mayson White

Dear Santa,
I love you! I love your sleigh and sweater! I would like princess show and two ponies.
Love,
Sophie Biermann

Dear Santa,
I would like some Skylanders for Christmas. How is the North Pole?
Love,
Brody Voltmer

Dear Santa,
You are so nice because you bring me toys. You can fly super fast. I would like you to bring me a Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. I would also like a big castle. I would also like some rock star stuff. Could you please bring some new Christmas lights for my parents' house? Please bring me lots of things.
Love,
Lillian Griffin

Dear Santa,
Ho, Ho, Ho! I would like a ball for Christmas.
Love,
Cameron Edwards

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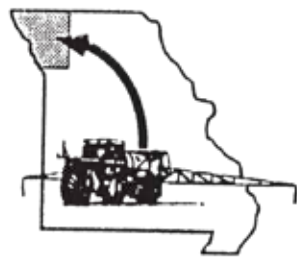
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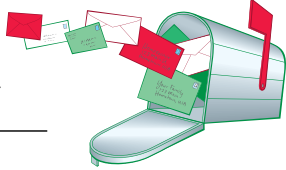
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LETTERS TO SANTA



Dear Santa Claus  | Mound City R-2
Mrs. Osburn's Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,

Santa, you are nice. I want an iPad. Jayli wants ponies and I drew Juli's name and she wants some legos...I think. I want to get my mom some new snowmobiling stuff and some ornaments. For my dad I want him to get him a scoop because my dog is not trained to go outside yet. Mom needs new ornaments, her ornaments got all wet. Thank you for always giving us presents.

Love,
Peyton Farr

Dear Santa,

Thank you Santa for the presents. I want a black cat. Please bring Avery a stuffed animal leopard. Thank you Santa for the presents.

Love,
Danica McDonald

Dear Santa,

I love you! Toy Story 4 the movie is what I would like. Noah wants the movie Inside Out.

Love,
Seth Oswald

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all the presents. I want a robot, dragon and a stuffed animal bird. I don't know what Gage wants but he is a good brother. He likes legos and video games. I love you Santa.

Love,
Grady Knapp

Dear Santa,

I love Santa. Please bring me a Jurassic World set. Bring Emma a doll.

Love,
Montana Morris

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents you bring at Christmas. Please bring me Spiderman and Venom. There is a new Spiderman that is in a portal and Venom is black. I want the Flash too. My sister wants an Ana and Elsa costume...I think. My dad needs a motorcycle and my momma wants a new bed.

Thank you,
Parker Hale

Dear Santa,

Will you please get me six Barbie dolls with a camper and a dog? Please can you get my baby sister a baby doll that follows her all around even for a piggy back ride. Please get my mom a little puppy? Please can you get my dad a new dog? They will both be excited...because I wanted a dog too.

From,
Brooklynn Brouhard

Dear Santa,

I love you Santa. I want a robot that you can make into anything and I want a robot dragon. I think you make those. Jacey needs makeup and Mom needs jewelry.

Good-bye,
Rennick Rader

Dear Santa,

I love you Santa. I want high heels that are black. I want to wear them to school. I want a doll too. Cruz wants a tractor. Mommy wants a new house.

Love,
Ashlyn Jackson

Dear Santa,

Please Santa could you give me a stuffed animal like an elephant or a giraffe...or whatever you might want to put on your sleigh. I want some transformers too. I put that on my list I made at school in the art center. I put Thomas and Friends and Ninja Turtles in on that list too. The Thomas has the volcano with it. I know Calvin wants Jurassic World movie. I love you Santa.

From,
Max Knowles

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa I love you. I want a wooden cat and a watch. And I want an iPad! A yellow necklace, traps and new bait to catch raccoons is what dad needs. He needs boards to hang beaver and muskrats on and sharpies too. For my mom I want a new crown and a new dress for her. The last thing for me is a remote control car.

Thank you and Love,
Elena Gillenwater

Dear Santa,

Thank you for bringing me toys. I would like a toy pony, and some colored pencils and markers that are all the colors in the world! I think Taylor wants a picture of a dog. I love you Santa.

Love,
Joah Anderson

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents. I don't know what I want this year but Abigail wants Monster High dolls. Maybe I would like numbers cards and stuff to play school with. Daddy needs a new hunting bag. I don't know about Mom.

Love,
Isabel Atkins

Dear Santa,

Thank you for giving me presents every year! I would like any kind of pet and legos. Toys for my dog would be great...like anything he can chew on like a bone. Sydney likes legos. My other sister is really picky. My mom has to take her with her to shop.

Thank you for everything you do,
Selah Meadows

Dear Santa,

I like you so much. I want a 3DS please. Quentin wants a tablet please. Grace doesn't need anything.

Thank you,
Addison Foote

Dear Santa,

I like you. I would like an art craft. Can I please have something for my sister - a new ipod for Kendall and Phoebe needs a phone.

Love,
Emmy Morris

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents. I would like a scooter and a drum set. I also want a craft set and a science kit. Ava wants a toy horse and maybe a Barbie...and a doll house.

From,
Cade Tubbs

Dear Santa,

Santa loves me! Santa, I want a Barbie and a Barbie's house. I want a Barbie doctor. A house is big. Santa, I want a ponytail. Santa Clause is big! The reindeer and sleigh have a bow. I will sleep when Santa comes. Thank you Santa! Santa has a horse. I am happy. I love Santa.

Love,
Madilynn Grace Griffin

Dear Santa,

I would like a toy Santa and I want a Paw Patrol house with all six pups. For Hunter, Paw Patrol toys and Spiderman toys and baby dolls because he does like babies even though he is a boy. I want Octonaut stuff too.

Love,
Kaelynn Hale



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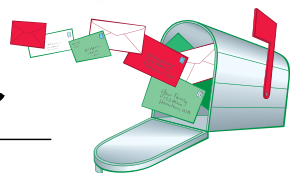


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Dear Santa Claus | Mound City R-2
Mrs. Forehand's First Grade Class

Dear Santa Claus,
All I want for Chirstmas is the Amairin girl doll diner for Maryellen a Amarin girl puppy a oven from la la lopsey some candy like sweat tarts herses codetco a Amaicin girl doll name Julie a new water bottle with snow flacks on it A big snugle blanket with snow flakes on it and raindeer on it also more amirin girl doll closes more art and craft idomes and crayons sziers pinsles corlsed pinsles kpreys work out closes closes for my elf Jenglis some mich mach soks that are like pink blue green orngne purple red vilet ranbow stript zigzag genjer bred man soxs to. Have a Grate Chirstmas! I hope I am on the nice list!

Love,
Emersyn Courtney

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have tried to be good this year. I have enjoyed our elf Jingles. I want a new Monster High named bdlnefruj and a new Monster High marker kit for Christmas please.

Love,
Abigail Atkins

Dear Santa,
How are you and your reideer I have tred to be good This year. I have enjoyed our elf Jingles. I want an American Girl doll bed, BaBe stroller, BaBe Doll, and a basketball.

Love,
Emily Tubbs

Dear Santa,
How are you and your reindeer? I have liked Jingles Can I plesse have a ps3 and can I please have ps3 games? Thank you.

Love,
Jayden Bomar

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have trid to be good this year. Pleas can I have a ipod and conputore. I have enjoyed the elf Jignols you sent us. I also want a Chrismas dress to with a sweter that is black. Thank you. Also I am 7 years old.

Love,
Emma Russell

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have tried to be good this year I have enjoyed our elf Jingles I want a Army set please.

Love,
Scott Manley

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I tried to be good this year. where is Jingles. I want for Christmas is A monster high doll set. Ama doll set.

Love,
Emma Morris

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have tried to be good this year. I have enjoyed our elf Jingles. Please can I have a iPhone, labtop, easy bake oven, nerf rebel, elf on the shelf.

Love,
Jaylynn Wilmes

Dear Santa,
How are you and eveyone else? My favorite reindeer is Rudolph. I have tried to be good this year. When will we see Jingles? It is nice of him to leave us candy and letters! If I have been good I want a dreser for my American girls dolls. It is white and tall. On the bottom it has drawers. On the top it has places to hang clothes. In my stocking I want a scarf. Oh! By the way, I am 7.

Love,
Layla Formanack

Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeer? I want a American doll. How is Jingles?

Love,
Emily Martin

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? and you and reindeer Plase can I (have) a iPad basket and please a Ifone

Love,
Brendon Tracy

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa and the reindeer? I have ben good this year. For Christmas I want a drum, for Christmas and a Ankylosaurus, for Christmas. And a narf gun. With the narf gun bulits and a iPad for Chraistmas, PLEASE!!!

Love,
Cade Gillenwater

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have tried to do good this year. Please can I have a iPhone? Please can I have a reindeer? Please can I have a volcano?

Love,
Roy Capek

Dear Santa,
How are you and your Rand-dee? I want a toy hores, hound dog, sheriff caile DVD. How do your reinbeer fly. I love haveing jingles in my class.

Love,
Madison Livengood

Dear Santa,
How are you and your randeer? I have tried to be good this year. I want a 8 foot long Semi, and Snow overalls.

Love,
Heath Biermann

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have tried to be good this year I have enjoyed our elf Jingles. I want Yu=gi=os for Christmas please.

Love,
John Gard

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have to be good this year I have enjoyed our elf jingles. I want a real motorcycle.

Love,
Cobi Panning

Dear Santa,
I've been good girl. Can I have a nutcracker, an Ipod, a dall, and a ball, and some Jymnastic stuff.

Love,
Maggie Osburn

Dear Santa,
Can I have elf Pet's? And I want Zoomer kitty. Aad I want Zoomer Zuppy.

Love,
Maycee Crider

dear Santa,
I want for Christamis Bicycle Watch new clothes a colorful horse new toys

Form,
Franklin Miller

Dear Santa,
I want a kids go-pro watch, American Girl Doll, a gold tree, a dora game, a microphone, a home alone,

Love,
Lilli Barnes

Dear Santa,
Will you say hi to the reindeer for me? What I want for Christmas is a Barbie Drem house and the movie Frozin Fever. I also want a Frozin foot Ball.

Love,
Graclyn Brandon



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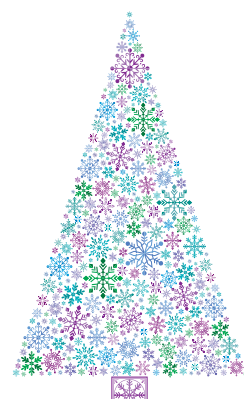


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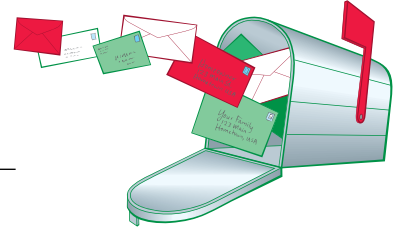
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Dear Santa Claus  | Mound City R-2
Mrs. Burge's Second Grade Class

Dear Santa Claus,

I think I already gave you my list but I am giving you a second list because I have to. I have been a good girl this year. The gift that I want the most is a purple and green bike with hand brakes and pettle brakes with a kick stand. Are you ready for some questions Santa. Okay! number one how is Mrs. Claus doing? Number two what are...your Elves names? number three what is your real name? Wait Santa Don't stop reading! I need to tell you some more things that I want for christmas. Are you ready for some gifts that I want for christmas. Okay! I have 3 things. Number one a ball that you sqish and throw like a frisbee and It pops up in the sky and turns into a ball. Number 2. A Amerian Girl doll with frecles and blue eyes and blond hair. Number 3. hamper hoop to. By Santa I hope you like this note.

Love,
Ava Grace Lynn Luna

Dear Santa,

I have not bin so goob this yeer but coob you plees bran me Miz-zou stuff and a sioniise (science) kit. how is Mrs. Santa and how are the elves. I know you have ben vry bizi. Tel the elves that I feel sree that thay have bin wroking so hard. Plees bran me a toy arplan but no girl gfts plees.

Love,
Kyle Raymond Murphy

Dear Santa,

I have been pretty good this year so I would really like a Bob-cat skidsteer with tracks and pallet forks that is the size of my Cat skidsteer. Make sure it is a toy please!

Love,
Chauncey Brown

Dear Santa,

I have been a pretty good boy. How are the elves and the reindeer. Hears what I want can I please have a U.S.A. Army toys, toy elve, a R.C. Tony Hawk skateboard with ramps, penguin slippers and penguin stuffed amiml.

By,
Logan Thomas Lomax

Dear Santa,

I have been pretty good boy this year. How is Rudolph? I hope you have been making toy's. I would like a chemestrey set more stuffed animals that are penguin's? The movie Jurassic World? PLLLEEZZEE!!!! can I get a pet dog! I last thing can I have a flying drone that can take pictures and vido's!!! Was Elvis good up there he is my elf on the shelf.

Love,
Ernest Shelby Peters

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like lego nigago sets and I would also like some movies like minions and Alvin and the chipmunks the road chip, and some slippers. I would also like Mizzou and chiefs stuff please. Also how is Rudolph and Mrs. Clause? And I have been a pretty good boy.

Love,
Graison Gegen

Dear Santa,

I been pretty good this year. How is Mrs. Clase? How are the elves have they been nice, mean or kind? What I want for Christmas this year is a play house, Barbie doll clothes and some accessories for the play house! My elf is so good I wish I could hold her!

Love,
Destiny Panning

Dear Santa,

I hope you and Mrs. Santa do not have colds because you have a lot of kids to diliver to. How are Mrs. Santa, elves and Rudolph???? I have been kinda sorta pretty good for christmas I would like a zoomer zupie or two, a blue ipad case, long flower dress and 3 more things that are a photo of you and Rudolph, a phone and a I tunes card. I need to tell you some thing that is that I saw you and other raindeer but you need to tell the grinch to stay off your property and to stay away from your rain deer why we are talking about rain deer can I have just 1 (one) please. I hope you are haveing a good time up at the north pole.

Love,
Nichole Brammann

Dear Santa,

Can I please get a Seahawk stuffed animal and a honey.com play ball. Santa good job making some toys!!!

Love,
Creyton Roup

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have an american girl doll. I have been pretty good. My brothers and my elf on the shelf has told you about when me and my brother fight. How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolph? I love you Santa. I bet you have been busy making toys for kids all around the world. Can you get Jiggs a squeaky toy he loves squeaking stuff. Although he has been kind of bad because he tore up our snowman. Can you also get Razz a blanket even though he has been pretty mean. How are elves? I will set out cookies and milk for you. I love Mrs. Claus. You are so nice. I also kind of want a science kit. Do you have white chickens? I can even set a sucker out for you. Elves I am sorry you have been working. My favorite holiday is Christmas because of you. You are amazing! My brother is sometimes knotty. I love dolls but I have a bunch of them and don't need more. I would also like a pink dress for an american girl doll. Who is your biggest reindeer? Can I also have some books. I would love it if you get me those things.

Love,
sweat Joslin Ungles

Dear Santa,

I have been pretty good this year I would like a dolly and a dolly house I would also like a real horse and a horse set of cloths and a sience set and whatever else you want to give me Oh also right back. And some socks and a ameracan girl doll and a play horsey and a horsey set that also has more. and on the american girl doll I wold like a set of stuff that wold work.

Love,
Charlie Leisey

Dear Santa and Elves,

How are you doing? I don't think I been veary good this year but I don't want coal this year!! so what are you and the elves planing for this Christmas? Can I please have a American girl doll for Christmas? Oh - and can I please have a scince set to. I would like a horse set this year I am sher you are very tird from making all thoes toys. So I hope you have a good Chrstmas.

Love,
Phoebe Rae Morris!!

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good boy and how is Spike, I hope he is ok. and how is Rudolph I hope he is ok and i hope the Grinch is not snuping around may I have a chemesty set. And may I have some new skylanders ples. and may I have a wackey toky that you can see each other on the screan ples. and may I have som new pokemon cards.

Love,
Hayden Young

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? I think I've been pretty good this year. You and your elves been working hard for all of the toys. For Christmas I want a Zomer jurassic word Indominus-rex, a jurassic world movie, and all of the jurassic world velociraptors Charlie, Delta, Blue and Echo. I will give you cookies and milk. And a carrot for Rudolph I live at Missouri, mound city, dodan st.

Love,
Calvin Ryan Knowles

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a awesome girl this year. How is the elves and the rein deers and Mrs. Claus doing? Can I have a boy legos set and a tackling dummy and a scienckit and set for Chrimas. What is the reindeers names? Can I have a stuff ender dragan. And a German Shepherd stuff dog animal and mincraft stuff animals and a horse set and a horse kit and a gossbemps books. Can you take a pictrue of the reindeers.

Love,
Kaden Bammer

Dear Santa,

I want 5 different goosebumps books. I will tell you the ones I want right now. The books are night of the living dummy 3, bride of the living dummy, say cheese and die, say cheese and die again and calling creeps so those are the books please put them in my stocking. I also want the new minions movie. I would also like 2 other things but I think thats enough.

Love,
John Oswald

Dear Santa,

How are the elves? What kind of cookies do you like? Can you send me a picture of an elf? I would like a hamster cage, pretend elf ears and Bratz. I do not think my brother likes my elf on his toys One more thing I want a spy glass a pirtate one.

Love,
Kiley Caton

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy how are your reindeer can I please have a game called farming simylater 2015, simi with traler a dig traler please, max tow towtruck, call of duty ghost pv2 toys, dron toy one thow that can flay with a remote control.

Love,
Kolby Keeler

Dear Santa Claus,

Will you pleas poot a bratz doll under are chrismis tree and do you have eney dogs at the north poll? Please anser back but I am not dun yet Just what there mister we are not finisht yet do you look throw owr stuf rite back because I thack you do. ok hear is a nother thang I want for Chrismis a science set or a science kit and how is rootof doing because that nose duss a lot of work and he is very very sweet merry Chrismis Santa Claus.

Love,
Taylor Lynn Meyer

Dear Santa,

I want a boat. When I grow up I can come with you. I like you Santa.

Love,
Luke Killin

Dear Santa Claus  | Mound City R-2
Mrs. Stanton's Third Grade Class

Dear Santa,

My name is Avery and there are a couple more days until it's my birthday. I'm so exited. My birthday is on December 9th and that's close to Christmas and I'm so, so, so exited, are you? I have a present for you whenever you come. I'm going to tell you what I would like. My first thing I would like a Monster High Deadluxe High School. I would like one so I could play with it. My second thing I would like is a phone with a phone case. I would like one so when I'm at my moms I could call my dad. My third thing I would like is some Decsendance dolls. I would like all of them so I can play with them. My fourth thing I would like are Monster High dolls. I would like some so I could play with them. My fifth thing I would like Ever After High dolls. I would like some so I could play with them. My sixth thing I would like a pentatonix CD. I would like one so I could listen to their music. My seventh thing I would like are some American Girl doll. I would like some so I could play with them. My eighth thing I would like is an elf on the shelf. I would like one so it could watch me and see if Im good or not. My last thing I would like is a real life kitten. That's all I want thanks!

Love,
Avery McDonald

P.S. I was good this year! I promise!

Dear Santa,

I am going to tell you a couple things I would like for Christmas. I would like a trampoline so when I am bored I can jump on it. That would really come in handy. Another thing I would like for Christmas is an ipod so I can listen to music. The third thing I would like for Christmas is a snow cone maker so I can make snow cones in the summer. The last thing I would like for Christmas is a bouncy house so I can bounce and get all my energy out.

Your friend,
Juli Miles

Dear Santa,

How are you doing this year? I hope your family is doing okay. I hope you are ready for Christmas! For Christmas I would like a playstation, phone, i pad, hot-wheels, and lots of legos. I hope you are having a great Christmas. I will give you extra cookies and for the reindeer carrots. What does your elf's want?

Sincerely,
Jacob Hall


Dear Santa,

My name is Quentin. I've been good this year and I hope Rudolph has been good too! I want some cool things for Christmas. I want a tablet, a Scooby-doo lego set, a snow plow lego set, the swamp police lego set and a Ford raptor DS game. I also want a remote controll car, the ultimate garage and the Spin Storm track-set. Merry Christmas!

Yours truly,
Quentin A. Foote

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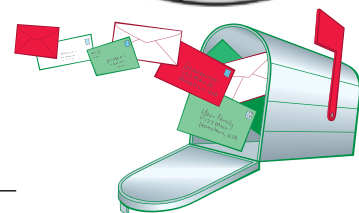


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Dear Santa,

There is a BIG chance I've been good this year! So how are your reindeer? are they well fed? and how are your elves? Most importantly how are you? Hopefully you and your sleigh is clean! So I would like this for Christmas! I NEED Animal crossing happy home designer, Please! and super mairo 3D land and tomadochi life and super mairo maker.

Sincerely,
Vinnie Baker



Dear Santa,

My name is Ethan. Have a very good Christmas! Ho ho ho Merry Christmas! The main thing I want is a computer with minecraft and lego world. I want to make money and have fun. Have I been good? Do you get presents? Please. Thank you any way.

Love,
Ethan Gorman

Dear Santa,

My name is Jacey Rader. I would like an ipad for Rennick, Zelfs, Shopkins, legos, a real baby sister please, chaptor books, barbies, playdough, clay, a drone, polly pockets, a phone, American Girl doll accessories, Grace for Grandma Shirley, Juli and Grace the American Girl dolls Merryellan and her dinner, a bed for Juli, Grace, and Merryellan, a lab top, a gator for dad, a TV in my room, a new oven and microwave for mom, a new I pod case, a I pod touch. I will leave extra food for your reindeer and extra cookies for you!

Love,
Jacey Rader
P.S. a pool to with a slide and a diving board.

Dear Santa,

My name is Connor and I am pretty sure I have been good. These are the three things I really want. I would really like to have a Fast Lane Eagle 1 Radio Control Helicopter either Green or Yellow, 3DS, and match box Treasure Truck. I hope your cookies and milk are good Happy Christmas.

Your friend,
Connor Tubbs

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Ava I don't want much this year. I hope I've been good this year. And I've been thinking about what I want this year for Christmas. Here are some things my family would like this year. My Mom would like a Viper car and lawn mower, my Dad would like a 2015 truck with high lifted tires, and a new motorcycle. Can Bayleigh have a Slugbug car and a new and pretty makeup set? Can Kelby have a Dodge with high lifted tires as well? Can my Nan have a new car and a new and awesome Crockpot? Can my Nan's dogs have a bunch of cool treats? Can I please have a Pomsy or a Bloodhound puppy and some MineCraft things, for example poster, Mine-Craft Legos? That can be all for me and my family!

Love,
Ava Delainie Portman

Dear Santa,

My name is Breanna and I want a set of boy and girl Monster High and the school that is what I want. I have been good this year. I'm going to be good really good so I will be happy. I want a stuffies cat and a small stuffies cat I would really appreciate that.

Love,
Breanna Kimler

Dear Nicholas,

My name is August and I have been very good this year! I have a few things besides these. I would love it if you would have a few video games in stock. I would be delighted if you do thank you. I hope your reindeer are doing well! I would appreciate it. Have a great Christmas eve!

Sincerely,
August Meadows

Dear Santa,

My name is Audrey Gibson, and I have been a good kid this year! Also, I know that I won't get evrey thing for Christmas but I want this alot! I would really like Lego Elvs. I would like Lego Elvs because I really like legos, also you and bild the bildings and stuff. I would be happy to have Lego Elvs. I would really appreciate it a lot I really, really, really hope you have a good Christmas! I will leave two times the carrots and cookies for you and your reindeer.

Sincerely,
Audrey Gibson

Dear Santa,

My name is Reese and I have been very good this year. Now I would like to tell you what I would like for Christmas this year. For Christmas, I would like a hot Pink BB gun, and a 5 generation Ipod with a case with black and white chevron and a blue sparkly anchor on it. I hope you, Mrs. Claus, and the elves have a Merry Christmas! I promise that I will leave you extra cookies and extra food for the reindeer! Merry Christmas!

Love,
Reese Miles

Dear Santa,

My name is Devan Young and I wanna tell you what I want for Christmas. I have been good this year. I want nine iPod cases in pink and a macbook with a case and that's all I need! Have a Merry Christmas!

Love,
Devan Young

Dear Santa,

My name is Abigeal and I have been really good this year! I would like to tell you about what I would like for Christmas. I would like a I phone 6S and bunchems I think I been really good. I hope you have a great Christmas Eve.

Love,
Abigeal McCall

Dear Nicholas,

My name is Kayte Elizabeth Pankau I would really really like all 7 things I will tell you about. I would like a trapoline so I can do different tricks, flips, jumps. I would like Barbie clothes because I don't have any nice ones and food for my barbie kichen. I would like Wii with Just Dance so I can dance to my favorite songs. I would like some American girl dall clothes and shoes because I have zero so I use my baby clothes when I was a baby and they don't fit her. I would like a phone or Ipad so I can get Snapchat or my own games. My own little tree so I can hang my favorite Christmas decorations so it will look pretty.

Love,
Kayte Pankau

Dear Santa,

I only would like 5 things for christmas. First, I would like everyone to have a good christmas. Second, I would (like) a scull 10" laptop bag. Third, I would like GTA5 for pc. Fourth, I would like the Avengers syblem Iphone 4 case. Last but not least, I would like to thank all the people who have served.

From,
Brayden Schremser

Dear Santa,

My name is Amanda Martin. I would like a baby Alive, barbie and Scooter, baby American girl doll, glass doll, Clouthes, barbie house, Frozen play set, horses, fur Real, boots, hats, legos, balls, baby that talks, barbies, barbie and dog, pool, cars, farm set.

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Amanda Martin

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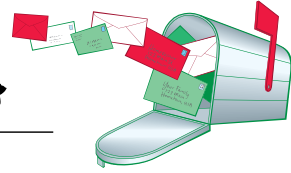
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Dear Old Saint Nicholas,

Can you see presents wrapped up in red and green? Well I want a new bike because my bike is old and I'm getting too big for it. I also want a toy for my brother and me to play with like a board game or a video game. I thought my little brother would like a new pair of slippers for the winter. I thought my mom would like a new ornament for the Christmas tree. I really really would like an elf on the shelf for Christmas.

Love,
Erin Aston

Dear Santa Claus,

Do you want to have a spectacular time delivering presents? Hopefully you will have the best year of your life! I just don't want things that are for me, I also want things for my family too. I learned that Christmas is about giving and not receiving. First, it would be fantastic if you gave me colored pencils and markers. It would be awesome if I got to have molding clay. I want to have the molding clay so that I can mold cups and pots. Second I would like if I got to have one of the enormous puppy dogs that I saw at Target two days ago so that I can play with it. I like it because it is really fluffy. I would love it if you got my brother one of those Chrome books that flips all the way around. It would also be cool if I got creative things so that I can draw and build new things. I want one more thing. I want ten base plates to put all my legos on. I also want all of the legos that we looked at when we went into the lego zone. Have an incredible Christmas Santa!

Sincerely,
Ava Barnes

Dear Santa,

I would like a bb gun, and an airsoft gun for Christmas. I also want a bike and Hot Wheel cars for Christmas. I want a knife. Can I see your reindeer? I will leave carrots for your reindeer.

Love,
Zach Dominquez

Dear Santa,

Wow!! You are the best Santa!! Thank you so much for delivering marvelous and incredible presents. Thank you for being super jolly. I love how I wake up with a bunch of presents in the morning. I have always wondered how you fly around the world in one single night. How do you do it? How do you give all of the presents to people? Anyway I would like an Aquatic Turtle for Christmas. I also want stuff for my sister and parents. I'd enjoy really anything that I got this Christmas. I learned that Christmas is about giving not receiving. Thank you for giving present to kids. I really love the magic of Christmas. Speaking of the magic of Christmas how do the reindeer fly your sled? How do they pull your sled all the way around the world? I think you're awesome. I really hope you answer my questions.

Sincerely,
Kasey Elizabeth Felumb

Dear Santa,

Hey Santa how are you doing? Are you almost ready to give out the great presents to all of the boys and girls? I can't wait until Christmas! The things I would like to have are on my Christmas list at home. When you will arrive at my house I will have some delicious cookies and some yummy milk waiting on the counter for you. Do you like chocolate milk the best or just white milk? How is Rudolph and all of the other reindeer? I will try my very best to be a good boy this year. Is it very cold in the North Pole? What is the temperature up in the North Pole? Grady wants a lego dimensons character and the reast of what he really wants is on his list at home. Could you get my mom and dad something since they've been really nice to me? Have a very exciting Christmas.

Sincerely,
Your friend,
Gage Knapp

Dear Santa,

How do you deliver all of the presents in one night? Just so you know I got some delicious cookies and glass of milk waiting on our table just for you. P.S. there are some carrots for all of your awesome reindeers. Also Santa, the elf that sits on our shelf is terrible! Like last night we went to the grocery store and got some stuff. We got oreos and the next morning they were all gone because he ate them all! The terrible elf was sitting in the oreo container, had chocolate all over his face and had a great big glass of milk. Hey Santa, I have been good but two of my brothers have been a little naughty. That is Tucker and Kyle. For example, they run to a different room and fight so they don't get in trouble but it doesn't stop me, I still tell the elf. Ok. Now let's go to me. This year for Christmas I want a lot. Something I really want badly is a laptop. I want a laptop because...well I guess I don't really have a reason, but there is something I want that I have a reason for, a big makeup kit. I like to wear makeup a lot and also I am obsessed with wearing makeup because I do dance competitions. Now the rest of the family. Could you get Tucker Packer stuff? Even though I don't like that team could you please just get it for him? Could you get Ethan and Evan some cars? They both like to play with cars alot. Now Tessa. She will want an American girl doll. That is something she really wants and has been talking about. There's someone called Kyle too and could you give him some candy? If you can could you get my parents something that will be great because they take care of our family, so I think they deserve a present? Thank you very much. If you can do all of that it will mean a lot to me. Hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,
Your friend,
Trisha Murphy

Dear Santa,

Hello! On my list the thing I would like the most is a robot. Are your reindeer robots with rockets on there hooves? The first few things I would like is a robot kingii dragon with artificial intelligence and a camera drone. Next I would like some lego sets. I would like to have the Lord of the Rings set with the boats and the one with white Pythor. Next, I would like to have an indomnis rex toy, raptor hands, mars mud and a wonderful crystal growing set. That's what I would like most this spectacular Christmas, but I still would like some more stuff. You can surprise me.

Sincerely,
Jadon Griffin

Dear Santa,

How busy are you? I would imagine you would be really busy like a scientist working on a cure for cancer. You might already know but I would love to have a drone with a video camera on it. I want that so I can fly it around while taking a video, and then fly it back and plug the birdseye tape into a computer and look at the tape. I would also like two packs of orange mints this time because they run out so fast every year. I also want all that magnificent stuff put in my stocking. That is all the things I want unless you think I need anything else.

Love,
Cole Gillenwater

P.S. Santa, you make my Christmas rock every year.

Dear Santa,

Oh wow! Santa you're the best. You can get around the world in just 1 (one) single night by flying reindeer. The reindeer must be pretty tired of flying. I would really hope to have a picture of all your reindeer. I finally know their names! The reason why I would like a picture of your reindeer is because I want see how cool they are. The 2nd thing that I would really like is a picture of you and your loving wife. I would really like a picture of you and your loving wife because I want to hang it up on my wall. The third thing that I really want is for you to give Haley an American Girl Doll, Grace Thomas. The last thing that I would really like is to have My Life Doll's because I already have 2 and I would really like more. Oh, am I on the naughty or nice list? Now you know what I would really like for Christmas. I hope you will really like the cookies and milk I put out for you.

Sincerely,
Montanna Horseman

Dear Santa,

The Christmas tree is waiting to be overflowed with presents. The fresh cookies and milk are just for you. This year I want to get Jesse a P.S.3 cord and outstanding games like Call of Duty and more for his P.S.3. I would like to get my mom a Taylor Swift and Selena Gomez makeup-perfume set. I want a variety of things but some things are a phone, laptop, Ipad and Ipod. But most of all I want to spend time with my family and friends. I also want to celebrate the purpose of Christmas and that is Jesus.

Love,
Haley M. Knapp

Dear Santa,

This year I will have cookies and milk sitting on the fireplace waiting for you! This year I would like a dazzling new bike so I can have it at my mom's. I would like an iPad so I have something to do after my homework is finished. I want an iPad because I can play games like cooking fever and others. I want you to get my brother Logan a new ninja turtle bike and an amazing tablet so he has something to do. Could you get my mom something amazing? I also want new shoes and my mom to get shoes just like mine. Can you get 2 photos of all the reindeer for my brother and me? Santa I hope you have a great and awesome Christmas!

Sincerely,
Alisha Lomax

Dear Santa,

Have you ever had a kid want so many things and share so much love? Well I'm going to try and do it all. Santa I am going to make a list for you. I hope you like it so much it will blow your mind! The first thing I would like is for my family to be happy. Then I would also like a lot of art stuff because art is a big thing for me! Next, I want a cook book because I love cooking with my mom. Then I really want a lego set. Well Santa that's what I want for me and others. Merry Christmas to you and all of the elves.

Sincerely,
Abbi Martin

Dear Santa,

Hey!! Can you write a letter and put it in my reindeer on the roof? I want to see how everybody is doing up there. Can you tell Mrs. Claus hi for me? This year I only want three things. I am giving stuff that I already have to my brother and sisters. The one thing I want is a camcorder. The second thing I want is makeup. I am going to ask you to get Kishia 6 (six) Justen Beber tickets to the next concert. Can you KyRyein seamonkeys for Christmas? I really want to ask you if you can get my little brother hotwheels. The last thing I want is a picture of you, Mrs. Claus, the elves, and the reindeers.

Sincerely,
Caimbre Lulane Panning
P.S. Merry Christmas!!

Dear Santa,

Yum, yum. Can you smell my tasty chocolate cookies? I have some milk too. Santa if you don't know where I live I have a snowflake that glows so bright so you will know where I live. Santa could you get my friend Jazmine a phone because her mom is usually at work so I can't call or text. So can you? She said she wanted a phone really bad so that's why. Santa would you send a picture of a reindeer please and could you get me a wubble ball? It's a bubble and you can touch it without it popping! I would like a new phone case too, a puppy one or a cross. You a great Santa. Oh I forgot one thing! Could I get a pillow that glows?

Love,
Tori LeAnn Peters

Dear Santa,

How do you deliver all of those presents in one night? Also Christmas is my favorite holiday. Christmas is my favorite holiday because it is like your sweet 16 with just presents. Before I get to what I want can you give my older cousins Blake, Jacob, Skyler, and Tyler a Christmas card decorated that says, "I would not be anywhere but with you." Now getting to what I want. First, I want a guitar with a Bon Jovi symbol. Next, I want a microphone with my guitar. Then I want the best Lamborgini poster. Finally, get me some things I would love. Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,
Brad Sutton

Dear Santa,

It's almost Christmas! I keep telling myself. I don't want alot, and I know it's alot to ask, but all I really want for Christmas is to see my real dad. If I get to see my dad my whole heart will be full and happy. If you aren't able to make this happen, it's okay. I would also like a Chocolate pen, an Orbeez Crush, and a souvenir from the North Pole. I would like an Elf on the Shelf, too. Darby want lots and lots of Frozen stuff. Silas just wants baby toys and necessities. I hope you can get my family and I these things.

Sincerely,
Jazmine Talbot

Dear Santa,

For Chistmas I would like a My Life Doll, phone and I would also like a computer. I hope you and Mrs. Clause have a wonderful and safe Christmas. I hope you have fun delivering presents to children. You will see me on Christmas. Tell Mrs. Clause I said hi and tell your cute elves hi too. While you are delivering presents I hope your reindeer behave. Good Luck Santa!!!

Sincerely,
Sierra Yoho

Dear Santa,

Hey Santa! Do you want a free plate of cookies? Well if you do then can you give me Anki Overdrive, the new popular game, Fallout 4, and the best present of all.....please, please, please don't let my great-grandpa pass away at least until after Christmas. If you do, you can even get a free glass of milk for bonus! I want Anki Overdrive because the cars have little computers in them so they stay on track and you can control them with your device! Also all the different cars have different abilities! I want the new game, Fallout 4 because first you survive a mutated wasteland, second you get to get cool gear and supplies, and third you get to adventure around and do anything you want! Now the last thing is my great-grandpa. I really want to spend Christmas with him because he's the best most loving great-grandpa ever! I really hope you can get everything!

#1 on the nice list,
Keaton Zembles

Dear Santa,

WOW!!! Santa I have some fresh yummy milk waiting for you. I'm also writing to tell you what I would like for Christmas. Santa my mom says that you know what is in my heart. I know God sees what is in my heart. If you both come together and see what my one most important Christmas wish is it will make my family and I extremely happy!!!! Our whole lives will change for the BEST!!!! I would also like a chocolate pen and an Ipad. If you could bring some clothes for my elf on the shelf that would be great. Please! Please! Please! Grant my most important wish!

Sincerely,
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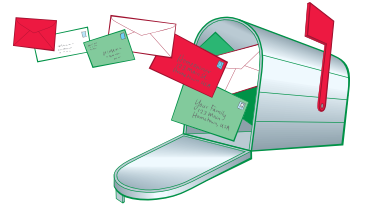
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Love,
Makenzie Thomas

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year! For Christmas I want a sparkly reindeer, an Elsa castle, and a skateboard.
Love,
Abigail Diaz

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year! For Christmas I want a combine, a 2-wheel tractor, and an auger wagon please.
Love,
Ryan Bradbury

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year! For Christmas I want a remote control semi, trailer, and an excavator.
Love,
Branden Mutchler

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year! For Christmas I want a fold up disc for a to wheel in the front tractor please. Thank you!
Love,
Lane Johnson

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year! For Christmas I want a red tablet, a new tablet pencil, and a new picture of Nanny and Papa.
Love,
Jayden Scott

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year! For Christmas I want a Barbie Dream House with dolls and a glowing snowman please.
Love,
Miranda Hufford

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year! For Christmas I want a xylophone, a batmobile, and Star Wars headphones please.
Love,
Bentley Price

Dear Santa Claus | Craig R-3
Mrs. Schlapia's First Grade Class

Dear Santa,
It's me, Kassian. I have tried to be good all year. I help some one. I would really like a dinosaur, a plane, and a dragin. Thank you!
Sincerely,
Kassian Jones

Dear Santa,
It's me, Tycen. I have tried to be good all year. I make smart choy-sis in school. I would really like a Wii u, a x-box 360, skeloton skate bord. Thank you!
Sincerely,
Tycen Skeen

Dear Santa Claus | Craig R-3
Ms. Schlapia's Second Grade Class

Dear Santa,
It's me, Kristina. I have tried to be good all year. I lisiin to the t-chr. I would really like to have a phone and clothes. Thank you!
Sincerely,
Kristina Welch

Dear Santa,
It's me, Rayla. I have tried to be good all year. I helped my little sister rase money for a trisikel because hers is broke. I would rely like a phone, new lip gloss, new nail polish. Thank you!
Sincerely,
Rayla Hufford

Dear Santa,
It's me, Griffin. I have tried to be good all year. I mind my mom. I would really like a Phone and a Ds and a wii you. Thank you!
Sincerely,
Griffin Kemerling

Dear Santa,
It's me, Braylon. I have tried to be good all year. I have ben nice. I would rely like carnage, venom, venom takeing over Edybroc. Thank you!
Sincerely,
Braylon Foster

Dear Santa,
It's me, Waylon. I have tried to be good all year. I ben nice to others. I would really like I phone g6 recording camra pet parit. Thank you!
Sincerely,
Waylon Rowland

Dear Santa,
It's me, Aaron. I have tried to be good all year. I help Ashlee get a popsickool. I would really like Super Mario Brothrs and Lego Batman two. Thank you!
Sincerely,
Aaron Hinrichs

Dear Santa Claus | Craig R-3
Ms. McQueen's Third Grade Class

Dear Santa,
I hope you will get me an American Girl Doll. I will tell you the things I really want. A Barbie Dream House, a Cayla doll, and a phone. I think that's all the things I really want. I hope you will like my Christmas tree. Have fun delivering gifts.
Your Friend,
Juli Flanagan

Dear Santa,
I was wondering what you are doing for Christmas? What time do you reach my house? Is Mrs. Clause baking candy canes again? Is my elf named Chauge? Did you bring me an American Girl Doll? My mom does not believe me that I had one. Well I want an American Girl Doll. Her name is Elizabeth. That is all I want. Bye.
Your Friend,
Lillian Harvey

Dear Santa,
I would like a zoomer city, Monster High high school, a pink computer and I also want a cotton candy machine for Christmas. That is all I want for Christmas. Oh, Yeah I also want to thank you for bringing me all the presents for me and my siblings, too! I am so excited for Christmas!
Your Friend,
Alex Monroe

Dear Santa,
I have been good so far. I want to tell you about what I want for Cristmas. I want a phone, a radio a bike a table an I Pad a xbox360 and an xbox own.
Your Friend,
Garett Law

Dear Santa Claus | Craig R-3
Ms. McQueen's Fourth Grade Class

Dear Santa,
All I (want) is happiness. I want everyone to spend time. I don't want anyone to be alone for Christmas. I want everyone satisfied and be nice. I want joyful spirits. I want paece. I want everyone to have a home. I want everyone to give to ech other. I want the stars to shine. I want sick(ness) to end. I don't care if you give me coal.
Your friend,
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Holly and mistletoe are symbols of Christmas

"Oh, by gosh, by golly it's time for mistletoe and holly. Tasty pheasants, Christmas presents, countrysides covered in snow."

As exemplified by this holiday hit by Henry Sanicola, Frank Sinatra and Dok Stanford, holly and mistletoe are an integral part of holiday imagery and tradition. Holly is used to adorn a home in green and red finery alongside evergreen boughs and wreaths. In addition, it has become customary to hang a bouquet of mistletoe under which people are encouraged to share a holiday kiss. While these elements of celebrations are now incorporated into many of the secular and religious components of Christmas, they have very different origins.

Holly

Holly has been used since the days of the early Pagans as a decoration for midwinter festivities, when it was brought into homes to keep evil spirits away. The ancient Romans also believed that holly prickles drove away evil spirits, and it held a place of honor at December festivals dedicated to the god Saturn. To avoid persecution during the Roman pagan Saturnalia festival, early Christians would participate in the tradition of hanging evil-re-



Whether faux or fresh mistletoe - A bouquet of this plant symbolizes peace and tranquility for Christmas.

ferred that holly and its prickly edges is symbolic of the crown of thorns Jesus wore at his crucifixion, with the red berries representing blood.

Mistletoe

Mistletoe was once held sacred by the Norse, Celtic Druids and North American Indians. It is actually a parasitic plant that grows on a wide range of host trees. Heavy infestation can dwarf the growth and kill these trees. In cultures across pre-Christian Europe, mistletoe was seen as a representation of divine male

essence (and thus romance, fertility and vitality). The plant also was thought to be a symbol of peace, and anyone standing below it should receive tokens of affection. When enemies met beneath mistletoe, they had to lay down their weapons and observe a truce until the next day. This is how the tradition of kissing under the mistletoe likely began, and why a ball of mistletoe is now hung in homes during Christmas, a season of peace and affection.

Homeowners who hang mistletoe and holly around their homes during the holiday season should be mindful of pets and youngsters around the plants. Mistletoe and holly are considered to be moderately to severely toxic, and ingesting the leaves could be dangerous. Therefore, keep these plants away from curious hands. Mistletoe is commonly hung up high, which should make it less problematic, but holly should be hung high as well.

Now largely associated with Christmas celebrations, holly and mistletoe were once part of pagan rituals and ancient superstitions.

pellung holly on their homes to appear like the masses. Eventually as the number of Christians grew, the tradition became less of a pagan one and more associated with Christians and Christmas. Some people have

The man behind the beard

Every Christmas Eve, children go to bed eagerly anticipating a visit from Santa Claus. This merry gentleman is purported to visit the home of every good girl and boy, delivering gifts and cheer along the way.

Before the modern evolution of Santa Claus there lived a very real and generous individual named Nicholas. In the third century, Nicholas served as the Bishop of Myrna in present-day Turkey. He had a reputation for secret gift-giving, believing that giving should be done secretly and sacrificially in Jesus Christ's name rather than one's own.

Stories tell of Nicholas paying the dowry for poor daughters to enable them to get married. He reportedly put coins in the shoes of those who left them out for him. It is believed Nicholas helped to restore the hope of hundreds of people in his community, making him a beloved and revered Bishop. Throughout his ministry, Nicholas fervently shared his life and fortune with others.

Nicholas continued to be revered and commemorated by many Christians even after his death. His charity and unselfish works helped inspire generations of the faithful, and he eventually was named the patron saint of everyone from merchants to sailors to pawnbrokers.

No one really knows what St. Nicholas looked like, but in 2005, a forensic laboratory in England reviewed historical data and photographs of the remains taken from St. Nicholas' grave in the 1950s. Researchers concluded that he was a small man, perhaps no more than five feet in height, with a broken nose.

This image certainly does not fit with the robust frame and other imagery awarded St. Nicholas

in more modern years. St. Nicholas is believed to be the inspiration for Santa Claus, which was a name taken from the Dutch Sinterklaas, a contracted form of Sint Nicolass, or St. Nicholas.

Tales of the real St. Nicholas' giving spirit were blended with a fictional personification by New York-based newspaper writers who blended the St. Nicholas name with the appearance of a Dutch town citizen. The goal was to reach out to the primarily Dutch immigrants living in New York at the time. This jolly elf image was given a boost by the publication of "A Visit From St. Nicholas," which was published around the same time.

Eventually, the merry Santa Claus portrayal began to outshine the more accurate St. Nicholas version as a religious man, fostered by political drawings and caricatures that depicted Santa as a chubby sort in a red suit. That image prevails to this day.

Beneath the Christmas symbolism, the beard and the presents associated with Santa Claus lies a tale of generosity that originated with St. Nicholas.

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FACT OR FICTION?

Twelve Days Challenge

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" is a popular Christmas carol. Here are some questions about it. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) The gift on the fifth day is jewelry. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 2) The gift on the 12th day is pipers piping. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 3) The gift on the first day is a turtledove. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 4) The gift on the eighth day is swans a-swimming. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 5) The gift on the third day is French hens. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 6) The gift on the ninth day is ladies dancing. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 7) The gift on the fourth day is geese a-laying. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 8) The gift on the 10th day is lords a-leaping. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 9) The gift on the 13th day is silver. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 10) The person giving the gifts is "my true love." **Fact or Fiction?**

Answers: 1) Fact, five golden rings, 2) Fiction, 12 drummers drumming, 3) Fiction, a partridge in a pear tree, 4) Fiction, eight maids a-milking, 5) Fact, 6) Fact, 7) Fiction, 8) Fact, 9) Fact, 10) Fiction, the song ends on the 12th day.

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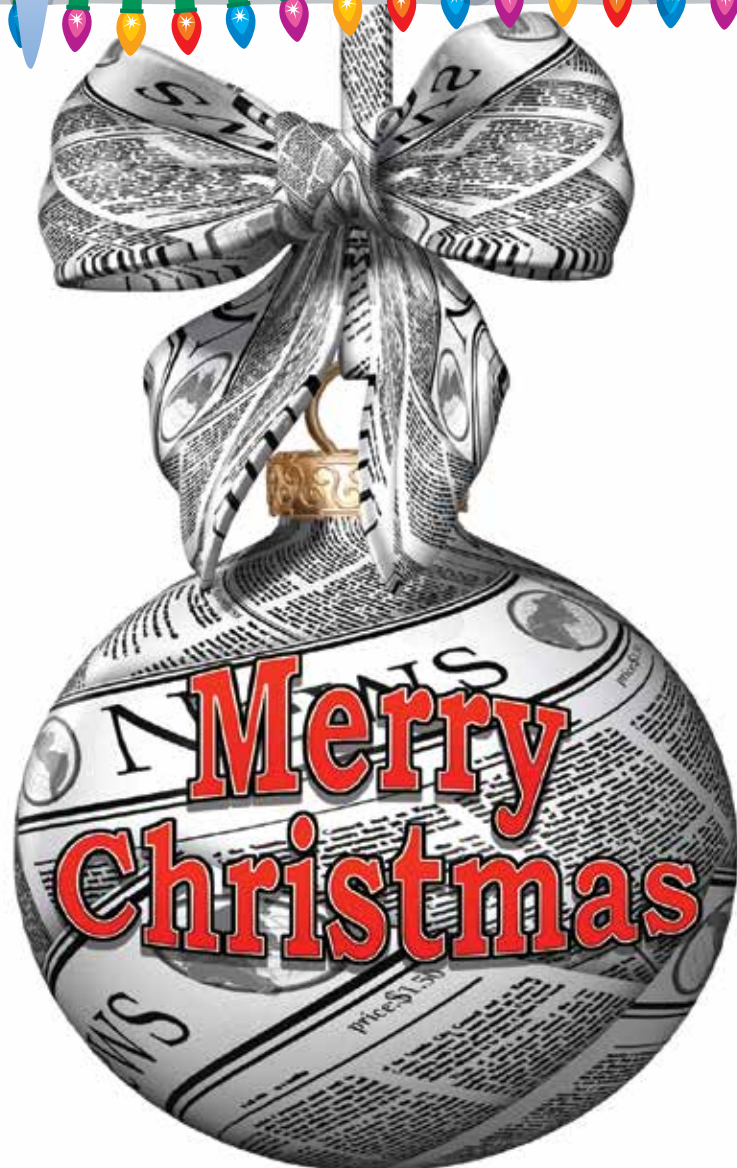
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