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CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

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The cover art for *The News Reporter's Christmas Memories* was drawn by Jonas Kahn.
Below is a preview to some artwork by children from area schools.



Daisy Cribb, 7,
Williams Township



Jazmin Sandoval, 7,
Acme-Declo Elementary



Aiden McFadden, 6
Whiteville Primary School



Xavier King
Acme-Declo Elementary School

Snapshots of the past

By **WANDA DIEFES**
Whiteville

As I have aged, especially now that my childhood and youth are gone by more than half a century, I find that my memories have become like a photo album. Sometimes something will trigger the appearance of a visual image, a snapshot of a moment from the past, crystal clear, frozen in time. As I see this picture, details and feelings associated with it flood back, and it is truly as if I have been transported back in time. Such an instance occurred recently while my husband and I were practicing Christmas music with another couple. I pulled out the words to “Silver Bells” and we began to play and sing that Christmas classic. Suddenly, there it was—a snapshot of my dad and me on a cold, gray day in December 1966; I was thirteen, he was thirty-four. We were standing on the corner of Madison Street in front of what was then Southern National Bank. Overhead, from a loudspeaker mounted on a utility pole, came the unforgettable voice of Bing Crosby singing “Silver Bells.” And I remembered everything.

Christmas at my house

Christmas at my house is very fun! My and my mom sing “Feliz Navidad” and “I Wish You A Merry Christmas.” I decorate with Christmas lights and trees. I read Christmas books and my brother reads Christmas books too. I open presents at night with my family. My brother and I open our presents and then our mom opens her presents. This is why Christmas at my house is fun!

Natalie Noyola, 8
Brittany Ward's First Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas at my house is very fun! I see the lights at Christmas in town. I love Christmas. I love to open my presents. I see my mom put up the Christmas tree. I like Christmas. This is why Christmas at my house is fun.

Jenna Butler, 7
Brittany Ward's First Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas at my house is very fun! My mom likes to sing Jingle Bells. I like to sing too. I like to open presents all at the one time. I like to build a snowman. I see kids playing outside. I like to see the lights. I like to see my mom put up the tree. This is why Christmas at my house is fun!

Estrella Arellano, 6
Brittany Ward's First Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas at my house is very fun! My family and I love to sing Jingle Bells. I love Christmas lights on houses. We enjoy putting Christmas ornaments on the tree. We get really excited Christmas morning when we open our Christmas presents. This is why Christmas is fun!

Jacob McDaniel, 6
Brittany Ward's First Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas at my house is very fun! I like to open presents in the morning because I will get new toys. My family will make snowballs outside. My brother will open his presents now. My family enjoys putting Christmas ornaments on the Chimney. We like to sing Jingle Bells. This is why Christmas at my house is fun!

Morgan Smith, 6
Brittany Ward's First Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas at my house is very fun! I like to open presents with my family. I like to put the star on the top of the tree. I can have a Christmas party. I like to buy Christmas ornaments. This is why Christmas at my house is fun!

Castile Gibson, 6
Brittany Ward's First Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My dad, Billy Watson, worked rotating shifts at Riegel Paper, now IP, which meant that there were periods of time when we didn't see much of him. When he wasn't working there were many things to keep him busy around the house and my grandparents' farm, plus there were my two younger brothers, not to mention my mom, who wanted his attention as well. So one-on-one time with Daddy was rare. The day of the “snapshot” he had asked me, and me alone, to go to town with him and help him pick out a Christmas present for Mama. I could hardly believe it—just me and Daddy going Christmas shopping. We went into Leder Brothers department store, one of Whiteville's “upscale” shopping destinations at the time. I can still see the way the inside looked—the shoe department on the first floor where the coveted Bass “Weejuns” could be found, the (to me) grand curving staircase which led to the women's department, and up those stairs we went. A very kind and gracious saleslady suggested that a nice suit for church and dress-up events would be an elegant and lovely gift for the smartly dressed woman of that day.

A beautiful navy blue knit suit struck me as being perfect for my mother—it was nearly as pretty as she was! Daddy agreed. We made our purchase, and the high school girls working there during the holidays wrapped it in gorgeous paper and ribbon. We left the store, and that is when that snapshot was taken, as we waited to cross the street to go to the car, Bing's voice filling the frosty air.

Tears sprang to my eyes as the memory filled my heart and my mind—I think it was probably one of the happiest days of my childhood. Daddy, young and handsome, and me, my heart bursting with pride over the wonderful gift Mama was going to get—how surprised she would be—and how would I ever be able to wait till Christmas morning to see her open it! My dad died four years ago, right after Christmas. I miss him, and I am profoundly grateful for the gift of memory, for that snapshot that took me back to a special time that he and I shared. And the happiness we both felt that day was full of the true meaning of Christmas—giving, and giving from hearts overflowing with love.



Ava Simmons
Samantha Smith's Second Grade
Acme-Delco Elementary

Christmas at my house is very fun! My mom can make Christmas cakes. My dad can make Christmas rice. My grandma can put the Christmas tree up. I can decorate the tree. This is why Christmas at my house is fun!

Abel Stocks, 6
Brittany Ward's First Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas at my house is very fun! My mom sings, “I Wish You a Merry Christmas.” I sing “Feliz Navidad.” I put the Christmas tree up in the evening. This is why Christmas at my house is fun!

Amber Long, 6
Brittany Ward's First Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas at my house is very fun! I love to sing “Santa Is Coming Down the Chimney.” My mom likes to look at the ornaments when I was little. The Christmas tree is very

cool! This is why Christmas at my house is fun!

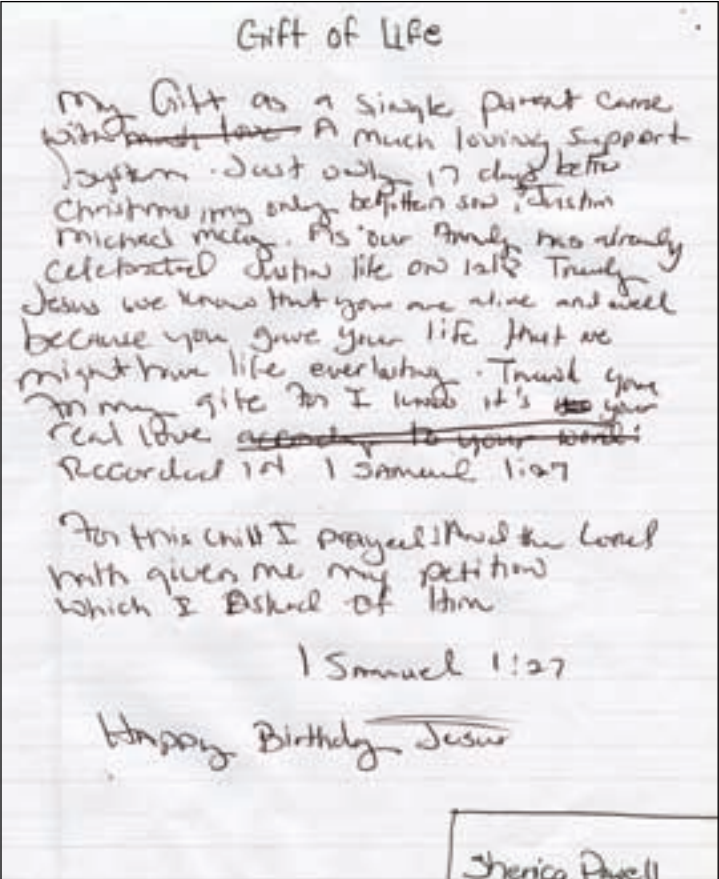
Maddison Reynolds, 7
Brittany Ward's First Grade
Old Dock Elementary



Yashua Banks
Elizabeth Spaulding's 7th Grade
Art Class
Acme Delco Middle School



Charleigh Anne Hewett, 11



Sherica Powell

Christmas at my house

Let me tell you about Christmas at my house! Mom and Dad help me put up the Christmas tree. I get up to open the presents Santa brings me. I have a stocking with my name on it. I help people on Christmas day. Christmas at my house is the BEST!!!

Caden Bullard, 6
Carrie Buffkin's First Grade
Old Dock Elementary

I always have a good Christmas! I have a tree to put ornaments on. I go shopping to get presents to put under the tree. I have 7 stockings on my tree. My 6 parents are good to God! The people are good at Christmas.

Landon Moore, 7
Carrie Buffkin's First Grade
Old Dock Elementary



Katherine
Samantha Smith's Second Grade
Acme-Delco Elementary

Christmas at my house

For Christmas we buy presents and we go shopping. We eat cookies and candy. We visit friends. We decorate. I like Christmas.

Ivan Saucedo-Castaneda, 6
Carrie Buffkin's First Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Let me tell you about Christmas at my house. At my house my mom puts the tree up. I have blue lights. I put the ornaments on the tree. Then I put the lights on the house. I put a snowman outside. Mom and Sister wrap presents. I put the cookies and the milk out for Santa. I wake up Christmas morning to open presents. That is Christmas at my house!!

Lucero Arellano, 6
Carrie Buffkin's First Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Let me tell you about Christmas at my house! My Daddy and Mama help me decorate the tree and we put the lights on it. I put my stockings on the fireplace. My Mama wraps the presents and she puts them under the tree. I help my family clean up. Christmas at my house is the BEST!!

Addison Faulk, 6
Carrie Buffkin's First Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Let me tell you about Christmas at my house! My mama helps me decorate. I have 7 stockings on top of the fireplace for my dog, Kai and cats, Jemma and Jagger. I put cookies and milk on the table. Then I open presents. Christmas at my house is the best!!!

Colton Godwin, 7
Carrie Buffkin's First Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Let me tell you about my Christmas.

Brooke helps me put the tree up. Aleah helps me put the stockings up. I put my doggy in the house. I get into bed and I drink milk. Christmas at my house is the best!

Natalie Cox, 7
Carrie Buffkin's First Grade
Old Dock Elementary

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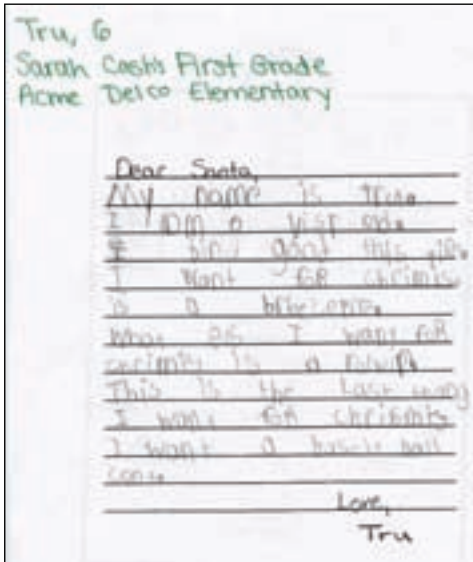
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Dear Santa



Dear Santa,

I'm 6 YEARS OLD

I WANT A CAT

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Pippin Baker
1st Grade
Name: Delia Elementary

Dear Santa,

My name is Pippin
I am 7 years old
I have an dog the
dog's name is for Christmas
I want a hash melle
I want a bridge for
Christmas I want a
bridge house

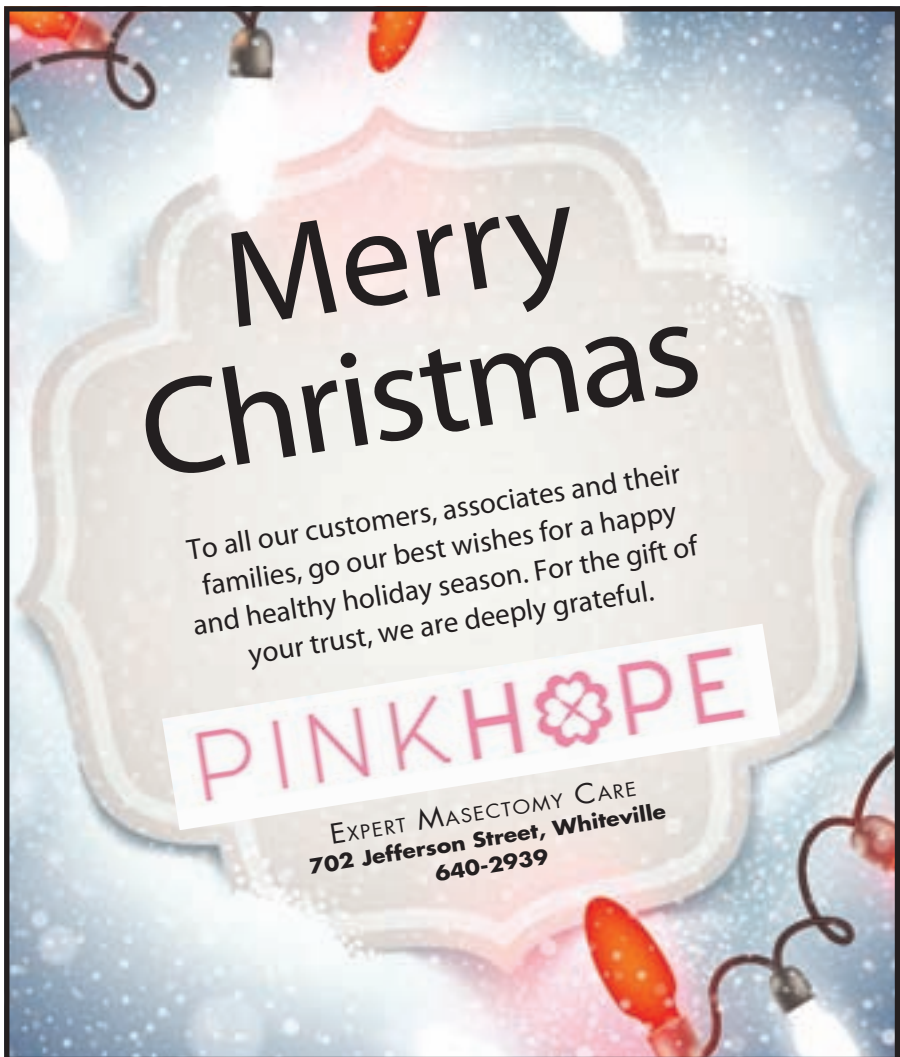
Love, Pippin

The starter tree (A Christmas memory)

Christmas at my house

Let me tell you about Christmas at my house! Mommy and Daddy put up the Christmas tree. Alexis, Sharlie and I have a Christmas tree, too. Alexis, Sharlie and I make cookies and we get milk. My sisters have to close my eyes so I won't look at the presents. We open the presents on Christmas day! We go to my MaMa's and we open

Michele Almoraz-Solis, 8
Tracy McGraw's 2nd Grade
Williams Township



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Santa

Santa
Saint Nick
Awesome
Needs Rudolph
Toys
A Jolly Man
Lillie King, 6
Sheila Lanier's First Grade
Williams Township School

Santa
Sleigh
Awesome
Nice
Toys are fun
Away at the North Pole
Chase Tyson, 6
Sheila Lanier's First Grade
Williams Township School

Santa
Sleigh ride
Awesome Santa
Needs helpers
Takes toys to kids
A big belly
Chase Gore, 7
Sheila Lanier's First Grade
Williams Township School

Santa
Says "Ho, Ho, Ho"
A good husband
Nutmcracker
Tugs on toys
A red suit
Eli Turbeville, 6
Sheila Lanier's First Grade
Williams Township School

Christmas memory

Christmas Memory
This year I got to ride the Polar Express. I got hot chocolate. It was fun!

Aiden Deese, 6
Sheila Lanier's First Grade
Williams Township School

Christmas Memory
Last Christmas I really wanted a tablet and I also wanted a purple PoGo Stick. I got them both!! I love Christmas so much!! I put milk and cookies out for Santa every year.

McKinzie Bullock, 7
Sheila Lanier's First Grade
Williams Township School

Where is Santa?

Where is Santa?
Mrs. Claus called and said "Santa is missing." I will get Rudolph to help me find him. Let's look under the bed. No he is not there. Let's look in the woods. No he is not there. Let's look under my Christmas tree. Oh silly Santa, he is under my Christmas tree.

Embry Simmons, 7
Sheila Lanier's First Grade
Williams Township School

Where is Santa?
Oh no, have you heard? Santa is missing. Embry and the reindeer will help me find him. We did find him. Santa had fell and rolled under the bed. Silly Santa! I am glad we found him. I really want presents.

Xandria Williamson, 7
Sheila Lanier's First Grade
Williams Township School

Where is Santa?
Oh no Santa is lost. I will call my family and friends to help me find him. We will look in the snow first. Next we will look at the North Pole. The elves can help too. We have been looking for him a long time. Yay!! We found him in his sleigh. I love you Santa!! Do not get lost again.

Addison Greene, 6
Sheila Lanier's First Grade
Williams Township

Where is Santa?
Oh no Santa Claus is missing. Me and my friend Noah and Santa's reindeer are going to find him. We are going on an adventure. We will need Rudolph's red nose to help us find him. Yes, we found him on a boat sleeping, zzzzzz. "Let's drop off these presents", he says.

Trey Todd, 7
Sheila Lanier's First Grade
Williams Township School

Where is Santa?
Oh no, the elves called me and said Santa is missing. Let's start looking for him. If we can't find him there won't be any presents for the children. We looked and looked. We finally found him. He was looking for his reindeer in the woods. Now that we have found Santa and his reindeer, they can fly to the North Pole and get the presents.

Cooper Coleman, 7
Sheila Lanier's First Grade
Williams Township School

Christmas

Christmas
Candy cane
Holiday
Rudolph
In a sleigh
Santa
Toys
Mary
Angels
Silent night
Addi Bunch, 7
Sheila Lanier's First Grade
Williams Township School

Christmas
Candy cane
Hot chocolate
Rudolph
In a sleigh
Santa
The elves
Merry Christmas
Angels
Seen a star
Reagan Ward, 6
Sheila Lanier's First Grade
Williams Township School

Christmas
Christ's birthday
Holiday
Rudolph
In a sleigh
Snow
Time for Santa
Many lights
A baby is born
Seen a star
Keith Norris, 7
Sheila Lanier's First Grade
Williams Township School

Dear Santa

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa, You are great. I put my Christmas tree in my room this year.

This year I want you to bring me a makeup kit. I also want a Soggy Doggy game. It will be fun to play with my mama and daddy. The last thing I want to ask for is a slime maker. I love to play with slime.

Tell Rudolph I said hello.
Ansley Norris, 7
Sheila Lanier's First Grade
Williams Township School

Dear Santa,
Thank you Santa for all you have done for me.

Santa I really want a pink four wheeler for Christmas this year.

Santa I really want a pink puppy for Christmas this year. Santa I really want an I Pod for Christmas this year.

Tell the reindeer and Rudolph I said hello. I love you Santa!

Addilyn Faulk, 7
Sheila Lanier's First Grade
Williams Township School

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I really want a baby doll. I want a baby doll that talks. I love you Santa.

Kiley Faulk, 7
Sheila Lanier's First Grade
Williams Township School

Dear Santa,
Thank you for how much you do for me every Christmas. Thank you for making Christmas be special.

I would like a Rainbow Barbie Doll with rainbow hair. Let her have a short dress and let it be rainbow.

Next I want a Po Go It. Can it be pink and blue?

Next I want some books about fairies and unicorns.

Tell Fred my elf I said to hurry up and get here.

Eden Turbeville, 6
Sheila Lanier's First Grade
Williams Township School

Christmas memories

Christmas Memories
My favorite Christmas memory is going to my Grandma's house. I play with my cousins. I really like to play with them. Their names are Brice, Kasey, Brody, Haley, Kelin, Derek, and all my other cousins. My second favorite memory is getting presents and goodies at Grandma's house.

Noah Hoffman, 6
Sheila Lanier's First Grade
Williams Township School



Gabriella Andrews
Elizabeth Spaulding's 6th Grade
Art Class
Hallsboro Middle School



Kinley Reece
Elizabeth Spaulding's 7th Grade
Art Class
Hallsboro Middle School



Gavin Patrick
Elizabeth Spaulding's 6th Grade
Art Class
Hallsboro Middle School



Olivia Dale
Elizabeth Spaulding's 7th Grade
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Terry Edwards
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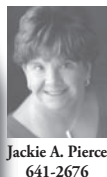
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Why I love Christmas

Why I Love Christmas

I love Christmas. First, I love Christmas because I love the Christmas movies. Next, I love Christmas because we decorate the tree and make it look nice. Last, on Christmas morning I wake up and open presents. I love Christmas because it makes me feel like I am not alone.

London Whitaker-Moore, 7
Erica Jackson's Kindergarten/
First Grade
Evergreen Elementary

Why I Love Christmas

I love Christmas. I love Christmas because God is the reason for Christmas. I also love Christmas because my mom makes cookies. I really love Christmas.

Abigail Collins, 7
Erica Jackson's Kindergarten/
First Grade
Evergreen Elementary

Dear Santa

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 most this Christmas a four wheeler and my very own elves. Lots and lots of elves. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you.

Merry Christmas Santa!
Love,
Abigail

Abigail Holmes, 5
Erica Jackson's Kindergarten/
First Grade
Evergreen Elementary

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I am 6 years old. This year I have been a little naughty, but mostly nice. What I would like most this Christmas is a toy car and a Frozen doll. I will leave out cookies and milk for you.

Merry Christmas Santa!
Love,
Cece
P.S. Please say "hi" to Rudolph for me!

Cecelia Greene, 6
Erica Jackson's Kindergarten/
First Grade
Evergreen Elementary

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. This Christmas what I would like most is a Robot dog and a Robot Unicorn. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!

Merry Christmas!
Love,
Madison

Madison Bullard, 6
Erica Jackson's Kindergarten/
First Grade
Evergreen Elementary

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year I have been very good. What I would like most for Christmas is a Nintendo switch and baby dolls. I will leave out cookies and milk for you! Please say hi to Frosty the Snowman for me!

Merry Christmas!
Love,
Kenzie

Kenzie Martin, 6
Erica Jackson's Kindergarten/
First Grade
Evergreen Elementary

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good. What I would like for Christmas is a dirt bike and a rocket. I promise I will leave out cookies and milk for you. Please tell Rudolph Merry Christmas from me.

Love,
Lyric
Lyric Bailey, 7
Erica Jackson's Kindergarten/
First Grade
Evergreen Elementary

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and this Christmas I have been good. What I would like for Christmas is an I-phone and a tablet. I will leave out cookies and milk for you. Please tell Mrs. Claus hello and Merry Christmas from me.

Merry Christmas Santa!
I love you.
Teiyah

Teiyah Cheatham
Erica Jackson's Kindergarten/
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Damien Stephens, 9
Dana Scott's 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary



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Gracie Coyle, 9
Dana Scott's 3rd Grade
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Jabri Dixon
Dana Scott's 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

Dear Santa

Dear Santa,
I hope you are having a good day. I have a lot on my list for Christmas and I am hoping you can make some for me. How are your reindeer? How are you? Santa here are the things I want for Christmas. I want an American girl doll, a paint set, princess dolls, a Barbie doll house, Barbie dolls, palace pets, a baby alive doll, Barbie doll dogs, cute bath bombs, 12 days of Christmas ornaments, JoJo Siwa posters, JoJo Siwa bows, JoJo siwa bed set and that is all Santa. Thank you.

Kailie Smith, 9
Dana Scott, 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas an iphone, legos , American girl doll, a drawing book, a tablet, bike, dog, boots, and a jacket. Most of all I want everybody and everything to have a good year next year and a Merry Christmas.

Jirah Ward-Gorham, 9
Dana Scott, 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

I celebrate Christmas because of Jesus dying on the cross for me and everyone else to be born. He knew that he would die but he did it, and that is why we celebrate Christmas. Christmas is not just about what you receive, it is about Jesus's birth. He is my savior and that is why I celebrate Christmas.

Bethany Bowen, 8
Dana Scott, 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a JOJO SIWA karaoke machine and a family feud board game. I also want a my life doll loft bed. Another thing I want is a my life doll school set. I really want a miniature gum ball machine and I really want a female elf on the shelf. And I want dork diaries all about me diary. Another thing I want is a yummy nummies soda maker kit. I also want descendants spell book 2. The last thing I want is a sweater jean outfit for my life dolls. Well Santa I hope you and the reindeer are doing good and you're getting enough cookies.


Nancy Aycok, 8
Dana Scott, 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary




Summer Smith
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As I stood in the swirling snow waiting for the Christmas train.It was so cold frost bit my fingers off.I was standing there for hours and the cold wind was sharp as a blade . This year I was hoping to get a sled.

Finally I could hear the train it was loud as thunder.It was coming out the trees.I started to chase it, and the man tossed me a silver package. Next I ran home and put it under the christmas tree.

At last it was Christmas morning I couldn't wait to open it.I was happy like bear full with honey.Then I started to tear the wrapping off. And I got a puppy and some mittens. was happy and thankful even though I didn't get what I want a sled.

Anna Kiarra Jones, 10
Brittany Batson's 4th Grade
Acme-Delco Elementary

My Christmas Wish

As I stood in the swirling snow waiting for the Christmas train. My hair was white as snow and my face was red as blood. The thing I wanted for Christmas was a chromebook.

Hours later I could hear the Christmas train. The ground was shaking like an earthquake. The Christmas train roared like a mountain lion. When I saw the Christmas train it was as tall as a mountain. The old man gave me a silver package it was sparkling like millions of diamonds. I ran to my house,and I put it under the tree.

Finally, it was Christmas morning! I ran like a cheetah. I tried to stop, but it was too late. I ran into the tree. I was okay when I got up. I opened the package. It was a tablet and a hat. I was thankful for what I got even though I didn't get a Chromebook.

Anthony Robinson, 9
Brittany Batson's 4th Grade
Acme-Delco Elementary

The Christmas Train

One snowy and windy day,I stood out there waiting for the Christmas train. I was wishing for a samsung galaxy phone from the Christmas train. My fingers were freezing like ice and frost bit my toes.

Finally, I could hear the Christmas train. It sounded like thunder when it got to where I could see it. I was so glad that I just want to get on the train and get my silver package myself I was feeling lucky like a four leaf clover.When I it I ran to my house and put the silver package under the Christmas tree.

At last it was Christmas morning, I dash to the Christmas tree like a cheetah to open my silver package.When I open my gift I got a bounce ball and some pair of mittens but not a new phone.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!

Diana Sandoval, 9
Brittany Batson's 4th Grade
Acme-Delco Elementary

Silver Package

As I stood in the swirling snow waiting for the Christmas train, it was windy and snowy out there.I was excited that the Christmas train was coming to give us one present.I really wished for a Samsung Galaxy Note Five.The snow was as white as icing on cake, and it was as cold as the Arctic. When the wind blew it was as cold as ice cream.

Finally, I could hear the train.It sounded like an iron dragon.The Christmas train was coming the ground was as shaking as an earthquake.The kids were yelling for a silver package.My throat started hurting.My hands was freezing like ice.Finally the Christmas train came. I was cheering with the other kids.I ran like a cheetah trying to get a silver package.I shook it like an earthquake.Then I put it under the Christmas tree so happy.

At last it was Christmas morning I woke up so early in the morning to sell all the presents under the Christmas tree and then saw my present and really thought I was going to get the present I wanted. Then we all woke up and we started opening our presents I was the first one to open mine I was so happy like if I won one million dollars, but when I opened it was not a samsung galaxy note five It was three pairs of mittens with a scarf and two bracelets. I was as sad as if I lost my favorite toy, but I was thankful for what I got. I would probably be as lucky as a four leaf clover next year and get what I want.

Jasmine Lagunas Gomez, 9
Brittany Batson's 4th Grade
Acme-Delco Elementary

Silver Packages

One Christmas eve, I was standing by the railroad tracks waiting for the Christmas train. I was as cold as ice. My hands felt like they got chopped off, and I felt like going inside. I really hoped for a 4 wheeler for Christmas.

Finally, I heard a Christmas train it sounded like a iron dragon. Suddenly it came, and the old man with the fluffy jacket through me a silver package. It was I too small to be a 4 wheeler. I couldn't wait to open it. And waited till christmas.

At last it was Christmas morning, and I got up to go open it. Then when I awoken I went down stairs to go open presents. And Guess what i got, I got a bike and some mittens I almost cried but I didn't because I was thankful for what I got.

Jakob, 11
Brittany Batson's 4th Grade
Acme-Delco Elementary

SILVER PACKAGES

As I stood in the snow waiting for the Christmas train, my feet were cold as clean metal for Christmas I wanted a brown teddy bear.The snow is cold as water.The snow was taller than my legs.

When I heard the Christmas train it sounded like a whale I ran after the caboose like Usain Bolt as a old man tossed me a silver package I caught it and put it under my christmas tree.

On Christmas, I opened my silver package I got two pairs of socks and boots.The socks were red and the boots were black.The other pair of socks were blue the other air of boots were red.They weren't what I wanted but I liked them.Next year I might get that teddy bear.

Elijah Smith, 10
Brittany Batson's 4th Grade
Acme-Delco Elementary

Silver Packages

As I stood in the swirling snow waiting for the Christmas train, my nose was red as a cherry and my ears felt like an ice cube. The snow was cold as ice. What I want most of all is a hoverboard.

Finally, I could hear the train it sounded like a lightning strike. I ran after the train to get the first silver package. Then I ran fast to put the package under the tree.

At last, it was Christmas morning I woke up and opened my presents. For Christmas I got some ear muffs and a Bouncy ball. I didn't get my wish but the ear muffs made my ears warm.

JC Mitchell, 10
Brittany Batson's 4th Grade
Acme-Delco Elementary

THE CHRISTMAS TRAIN

One snowy day, I was waiting for a train. My face was cold like a very cold popsicle. The snow is cold like ice. My feet are also freezing from standing in the snow for a long time. I am hoping to catch the train. This year I hope I get a hoverboard.

Later, i could finally, hear the train. It sounded like thunder. I start running for the train. I ran as fast as a cheetah. It took a long time to finally, get on the train. It stop and I get on it.

At last, It is Christmas morning. I could'nt wait to open my presents. When I opened it i got a pair of shoes. I didn't get what I wanted, but i was still glad that I got a present.

Zayon Webb, 9
Brittany Batson's 4th Grade
Acme-Delco Elementary

The Christmas Train

As I stood in the swirling snow waiting for the Christmas train It was so cold my fingers immediately froze like ice.They were as cold as a popsicle.I was really hoping to get a puppy this year from the Christmas train.

The Christmas train shook the ground like an earthquake I could not believe it when it came around the corner .I was the first person to run after the train because I wanted to get the first silver package because I might be as lucky as a four leaf clover if I got my wish.As soon as I got my present I ran home as fast as a cheetah to put it under the Christmas tree.

Meanwhile on Christmas morning I opened my present last and it was a pair of gloves that are as blue as the sky.I also got a bouncy ball,and I played with it all year long.Maybe I'll get my puppy next year.

Roegan Bullard, 10
Brittany Batson's 4th Grade
Acme-Delco Elementary

The Christmas Train

When I was waiting for the Christmas train my ears froze like ice from the swirling snow hoping for a kitten. I accidentally got my hopes up too much I was wondering what it would look like. "Maybe I'll get a kitten with gold fur" I said in my head "yeah, But I wanna nice one to no grumpy because that's no fun."

As I thought in my head I heard a train. "THE CHRISTMAS TRAIN!" I said out loud. When the train got up close to me I ran like a panther . I saw the package. It sparkled like diamonds. "Please! Please! Please!" I said in my head. The old mad tossed it too me. I caught it with joy. All the other kids chased me but I was too fast. I ran home and stuck it under the tree.

When it was Christmas I filled with joy. I quickly opened my gift. It was earmuffs. My smile faded. At least I was thankful for it well I thought to myself "maybe I will get a kitten next year." Then I smiled.

Layla Myers, 9
Brittany Batson's 4th Grade
Acme-Delco Elementary

Silver Package

As I stood in the swirling snow waiting for the Christmas train,my feet were as cold as Antarctica. Even my throat was hurting like a blade.My head and ears were frozen as winter. I couldn't move.I really hope I get a game set.

Finally,I could hear the Christmas train,It sounded like an iron dragon.Everybody ran to it like a tornado.I was so happy I even ran like a tornado.Soon it was leaving I tripped.I tripped and right when I hit deck I caught the a package like a ball.

At last,it was Christmas morning under the Christmas tree my silver package lay.I opened it and it was a hat and earmuffs.I didn't get what I want but I dreamed what I want.

Nate Best, 9
Brittany Batson's 4th Grade
Acme-Delco Elementary



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Elizabeth Spaulding's 6th Grade Art Class
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My pet reindeer

My Pet Reindeer

I love my pet reindeer. My reindeer are cute. The reindeer are fast and strong.

Chase Batten, 6
Ashley Porter's First Grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa

Dear Santa

For Christmas I would like some presents. I want a North Pole Barbie, LOL dolls, and 123 Blocks for Billy. I want a LOL game and a LOL dress. I have been good this year.

MaRaysha Bellamy, 6
Ashley Porter's First Grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa

For Christmas I want a new baby brother. I want some snow. I want a LOL doll.

Eden Cartrette, 6
Ashley Porter's First Grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa

I want a Ripstik and a remote control Spiderman. I want a real remote car. I want another bicycle too.

Otis Martin, 6
Ashley Porter's First Grade
Williams Township Elementary

Santa

I love Santa. He brings people Christmas presents when they go to sleep. I want Santa to bring me a bike for Christmas.

Jada Robinson, 6
Ashley Porter's First Grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa

I want a Hoverboard and a new born baby doll for Christmas. I would like a scooter and a bicycle too.

Scherrie Freeman, 6
Ashley Porter's First Grade
Williams Township Elementary

Santa and his elves

Santa and his Elves

Santa Claus and the elves bring presents to me. The elves like Christmas. They are happy all the time. They like to open presents too. The elves play with all the toys that they make.

Montarion Singleton, 6
Ashley Porter's First Grade
Williams Township Elementary

Santa Claus at Christmas

Santa Claus at Christmas

My mom and I went into the kitchen. We saw Santa Claus. Then my mom and I took a picture with Santa.

Sofia Mendoza-Castillo, 6
Ashley Porter's First Grade
Williams Township Elementary

Christmas

Christmas

I like Christmas because Santa comes. On Christmas it is Jesus' birthday. This year his birthday is on a Sunday. I get presents on Christmas too.

Cameron Fipps, 6
Ashley Porter's First Grade
Williams Township Elementary

Christmas

I love Santa. He is jolly. He gives us presents every Christmas night and he is nice. Christmas is not about opening presents. It is about being together and being with your family and friends. I love Christmas.

Desiree Moss, 7
Ashley Porter's First Grade
Williams Township Elementary

Christmas

On a snowy morning I like to make snow angels. I eat Christmas dinner. I go sledding.

Colton Malpass, 7
Ashley Porter's First Grade
Williams Township Elementary

Christmas time

Christmas Time

I decorate my Christmas tree. I put the ornaments on the tree. I see Santa Claus. I take pictures.

Tempest Fowler, 6
Ashley Porter's First Grade
Williams Township Elementary

Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas

I love Christmas because Jesus and God have a birthday. Christmas is my favorite holiday. When you are asleep Santa comes at night and brings presents to the big and little kids. Santa is a sweet man. Do you have a Christmas tree with ornaments and lights? When it is Christmas Santa comes to you and gives you presents under your Christmas tree. This Christmas me, Konner, and Luke will see Santa and take pictures. In the snow we can make a snowman.

Kelsey Freedle, 7
Ashley Porter's First Grade
Williams Township Elementary

My Christmas memory

My Christmas Memory

I was sleeping in my bed. I heard ho ho ho. I went down stairs and I saw Santa. He was delivering presents. I saw his reindeer. It was cool and I went back to sleep.

Bentley Hardee, 6
Ashley Porter's First Grade
Williams Township Elementary

My Christmas Memory

Santa gives us presents for the little good boys and girls around the world. In my family we do a show for momma and daddy. Then we eat and play with daddy until it is time for bed. I go to sleep. The next morning we are sad but Christmas will be back again. Some families put a ginger bread house in the kitchen. Some families put up Christmas lights. In my family we go see Christmas lights in Conway. It is called the Conway Celebration of Lights. In the lights you get to listen to Christmas music. When you are in the lights you will see lots of Rudolph noses. I loved it. On the way we see Santa. We take pictures and on the way we watch movies. That night we were watching Chicken Little. He is crazy. He said the sky is falling when a nut feel on his head. When we left we put on the movie Sing. I love to watch sing.

Lily Hemminger, 6
Ashley Porter's First Grade
Williams Township Elementary

Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve

On Christmas Eve I leave Santa some cookies and milk. He will bring some toys. I will leave Santa a wheel barrel for his elves so he can bring lots of goodies and a fidget spinner for Cameron.

Greyson Moseley, 6
Ashley Porter's First Grade
Williams Township Elementary

Gingerbread Man

Gingerbread Man

My gingerbread man is coming to town. He saw Santa Claus. Santa told the gingerbread man to make some toys. Santa Claus delivered all the

toys.

Nathan Todd, 6
Ashley Porter's First Grade
Williams Township Elementary

Christmas traditions

Christmas Traditions

I will have Christmas with my mom and daddy. We are going to build a gingerbread house with my family. My mom, daddy, brother, and I go see the Christmas lights. We are going to my nanny and papa's house. We are going to wake up and I will wake up my family. I am going to go out and see if the reindeer ate their carrots and we are going to open presents. We are going to granny and pa's house to open presents too.

Briggs Watts, 6
Ashley Porter's First Grade
Williams Township Elementary

My Elf Snowflake

My Elf Snowflake

My elf is the sweetest in the whole wide world. She cut up my mom's vinyl paper. She was mad as fire. She did not move. My elf was sleeping on my couch. It was so funny. I am going to see Santa at the North Pole and he will give me a treat. It is a Christmas tree brownie. He will give me a big bag with a coloring book and a plate of cookies and a juice box to go with it. Christmas is my birthday. I am going to see Santa's elves at his workshop. I am going to see Santa's reindeer. I am doing good in class. I hope I get a lot of presents and a lot of toys.

Greenley Wiggins, 6
Ashley Porter's First Grade
Williams Township Elementary



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My favorite Christmas

My favorite Christmas memory is when I got a necklace from a boy. I was so happy when I saw it! It was so pretty. I could not believe my eyes! It was the best present. I liked it so much I wore it every day. It was the greatest!

Ella Watson, 7
Ginger Bass' Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when I got a robot that lit up in the night. The lights helped me see in the dark and I still have the robot.

Angel Vasquez, 7
Ginger Bass' Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is the Christmas musical we had last year at school. We danced to the songs. Our class was with the other second grade class. The song we sang was Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. I hope all kids have a very good Christmas!

Cierra Sasser, 7
Ginger Bass' Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is decorating my yard. I put inflatables in my yard. I decorate the windows. I decorate the back porch too. I put Christmas wreaths out. Everything is always beautiful!

Brynley Sasser, 8
Ginger Bass' Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite memory is when I was 2 I tried to eat the Christmas paper! I did like my toys. This is so funny to me!

Noah Rich, 8
Ginger Bass' Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory was when I found the elf Jessie in the Christmas tree. She stayed there for three days. Jessie watched my sister and I open presents while she sat in the Christmas tree. I hope Jessie comes back this year!

Timothy Milligan, 7
Ginger Bass' Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when Mom and I decorate the Christmas tree. We have a good time together while we decorate the Christmas tree.

Sarah Reaves, 8
Ginger Bass' Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when mom, dad, Aunt Robin, Uncle Timmy and I went to see the Christmas lights. We saw a Gingerbread house with lights. We saw a little train that was real. We saw animals that were real. I hope that my family and I get to look at more Christmas lights this year.

Will Jacobs, 7
Ginger Bass' Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite memory is putting up the Christmas tree every year. I like putting on the ornaments. They are pretty and different colors. My grandma lets me put them anywhere I want. After the tree is put up I wait for the presents to go under the tree.

Riley Shepherd, 8
Ginger Bass' Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when my daddy gave my mommy a ring on Christmas day. My mommy was so, so, so happy when she got the ring! You should have seen her face when she got the ring! She looked like she was excited and surprised!

Allyson Herring, 8
Ginger Bass' Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when Santa gave me a Barbie doll. It was my favorite memory because it had a house to play with. The Barbie doll had a dress with hearts on. The doll's eyes looked blue. The Barbie doll was fun to play with!

Tatiana Hernandez, 8
Ginger Bass' Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is eating at my cousin's house. We ate chocolate chip ice cream and cookies. We hung ornaments on the tree and we opened presents. It was

so much fun!

Caymen Freeman, 7
Ginger Bass' Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when I got a Mario set and I drove it on the track. I had fun with it so much. It drove fast! Cole and I played the Mario set too and we had fun!

Jesse Edge, 7
Ginger Bass' Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when I'm with my family on the day Santa comes. I enjoy hanging out with my family on Christmas.

Lilly Cox, 7
Ginger Bass' Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is opening presents on Christmas. I found a big present and when I opened it, it was a toy car for me to drive. I went fast! This was my favorite memory.

Tessa Cook, 7
Ginger Bass' Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is that we always eat pizza for Christmas. My whole family comes to my house. We have so much fun!

Analia Cardenas, 8
Ginger Bass' Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is cutting our Christmas tree. First, we drove five hours to Boone. It was a long drive. My brother and I watched TV. Next, we went to our cabin. We ate McDonald's for lunch. We played games too. Finally, we cut our tree. The farm had apple cider and cookies. It snowed that night. We had fun!

Lenzy Callahan, 8
Ginger Bass' Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when we went Christmas shopping. We bought clothes and toys. We had so much fun! I can't wait to see Santa!

Gavin Butler, 7
Ginger Bass' Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when my family and I went to a restaurant in Myrtle Beach. We ate some seafood. It was so good!

Samuel Terrell, 8
Ginger Bass' Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is last year when I got a Nintendo. I like it because you can play games on the Nintendo. It has 10 games on it!

Kinley Barnes, 8
Ginger Bass' Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary



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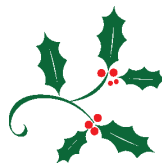

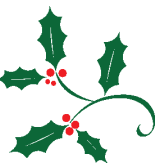
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Dear Santa

Dear Santa,
I know you are coming to my house and to the other kids' houses too. I have been good at school and at home. I have been mature to people by holding the door open for Ms. Capps and my classmates. I even hold the door for people that walk in and out of stores. I even hold the door for my family. Now I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a Nintendo Switch.

Love,
Ronald, 8
Marlene Capps' Second Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I have been good to my family and I want some cool Legos to play with for Christmas. Every day I take Ms. Capps' lunch box back to the room and put it up for her. My wish is that my dad gets a tool case to put all his tools in. He has lots of tools.

Love,
Hunter, 7
Marlene Capps' Second Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year and I have been helping my mom clean the house. I helped my baby brother pick up his stuff. That is why I should get this toy, a reborn baby. The next thing I really want is for everyone to have a good Christmas this year. I want everyone to have a great Christmas Eve too.

Love,
Lala, 7
Marlene Capps' Second Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a toy truck. I helped my dad clean up the yard. I also helped my mom clean her room. My wish is for my baby niece, Brittany to have a doll.

Love,
Ivan, 7
Marlene Capps' Second Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a bridle and a saddle because I have to use someone else's bridle and saddle. I take care of my horse, Lightning. I also take care of Katrina's horses-sometimes. I hope that Ms. Capps gets her sign and has a good Christmas.

Love,
Andrew, 8
Marlene Capps' Second Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I deserve a dog for Christmas because I helped some women by holding the door open for them. I also helped my dad with the dishes. Ms. Capps deserves a sign to go on her door because she works so hard.

Love,
Jalen, 9
Marlene Capps' Second Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want all kinds of make-up for Christmas. I have been helping my mom by playing with my baby sister while my mom cooks. I also helped my mom decorate our Christmas tree. My wish is that every kid would get something for Christmas.

Love,
Raylee Castillo, 7
Marlene Capps' Second Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want some pencils, a pencil box, and some cars for Christmas. Can I get one more thing? I wish for the poor children to have a home this Christmas. I helped Ms. Capps by being good and helping her do stuff. I also washed the dishes for my grandma.

P.S. I won't forget to leave cookies and milk out for you and food for the reindeer!

Love,
Braydon, 7
Marlene Capps' Second Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a whole summer to spend with my family for Christmas this year. I help my mom with her work by printing things off for her. I also climbed up on the roof and helped my dad take nails from the roof. I wish that you could give all the children who are poor food.

Love,
Marisol, 7
Marlene Capps' Second Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy for Christ-

mas. I also want a lava lamp. I help my mama wash the dishes. I also help her clean up. I wish my daddy could have a truck because he is nice to me.

Love,
Katelynn, 8
Marlene Capps' Second Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a new gun for Christmas. I have done a lot of work on the farm. I have helped my papa work on his four-wheeler because it does not work. I would like you to bring my sister some DVDs because she likes to watch movies.

Love,
River, 7
Marlene Capps' Second Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a toy car. I help my daddy with his work by passing him his tools. I help my mom by drying the dishes for her. I wish that all girls and boys will have homes this Christmas.

Love,
Ricardo, 8
Marlene Capps' Second Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a basketball goal. I have tried hard to be good. I help my mama make up her bed. I am a good big brother to my sister, Saniyah. I wish that my friend Ricardo can come to my house and play with my toys.

Love,
Travion, 8
Marlene Capps' Second Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I would like a puppy for Christmas, but first you have to ask my mama about it. I have helped my mama wash dishes. I also helped my big sister clean up her room. I wish I could help all the kids clean up their rooms.

Love,
Emilie, 8
Marlene Capps' Second Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
This year I want a pair of roller skates and headphones. I helped my mother peel the tape off the box so we could get the Christmas tree out of it. Then I helped my mother put up the tree and decorate it. My wish is that my Aunt Rina gets a pet dog for Christmas.

Love,
Jamir, 9
Marlene Capps' Second Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a dog and a new house for my grandma, David, and me. I helped my mama clean up the house. I also helped my daddy clean up his house. I wish for my grandma to have a new bed because her bed is kind of old.

Love,
Sara, 8
Marlene Capps' Second Grade
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My favorite Christmas

My favorite Christmas memory is when I got an electric scooter. My sister got a mini cooper. My Aunt Heather spent the night with me and my sister. We rode down the road and I had so much fun. I also got a little make-up set and after I rode my scooter I done make-up on my mom, my sister, and my Aunt Heather. We had a bunch of candy too. I had so much fun I hope this Christmas will be fun.

Emma Ward, 7
NancyBennett's Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when I got a helicopter from Santa. I played with it in my room for a long time. It came with army people and lots of weapons. I also got a little stuffed dog. It was a golden retriever. I had so much fun with my new toys.

Colton Strickland, 8
NancyBennett's Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when Santa Claus gave me a puppy. I got up and found him under the tree. I played with him. I take care of him because I am big. I love my Christmas memory and I love Christmas.

Sara Alvarado, 9
NancyBennett's Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when I was four. I got a robot dinosaur with a remote control. I also got other stuff that was so cool. My robot dinosaur has gray stripes and it can roar. I love seeing presents under the Christmas tree.

Landon Hoopes, 7
NancyBennett's Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when my family and I went to Kentucky. It was a long ride there. We played in the snow. The snow was very deep. We stayed in a hotel. We had lots of presents in Kentucky.

Corey Mitchell, 7
NancyBennett's Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when my family and I went to Pirates Voyage. It was the best think in my life. I love the part when the birds flew over my head. The best part was when the ships came out of the water. The next morning when I woke up it was time to open the presents. Santa brought me a pink bike. I was so happy because Santa brought me what I asked for.

Irennasya Gause, 8
NancyBennett's Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when we decorate our Christmas tree. It is so much fun when we get presents. I love Christmas.

David Rodriguez, 7
NancyBennett's Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when I got a puppy. I love my puppy so much. Her name is Riley. I hope to get a bike and a smart board this Christmas.

Kammie Hinson, 7
NancyBennett's Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when we decorate the Christmas tree. I love to decorate stuff. It is so much fun. It looks so pretty when everything is decorated for Christmas. I love getting presents for Christmas.

Maysaylynn Gore, 7
NancyBennett's Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when I woke up and went to the Christmas tree but what I wanted was not at the tree. I went in my bedroom and the drums I wanted were in my room. I remember we went to church and when I got home I had my first pool table. That Christmas my cousin Nolan had to go in the pool and the water was so cold.

Grayson Thompson, 7
NancyBennett's Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is getting a bike. It is turquoise. It has stickers on the side and a basket on the front.

It has butterflies on the basket that light up. It has big wheels. I love Christmas.

Jaycie Hammond, 7
NancyBennett's Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when my family and I were together. I got my first bike that Christmas. We sat around and ate soup. I like it when my dad hugs me at Christmas time. We like to play in the snow. I like it when I get presents at Christmas.

Eduardo Castaneda, 8
NancyBennett's Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when all my family went to the Polar Express. We got on the train and we watched the movie Polar Express. We saw Santa Claus and his elves. We got to drink hot chocolate and eat chocolate candy. We saw his reindeer and Mrs. Claus. We even had tickets like on the Polar Express movie. We stayed in the motel. When we were on the train we saw lots of houses.

Mallory Gore, 7
NancyBennett's Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when I got a computer. I was so excited. It was awesome! I played with it all Christmas day. I loved it. Thanks Santa and his reindeer too. I loved that Christmas.

Michael Garner, 7
NancyBennett's Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when I got an electric guitar. It was so much fun to play. It was fun when I got a little truck. I still play with it all the time. I also got a Drone and a flashlight.

Kamden Hill, 7
NancyBennett's Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when I got a new bike. Then after my family opened all our presents we ate the best meal. We had mashed potatoes and gravy. We also had macaroni and cheese. After we ate we waited on Papa Wahoo, Tiffany and Tater and Grayson so we could open more presents.

Arianna Freeman, 8
NancyBennett's Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is last Christmas. I got three toy cars from Santa Claus. One car was red and the other two cars were green. I also got Legos. I had a lot of fun playing with my new toys.

Brandon Oxendine, 8
NancyBennett's Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when mom woke me up to see if there was something under the tree for me. There were presents under the tree and a note. It said Merry and joy. You're a good child. The note was from Santa Claus. It was great news. I was happy like a butterfly.

Victoria Sanchez, 8
NancyBennett's Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when I opened pres-



Elijah Salling, 7
Janet Hewett's 2nd Grade
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Jaydon McPherson, 8
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Zamilah Riggins, 9
Janet Hewett's 2nd Grade
Williams Township



TJ Durant, 8
Tracy McGraw's 2nd Grade
Williams Township



Angelina Adams, 7
Leighann McPherson's 2nd Grade
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Connor Thomason, 7
Leighann McPherson's 2nd Grade
Williams Township



EJ Jones, 8
Leighann McPherson's 2nd Grade
Williams Township

ents with my family. I had lots and lots of fun. I had big present. I wondered what it was. I was so excited. I could not wait to open all the presents. I got a big jeep.

Deisy Ramirez, 8
Nancy Bennett's Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary

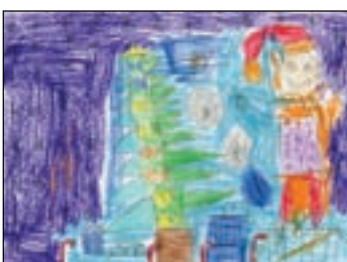
My favorite Christmas memory was when Santa



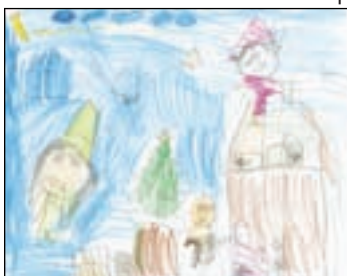
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Vivian Coleman, 7
Tracy McGraw's 2nd Grade
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Kayla Campbell, 7
Leighann McPherson's 2nd Grade
Williams Township

brought me three puppies. One puppy was a Chihuahua. It is black and tan. It sleeps with me. I named her Pebbles. I also got a Pit Bull mixed puppy. It is white and brown and I named him Boots. I got a Rottweiler puppy named Swiper. I love playing with my dogs.

Megan Looney, 8
Nancy Bennett's Second Grade
Old Dock Elementary



Jacob Hison
Janet Hewett's 2nd Grade
Williams Township



Kyleigh Norris, 7
Janet Hewett's 2nd Grade
Williams Township



Sabrina Hernandez, 8
Tracy McGraw's 2nd Grade
Williams Township



Colton Hamilton, 8
Leighann McPherson's 2nd Grade
Williams Township



Jayda Williams, 7
Janet Hewett's 2nd Grade
Williams Township



Ryleigh Morrall, 7
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Dear Santa

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Nintendo Switch, Super Mario Odyssey, and Splatoon. First, I want a Switch because it is a video game system. Next I want Super Mario Odyssey because it is a video game. Last, I want Splatoon because it looks cool when "Think Noodles" played it. Also, I would like another video game.
Sincerely,

Lucas
Tara Garri's 2nd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a cat because it is soft, and some Lego blocks because they are fun. I would like an Xbox 160 because they are fun.
Sincerely,

Joseph
Tara Garri's 2nd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a toy big truck, GGT5A, and an Xbox1X. First, I want a toy big truck because I will play with it. Next, I want GT5A because it is fun to drive. Last, I would like a Xbox1X because I play GT5A.
Sincerely,

Daniel
Tara Garri's 2nd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a spider man homecoming web wing, an Army and Ninja Turtle, and a Lego Batman and Spider Man. When I grow up I'm getting me a horse power dirt bike, motorcycle, and a four wheeler. I'm getting me a computer and a drone. Me and my family are getting a pool and a ninja turtle PlayStation. Then I'm going to be a scientist and I'm going to get me an iPhone.
Sincerely,

Brandon
Tara Garri's 2nd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a GTA5 game. I want a dirt bike from Sam's. I want a four wheeler, a real one.
Sincerely,

Kevin
Tara Garri's 2nd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a few books, math books, and a laptop. First I would like some books because I would like to read on my family trips and I would get AR points. Next, I would like math books because it is fun to do math. Last, I would like a laptop because I like to play games.
Sincerely,

Eli
Tara Garri's 2nd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Barbie camper because my other on is a pet house. I also want a Nintendo Switch because my friend will play with me. Last, I want a new pair of shoes because I am running out of shoes and I will wear them to school all the time.
Sincerely,

Maggie
Tara Garri's 2nd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like Roblox, toys, dirt bike men, and a red elf on the shelf. I want Roblox toys because I like them. I play the game. Next, I want dirt bike men because they are cool. I like to play with them. Last, I want a red elf on the shelf because I will always find him and I think they are fun to find.
Sincerely,

Gauge
Tara Garri's 2nd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a baby doll and a trampoline. I want a baby doll to play with. I also want a slide. I have been good!
Your friend,

Addison
Tara Garri's 2nd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like an Xbox1X, Nintendo Switch, and Legos. I want and Xbox1X because I like to play Mine-

craft. Next, I want Nintendo Switch because I can play Minecraft in story mode. I like to play it outside.

Sincerely,
Chase
Tara Garri's 2nd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like Cosmo, a pogo stick, and an elf on the shelf. First, I would like a Cosmo because he is cool. I would like a pogo stick because I want one and I've never had one. Last, I would like an elf because I never had one. Please!
Sincerely,

Kyleigh
Tara Garri's 2nd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Xbox1X, games for it, and a Nintendo switch. First I want an Xbox1X because it is popular. Next, I want game for it. Last, I want a Nintendo switch because I can play online.
Sincerely,

Langston
Tara Garri's 2nd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa
For Christmas I would like a tablet. The best kind in my life.
Sincerely,

Elizabeth
Tara Garri's 2nd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a hover board, Xbox1X, and stuffed animals. First I want a hover board because they are the best. Next, I want an Xbox1X because I can play it every day and play GT5A.
Sincerely,

Jamar
Tara Garri's 2nd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a mini gun, float gun, and a grenade launcher. First, I want a mini gun so I can hunt deer. I just want these things.
Sincerely,

Haidden
Tara Garri's 2nd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a dirt bike and for my family to get along.
Sincerely,

Kayleigh
Tara Garri's 2nd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary



Kolby McPherson, 7
Leighann McPherson's 2nd Grade
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Xander Todd, 7
Leighann McPherson's 2nd Grade
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Darius L. Bellamy, 8
Phyllis Lanier's 2nd Grade
Williams Township



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Phyllis Lanier's 2nd Grade
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Ty Tisdale, 7
Phyllis Lanier's 2nd Grade
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Mollie Turner, 7
Leighann McPherson's 2nd Grade
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Asher Grice, 8
Phyllis Lanier's 2nd Grade
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Duncan Worley, 7
Phyllis Lanier's 2nd Grade
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Kendall Long, 8
Phyllis Lanier's 2nd Grade
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Sawyer Coleman, 7
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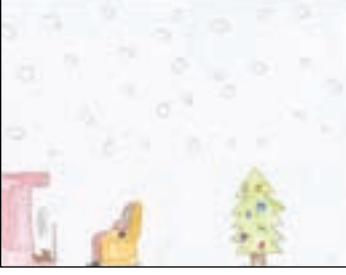
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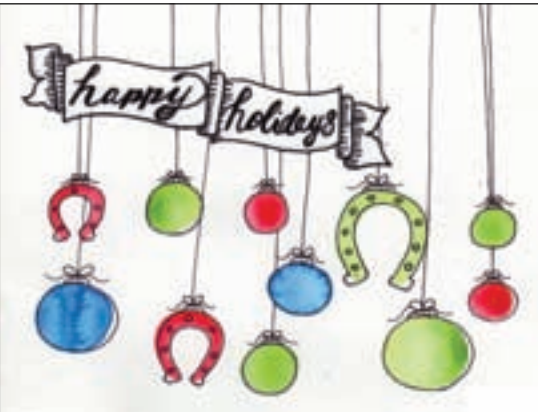
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South Columbus High School



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South Columbus High School

The unforgettable night

The Unforgettable Night
The strangest thing happened last Christmas Eve. I had gone to bed at around 11 p.m., but I had trouble going to sleep. Just as I was about to drift off, I heard this weird noise coming from the window, so I went to the window. Nothing was there. So I went to the kitchen and I couldn't believe my eyes. I saw Santa Claus and he was putting presents under the Christmas tree. My sister woke up and she went to my room and she saw that I wasn't there. She came to the kitchen and she saw me and Santa. Santa left my house and he said, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night."
Hannah Strickland, 7
Angela Duncan's 2nd Grade
Chadbourn Elementary

An Unforgettable Night
The strangest thing happened last Christmas Eve. I had gone to bed at around 11 p.m., but I had trouble going to sleep. Just as I was about to drift off, I heard this weird noise coming from the chimney. It sounded like Santa Claus. My big brother said it was my dad but my little brother and I told him it was Santa. When I crept in the living room I saw Santa Claus eating one of the Christmas cookies I made. I was amazed and I ran back to my room and went back to sleep. The next morning I got up and opened all my presents. It was the best!
Joshua Williams, 7
Angela Duncan's 2nd Grade
Chadbourn Elementary

Dear Santa

Dear Santa,
I hope you and Mrs. Clause are doing well. I want some gloves and a hover board that lights up blue. I also want an Evey Doll and a blue hat. I want a wallet from Victoria Secret too. I love Christmas.
Love,
Addison Spivey
Addison Spivey, 7
Angela Duncan's 2nd Grade
Chadbourn Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I hope you are getting ready for Christmas Eve night. I hope everyone has a magical time of the year this holiday. I think you are a nice, jolly guy. All I want for Christmas is clothes and a JoJo doll. I hope you have a safe trip delivering presents and get back to the North Pole.
Merry Christmas,
Wayonna Williamson
Wayonna Williamson, 8
Angela Duncan's 2nd Grade
Chadbourn Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hope Rudolph is doing well with his flying. Santa I know

you have a lot of presents. When you come to my house our Christmas tree is in the dining room. We have some gifts under the tree. Can you please bring me a hover board for Christmas?
Love,
Unique Ruffin
Unique Ruffin, 8
Angela Duncan's 2nd Grade
Chadbourn Elementary

Dear Santa,
Hey Santa. Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Clause. I would like a Lego Little Robot, a hover board, spy tank and a Mac the Robot for Christmas. I will have cookies and milk waiting for you. Thank you for bring me presents.
Love
Christopher Bryson Fields
Christopher Bryson Fields, 8
Angela Duncan's 2nd Grade
Chadbourn Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hope you, Mrs. Clause and the elves are going ok. I love Christmas. I love the reindeer and Rudolph. I would like to see you, Mrs. Clause and the elves. I would like a toy car and a new book bag and a dirt bike for Christmas. Can you bring my mom and dress too. Be careful Santa.
Love,
Wynter
Wynter Russ, 7
Angela Duncan's 2nd Grade
Chadbourn Elementary

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are your reindeer and your elves? I hope everything is going great. Santa can you bring me a dirt bike. Can you please get my mom and dad a ring? Santa I love you and I hope your sleigh doesn't not get

messed up when you are on the way to town. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Jayden McCray
Jayden McCray, 8
Angela Duncan's 2nd Grade
Chadbourn Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hope you and Mrs. Clause have a good Merry Christmas. I hope Rudolph and the other reindeer and the elves have a Merry Christmas too. I hope all of you have a Merry Christmas. I hope it snows this Christmas, Santa. I hope you bring a lot of presents for us. I want a phone and a hover board. Thank you for the presents you are going to bring.
Love,
Isaiah Bellamy
Isaiah Bellamy, 8
Angela Duncan's 2nd Grade
Chadbourn Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing good. I would like a soft penguin, stuffed dog and a stuffed hippo for Christmas. I would also like a Shopkin Dollhouse. I will leave you some cookies.
Love,
Chelsea
Chelsea Funderburk, 8
Angela Duncan's 2nd Grade
Chadbourn Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hope you Mrs. Clause and Rudolph are doing good. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Santa can you please bring me a present for Christmas. I want you to bring me a hover board. I also want a phone and drone. I want a dirtbike and a fourwheeler. I want some puppies too. Merry Christmas!!
Love,
Ayden Scott
Ayden Scott, 8
Angela Duncan's 2nd Grade
Chadbourn Elementary

What I love

I so love Santa
I love my Christmas presents
I so love Christmas
Olivia Smith, 8
Jessica Overby's 2nd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

All people love God
Christmas is Jesus' day
People love Jesus
Jonathan Kellihan, 8
Jessica Overby's 2nd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas is the best
Jesus' birthday is here
Christmas is coming
Kenzie Wiram, 8
Jessica Overby's 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas is my dream
I play when it is Christmas
I love Christmas too
Oscar Zimora, 7
Jessica Overby's 2nd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

I love Christmastime
I love my presents so much
Santa rocks so much
Brycen Batten, 9
Jessica Overby's 2nd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas is so fun
I love when I give him milk
I so love Santa
Greydys Cruz, 8
Jessica Overby's 2nd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

I love Christmastime
Christmas is so fun to me
Christmas goes by fast
Kamelia Estrada, 8
Jessica Overby's 2nd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

I love Christmastime
I love Christmas presents too
Christmas is so fun
Yadira Rodriguez, 10
Jessica Overby's 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

I love Christmas time

I love Santa's nine reindeer
I love Christmas lights
Jesse Bunch, 8
Jessica Overby's 3rd Grade
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Christmas rocks so much
I love when Santa flies up
I love the presents
Pedro Zimora, 8
Jessica Overby's 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas is the best
Happy Birthday to Jesus
Merry Christmas all
Jessica Cruz, 9
Jessica Overby's Third Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas is the best
It is Jesus' birthday
Jesus is the best
Monquavius McDuffie, 9
Jessica Overby's 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Snow is very cold
Snow is cold at winter time
I like to eat snow
Dakoda Muse, 8
Jessica Overby's 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas trees are cool
I like tall, green Christmas trees
Christmas trees smell good
Lauren Cartrette, 8
Jessica Edge's 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Elves are on your shelves
Elves are quiet as a mouse
They are in your house
Cole Chestnutt, 9
Jessica Edge's 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

The tree is colored
Ornaments all on the tree
Lights are sparkly
Blake Stocks, 8
Jessica Edge's 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Santa is so nice
He loves to build kid toys
Santa likes cookies
Leo Cardenas, 9
Jessica Edge's 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas trees are green
Christmas trees are beautiful
Christmas trees have lights
Alan Pantaleon, 9
Jessica Edge's 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

I love Christmas trees
I like to decorate trees
The lights are pretty
Grace Overby, 8
Jessica Edge's 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Reindeer can fly high
Reindeer lead Santa's sleigh too
Reindeer have magic
Conner Edwards, 8
Jessica Edge's 3rd Grade

Old Dock Elementary
Santa eats cookies
Santa comes for Christmas too
Santa is awesome
Kynlee Evans, 9
Jessica Edge's 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

I love when he comes
I like when he gives presents
Saint Nick likes cookies
Morgan Boyd, 9
Jessica Edge's 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas trees have lights
Christmas trees have ornaments
Christmas trees are cool
Hunter Ward, 9
Jessica Edge's 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

He loves my cookies
Santa gives lots of presents
Santa loves children
Kaylee Reaves, 9
Jessica Edge's 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

I love Santa Claus
He likes my cookies and milk
He flies on his sled
Lakyn Grice, 9
Jessica Edge's 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Elves are important
The elves watch over the kids
Elves work for Santa
Greidys Avelino, 8
Jessica Edge's 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

I like the presents
The presents are so awesome
They are so so cool
Ciara Hewett, 9
Jessica Edge's 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

I love Santa Claus
Santa likes my big cookies
I hope he comes by
Brianna Price, 9
Jessica Edge's 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Santa is awesome
He has a big, big belly
He is very nice
Shreya Sethi, 9
Jessica Edge's 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Reindeer are happy
Reindeer are so beautiful
Reindeer eat carrots
Yaritza Hernandez, 9
Jessica Edge's 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My elf is so good
He always brings me something
Wrestling tickets!
Case Simmons, 8
Jessica Edge's 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

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Dear Santa

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I am sure my name is on the nice list. I am going to give you three reasons I know I am on the nice list.

The first reason I have been good and have helped my mom with my sister. My mom needed some help with my sister because my sister is littler than me.

The second reason I have been good in the stores. In the stores, I would not run in there.

The third reason is I help my mom clean the car out. I listen to my mom when she tells me something.

These are the reasons I have been good this year and I am sure that my name is on the nice list.

Jaydon Parker, 8
Chris McPherson's 2nd Grade
Tabor City Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I am sure my name is on the nice list. I am going to give you three reasons I know I am on the nice list.

The first reason I think I am on the nice list is helping my mom clean up the house. I help my mom pick up things in her bedroom.

The second reason I think I am on the nice list is helping with my baby sister. I help my mom take care of my baby sister.

The third reason is I think I am on the nice list is doing what the teacher tells me to do. I do whatever the teacher asks me to do.

These are the reasons I have been good this year and I am sure that my name is on the nice list.

Marcus Smith, 7
Chris McPherson's 2nd Grade
Tabor City Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I am sure my name is on the nice list. I am going to give you three reasons I know I am on the nice list.

The reason I should be on the nice list is I help my mom wash dishes and clean up the house every day.

I have been good to my mom and I have been the best I could this year. I have been the best to my mom. I have been washing dishes for my mom.

The last reason I have been good to my brothers and sister. I help them clean up the house too. I help my brothers and sister clean up most of the house and do the dishes.

These are the reasons I have been good this year and I am sure that my name is on the nice list.

Bryson Watts, 8
Chris McPherson's 2nd Grade
Tabor City Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I am sure my name is on the nice list. I am going to give you three reasons I know I am on the nice list.

I have been good at home. I helped my mom wash the cups. I clean the kitchen.

The second reason is I take care of my little sisters and my little brother. When my mom is going somewhere, I watch my little sisters and little brother.

The third reason is I have been good at school. I helped wash the tables in the cafeteria.

These are the reasons I have been good this year and I am sure that my name is on the nice list.

Zakilya Dawson, 8
Chris McPherson's 2nd Grade
Tabor City Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I am sure my name is on the nice list. I am going to give you three reasons I know I am on the nice list.

The first reason I help with chores. I help mom and dad with the laundry and the dishes.

The second reason is I listen to my teacher. I listen to my mom and dad. I listen to my whole family.

The third reason is I help grandma with her dogs. I help mom with the dogs, too.

These are the reasons I have been good this year and I am sure that my name is on the nice list.

Kaydence Anderson, 8
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Gabriella Harrison
7th Grade
Evergreen Elementary



Gabrielle Bowen
5th Grade
Acme-Delco Elementary



Dusty Jacobs
8th Grade
Tabor City Middle



Aiden McFadden, 6
Tammy Patrick's 1st Grade
Whiteville Primary



Angelino Curry, 6
Tammy Patrick's 1st Grade
Whiteville Primary



Cincre Stephenson
Tammy Patrick's 1st Grade
Whiteville Primary



Deontay Bellamy, 7
Tammy Patrick's 1st Grade
Whiteville Primary

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I am sure my name is on the nice list. I am going to give you three reasons I know I am on the nice list.

The first reason is I help the teacher do something if she needs me to. If my teacher needs me to do pass out papers, I help her.

The second reason is I am on the nice list is because I got all G's (for good) on my behavior this year. I help people if they need me to do something.

The third reason is I have been good in school all year! I pay attention to the teacher in class, do my homework, and do what she tells me to do.

These are the reasons I have been good this year and I am sure that my name is on the nice list.

Margianna Scott, 8
Chris McPherson's 2nd Grade
Tabor City Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I am sure my name is on the nice list. I am going to give you three reasons I know I am on the nice list.

The first reason I help people at home and at school. I like to help Montavia, Candy, and Kaydence. I help them with words. I help James, too. He is my brother.

The second reason is I help people with chores at home. I help James, Blake, mom, and dad with their chores at home.

The third reason is I listen to people at school and home. I listen to my mom, dad, and my teacher.

These are the reasons I have been good this year and I am sure that my name is on the nice list.

Kaydence Lowery, 8
Chris McPherson's 2nd Grade
Tabor City Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I am sure my name is on the nice list. I am going to give you three reasons I know I am on the nice list.

The first reason I should be on the nice list is that I help people when they need help. I help people when they are hurt.

The second reason I should be on the nice list is that I am lovable and capable. I love people, too.

The third reason I should be on the nice list is that I am very good at school. I am very good with my math.

These are the reasons I have been good this year and I am sure that my name is on the nice list.

Montavia Smith, 7
Chris McPherson's 2nd Grade
Tabor City Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I am sure my name is on the nice list. I am going to give you three reasons I know I am on the nice list.

The first reason I have been good at school. I do my work at school and pay attention to my teacher.

The second reason is I do my chores at home. I help my mom wash the dishes and do the laundry.

The third reason is I do all my work at school. I finish my math at school.

These are the reasons I have been good this year and I am sure that my name is on the nice list.

Tillon Norris, 7
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The first reason I should be on the nice list is that I am nice, trusting, and I clean my mom's house. I can be trusted because people say I can be trusted.

The second reason is I help my mom around the house. I help by sweeping the floor and keep my room clean.

The third reason is I received the Best Behavior Award at school for my class. I did that by listening to my teacher and doing my work.

These are the reasons I have been good this year and I am sure that my name is on the nice list.

Candy Guzman, 8
Chris McPherson's 2nd Grade
Tabor City Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I am sure my name is on the nice list. I am going to give you three reasons I know I am on the nice list.

The first reason I am on the nice list is that I do all of my work in school. I did my math homework and my reading.

The second reason I help my mom feeding the bay and cleaning the house. The baby boy was hungry so I helped him and my stepdad fix the food.

The third reason is I never get in trouble at home. I eat

all of my food for dinner from home. The food is so good so I eat all of it.

These are the reasons I have been good this year and I am sure that my name is on the nice list.

Payton Gibson, 7
Chris McPherson's 2nd Grade
Tabor City Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I am sure my name is on the nice list. I am going to give you three reasons I know I am on the nice list.

The first reason is I help my dad fix stuff. I help by putting air in the tires.

The second reason I help my mom wash clothes. I put the clothes in the dryer for her.

The third reason is I help my dad clean the house. I help by picking stuff up.

These are the reasons I have been good this year and I am sure that my name is on the nice list.

Jeremiah Long, 7
Chris McPherson's 2nd Grade
Tabor City Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I am sure my name is on the nice list. I am going to give you three reasons I know I am on the nice list.

The first reason is I am sure that I have been good this year. I have been helping my mother I can help my mother by folding clothes and feeding the dogs.

The second reason I am on the nice list because I am very helpful and joyful. I am very helpful and joyful because I know how to help my family and clean up.

The third reason is I have been a good girl. I do what I am supposed to do. I can clean the bathroom and I can wash dishes.

These are the reasons I have been good this year and I am sure that my name is on the nice list.

Loryn Chestnut, 7
Chris McPherson's 2nd Grade
Tabor City Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I am sure my name is on the nice list. I am going to give you three reasons I know I am on the nice list.

The first reason I have been good is I pay attention to my teacher in class. I get greens for my behavior. I do well on my work. I am good and I do not be bad because I help clean up.

The second reason is I am good at home. I am good and I am a great kid so far. I am very, very sure I am on the nice list. I am mice all the time because I am kind and a good friend.

The third reason is I am kind, nice, and good because of all the good things I do.

These are the reasons I have been good this year and I am sure that my name is on the nice list.

Trinity Beans, 8
Chris McPherson's 2nd Grade
Tabor City Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I am sure my name is on the nice list. I am going to give you three reasons I know I am on the nice list.

The first reason is that I have been polite to my other peers. I have held the door for others and saying thank you and you are welcome.

The second reason is that I have worked hard in school to bring up my grades by studying and reading at night at home.

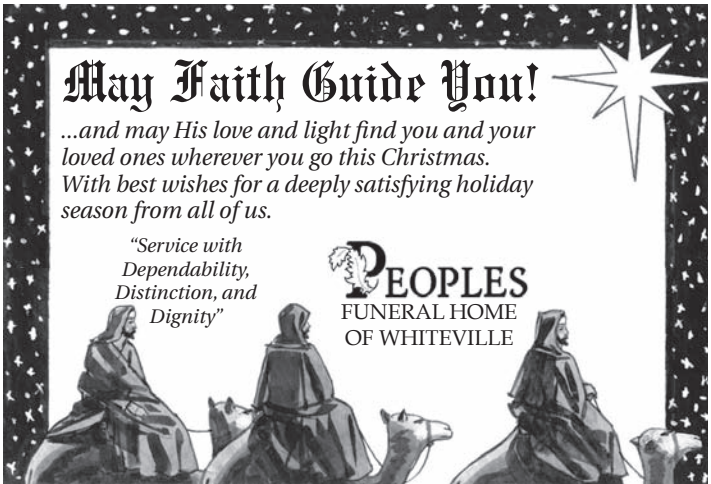
The third reason is that I am really trying to work on my behavior. I am listening to my mom, grandma, and my teacher. I follow the rules and directions given to me.

These are the reasons I have been good this year and I am sure that my name is on the nice list.

Javonte Myers, 8
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Family

When my family comes over, we decorate the tree. Then the adults wrap the presents. The adults put the presents under the tree. In the morning, we run down the stairs and we unwrap the presents. It is fun to unwrap the presents! I love Christmas

Harmony Robinson
2nd grade Whiteville Primary
School Writers' Group

On Christmas morning, I invite my whole family over to my grandma's house. Also, my grandma and my grandma and pa come over. The cook the breakfast -- eggs, sausage, hashbrowns, bacon and grits. Finally, the best part about my Christmas is spending time with my family. I love spending time with my family at Christmas.

Serenity Pratt
2nd grade Whiteville Primary
School Writers' Group

Every Christmas, me and my family go downstairs. We open our presents. Before we open, we have to wait until all our family is here. I got clothes from my aunt's house and I got a hoverboard from my house and I got a tablet and a bike. My mom brought me some switches and I dropped them and she beat me. Then I went to ride my bike. My daddy came with my dirt bike doing burn-outs. He told me to be careful and don't hurt yourself. I got on it and I rode it to the campground. I love Christmas!

Tylae Rose
2nd grade Whiteville Primary
School Writers' Group

Every year on Christmas Eve, my family would get together and we go to my great grandma's house. We would eat and play games. One time, me and Luke went outside to play and we actually saw Santa in his sleigh. When we left we went to our grandma's house and we opened presents. When we left it was too late at night and it was almost midnight and Santa only had a few more kids to go to. I will remember that Christmas because I got to get with my family and friends.

Nate Merritt
2nd grade Whiteville Primary
School Writers' Group

Last Christmas, our family from Maryland came over. We went to the beach and we got on rides. We got home and my mom cooked chicken. The next day my dad drove to Wal-Mart. Then we got home. Their dog had untied himself, then he went to the road and he died. They had him for many years. It was a sad Christmas.

Kevin Aparicio
2nd grade Whiteville Primary
School Writers' Group

For Christmas, me and my sister, my brother and my grandma wake up. We wait for our mom and dad to wake up. Then we have Christmas morning breakfast when our mom and dad wake up. After that, we go to the Christmas tree. We open our presents. My special gift was when I got a gold and sparkly dress with a sewed-on belt. The rest of my sparkly dress was white. At the end of the Christmas day, we have a Christmas dinner. We go to my second grandma's house for the end of this great Christmas!

Abigail Greene
2nd grade Whiteville Primary
School Writers' Group

My family always goes to the same place every Christmas. My favorite is when I go to my Aunt Lisa's house because she has a karaoke machine I like to sing with. We go to her last because she has to get everything ready. While she does that, we go to someone else's house. When she's ready, she will call my mom. Then when we finish eating and getting our stuff, we go, so we can get presents. We get our stuff. We go to my Aunt Lisa's house and get the rest of our stuff. Then we go back home to open our stuff.

Emani Brown
2nd grade Whiteville Primary
School Writers' Group

Every Christmas I go and get a tree and bring it home. I always decorate the tree with my brother and sister. We put a lot of different kinds of ornaments. When it is Christmas, I always sleep with my brother. He sleeps on the top bunk and



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Luke Simmons
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On Christmas Eve, everybody helps cook the Christmas cookies for Santa. After that, everybody opens one present. In the morning me and my sisters wake up and wake up my parents. After that, we check if Santa had left a note or ate some cookies. That is how my Christmas is special.

Zhamaria Shipman
2nd grade Whiteville Primary
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I like to decorate. Last time, I got up the Christmas tree outside with ornaments and with lights. We put the Christmas tree inside, then we put it outside. We got a blow-up Santa thing. Next, we got a light-up snowman in the outside wall. When my mom told us we were going to put up the Christmas tree, I felt happy and excited. Then the next day, we put the

Christmas tree outside. Then we put the light-up snowman. I felt very excited. Then I wanted to put up the blow-up Santa thing. It was fun to put up all those things! I like Christmas!

Herminio Ayohua
2nd grade Whiteville Primary
School Writers' Group

My favorite Christmas memory is the night my family puts our Christmas tree up. Last year, I helped my mother put up the Christmas tree. We put Christmas ornaments on the tree. I ate dinner at my mom's house. We had Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and macaroni and cheese. The girl that stayed with us, Pam, did the cooking. I helped my mom.

After we had the tree up and had eaten dinner we sat and enjoyed the tree. My mom had some of her music playing. I liked to hear her music. It felt good when I helped my mom put up the tree and put the



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ornaments on it.

My mom helped me put the Christmas balls on the tree. The ornaments felt like plastic. They were round like a sphere with a hook on the top of the ball. We hung a bunch of balls on the tree. I felt happy and nice while I was putting them on the tree.

Christmas makes me feel happy because we get presents from Santa and because the Christ-child was born in Bethlehem. Christmas is my favorite holiday.

Chasyn Cribb
2nd grade Whiteville Primary
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For Christmas, I gathered with my family. Me and my family ate chicken, ham, beans, and cake. My mom put up our Christmas tree. We decorated our Christmas tree by putting Christmas lights and ornaments on and presents under the tree. We went to my grandpa's house. We had a party. We

wore Christmas outfits. That was very fun. We baked a cake. The cake was vanilla cake. We put chocolate frosting and smiley faces on it. That was the best Christmas present! Merry Christmas Everyone! And we celebrated Jesus' birth on Christmas! Woop! Woop!

Ciara Coard
2nd grade Whiteville Primary
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I like to spend time with my family and I like to open presents with my family. I like Christmas because it feels happy. I like Christmas because it was fun. It was fun because I get to spend time with my family and I helped my mom by fixing the Christmas tree. I like Christmas because we get to hear music. The music was Jingle Bells. It looks like so much fun to do. I love Christmas because Father Christmas gives us gift. The best is that I got a bike. I like Christmas because it is my favorite holiday.

Noe Mandujano
2nd grade Whiteville Primary
School Writers' Group

I had a really good Christmas last year. I got a dirt bike for Christmas. It was red, orange, and yellow with flames. I felt fast when I ride it. I smelled the smoke of it. And it felt like rubber because of the seat. It came with a helmet. Also, it felt like the wind in my face. My dirt bike was outside. I knew it was out there because I looked out the window because I got a present that said, "Look out the window!" It was a good Christmas!!

Cameron Price
2nd grade Whiteville Primary
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Baking Gingerbread men with my mom

For dessert after dinner, me and my mom were baking gingerbread men. The first step was mixing the batter. The next step was molding the cookies into gingerbread men. The third step was putting them in the oven. My mom put them in there. The fourth step is decorating the cookies. They smelled like cinnamon. They were so soft and squishy!. We used Christmas colored frosting. We put smiley faces on them. Some had polka dot dresses. Some had bowties and collars. I will always help my mom bake.

Karimin Castrejon
2nd grade Whiteville Primary
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For Christmas I got a drone and a big blue girl motor car. I had so much fun with it. I played with the drone in the house, but my grandma said, "You are going to have to go outside with the drone. The next day I played with my car outside. I had a lot of fun with it too, like I did with the drone. I only had a little time to play on it all day, because I had to go inside. I was so much happy of Santa, the elves, and Mrs. Santa was the best. I felt so good too. The drone was wrapped and under the tree. The car was over beside the tree. It was so cold on that Christmas. We drunk some hot cocoa with marshmallows. We all had fun together.

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Paula and the Christmas squirrel

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Once upon a time there was a possum named Paula. Because Paula could fly, her friends called her Superpossum. Her mom even sewed her a cape, since superheroes need capes when they are flying around fighting evil. She was good friends with Santa Claus, and had many adventures helping him on Christmas Eve.

Paula loved flying around on Christmas Eve, looking at the lights and visiting her animal friends. One frosty Christmas Eve, Paula looked over to one side and saw another animal flying beside her. It wasn't either of her bird-friends, Barney the Barred Owl or Dearheart the Quivering Owl.

"Well, I wonder who this is?" Paula said to herself, and zoomed toward the other animal. The animal was very small.

"Merry Christmas!" the animal squeaked in a very high-pitched voice. "You're Paula! I'm Charlie the flying squirrel!"

"Merry Christmas to you, Charlie!" Paula replied. "What are you up to this pretty night?"

"I've been reha-rehab-rehab-billy-tated," the squirrel said. "Rehabilitated. The humans who took care of me turned me loose. I went to live with them when I was a baby. They were nice people, too. I hated to leave, but a squirrel's got to do what a squirrel's got to do."

"Who were your humans, if you don't mind me asking?"

"Oh, Miss Rhonda and the Wildman. You know them?" Paula laughed.

"KNOW them? They're friends of mine! How is Walter the Wonder Dog, and Susie and Wesley, and all the equines?"

"The what?"

The donkeys and horses."

"Oh. They're doing pretty well." The squirrel banked a little, catching a gust of wind under his tummy so he could glide closer to Paula. "Busy and all, what with the holidays. Listen," Charlie said. "Do you know where I can find a colony of flying squirrels? I haven't been able to find any up here."

Paula scratched her chin, thinking.

"I'm not sure. We don't have many of your kind around here. I wish we did – you're different, but kinda cool."

"Thanks," Charlie said. "You know we really don't fly – well, you do, but flying squirrels don't. I actually glide."

"I wasn't going to be rude," Paula said, smiling.

"It is what it is," Charlie said. "I'm happy. I would like to find some friends like me, though."

"I'm sorry I don't know any flying squirrels except you. We can be friends, though. I'll be happy to take you down to meet my friend Richard. He has a lot of flying squirrels in his yard, but they're city squirrels."

"Cool. I appreciate that. So what do you do?" Paula laughed and laughed.

"A lot of times, it seems like all I do is fly around on Christmas Eve and look for people and animals to help. Really all I want to do is look at the Christmas lights, and visit my friends. It never seems to work out that way, though."

The possum and the squirrel zipped along, talking and looking at the Christmas lights far below them on the ground. There was one house they noticed that was dark.

"Hey, Paula, I wonder why they don't have any lights?" Paula turned so they could fly back around the house.

"Well, there's a light on at the front door, but that's all. Maybe they don't like Christmas?"

"Who doesn't like Christmas?" Charlie said, shocked.

"Some people aren't really smart," Paula said. "Let's go find out." They flew down toward the house, and a dog began barking.

"Go away! Go away!" he barked. Paula slowed to a hover, and Charlie landed on

the roof of the porch. It was a rundown house, very poor looking, and it made Paula sad.

"Hey, Dog. Be cool. I'm Paula. That's Charlie. Why are you outside in the cold? And with no Christmas lights?" The dog gave her a funny look.

"I'm Scruffy. My humans just let me out for the nightly business. How come you're

of the year they can hear us."

"I know what you mean," Paula said. "Merry Christmas, Scruffy. I hope things get better." Scruffy half-smiled.

"Well, we know what the season is really about, so that's okay. I just worry about my girls." Paula and Charlie lifted off, and flew around the house. Charlie frowned.

"I looked through the door when she let Scruffy in," he

Rhonda lived down a long road on the edge of the swamp, and Charlie flew right over the gate. There were lights in the trees around the front yard, and on the horse fence. Even the chicken pen had a wreath. The humans were decorating the Christmas tree in front of the windows, and Charlie thought for a moment about how it was always warm in the house.

mas lights."

"You've come to the right swamp," Melanie said, heehawing. Charlie shrugged the bag off his back.

"This is something called Reindeer Dust," he said. "Paula said you would know what to do with it."

"Flying on Christmas Eve!" Melanie brayed happily. "I hope we get to see Santa!"

Paula rested for a moment on the city limits sign and sent Mr. Dwight a message with the address.

"I don't want to be texting and flying," she said to herself. "It's not safe."

Paula streaked across the night sky, heading for Judge Doug and Miss Vickie's house. He hated bothering them on Christmas Eve again, but he knew they wouldn't mind, especially since there was a little kid in need.

"Uh-oh," Paula said, hovering over the yard. There were a lot of cars and trucks in the yard. Miss Vickie and Judge Doug were having a Christmas party! Paula didn't want to interrupt them, because that would be rude. She pulled out her phone, and sent Judge Doug a text, asking if he would meet her outside.

A moment later, a flash-light was playing across the sky.

"Paula? Paula? Where are you?" Judge Doug called. She slowly drifted to the ground, and held out her paw.

"Merry Christmas, Judge! I'm sorry to bother you on Christmas Eve."

"If you need me, all you have to do is call," Judge Doug said.

"My buddy Charlie and I met a dog and his family this evening. They're about an hour by the road down that way. Near as I can tell, the lady is a nice young woman. She's taking care of her cousin, who's five. They haven't got anything – she even sold some of the furniture to pay the rent, and sold her car for her tuition money."

"Tell me what we can do to help," Judge Doug said.

"Well, they don't have much food," Paula said, "and I wanted to see if you had any more MREs." Judge Doug laughed.

"Every time I turn around, I'm finding more," he said. "I think we can do better than that, but come on."

Inside the barn, Judge Doug lifted a couple boxes of the emergency meals. There were stacks and stacks of them, many with notes saying they were heading for homeless shelters, churches and fire departments. Several, however, didn't have a destination marked on the side.

"How are you going to carry these, Paula?" he asked. "They're a little big for your pouch."

Paula pulled out her phone and punched a button.

"I have that handled," she said.

Big Boy stretched. Little Girl's puppies were bothering him, and he was tired. Still, he wanted to see the puppies when they saw Santa Claus

for the first time.

Their human, Blake, came out the back door of the house, calling.

"Big Boy, we got to get to work!" he shouted. "Little Girl, you guard the house."

"Work?" Big Boy said. "It's Christmas Eve!"

"Well, it's kind of work," Blake said. "We're going to Judge Doug and Miss Vickie's to pick up some boxes of food. Paula the Superpossum called—she needs our help. There's a family that ain't going to have Christmas without us."

Big Boy leaped into the truck and wiggled under his seat belt.

"What are we waiting for?"

Charlie dropped down low and slow as he went past the lake. He didn't want any of the owls to think he was supper. He had left the bag of Reindeer Dust with the Wildman. As he left, Charlie saw his humans and all the animals pulling lights off the trees and fence and putting them in saddlebags on Mellie and Mabel.

"I need to check my list again," he said, and looked away for a moment as he pulled it out.

Suddenly he flew into a sign!

Charlie's head spun as he hit the sign and bounced off. He screeched as he rolled across the sidewalk to the grass. He smelled straw and saw bright lights, then he passed out.

Hayden and her family loved the Christmas tree at the lake, and every night, Hayden wanted to go by and see the nativity scene and the tree. She had a candy cane dress that was her favorite. They had stopped to admire the tree when something hit the street sign behind them and began screaming.

"Look, Grandma!" the little girl shouted. "It's a little animal, and he's hurt!"

"Be careful," Miss Ruth said.

Charlie's eyes flickered open, and he shook his head. He woke up in a doll bed, in a nice warm house. There was a bandage on his head.

"Wow, that hurt," he said.

"You can talk!" Hayden said, eyes growing wide.

"Well, sometimes," Charlie said. "Thank you for helping me. I need to be on my way, though. There's a family that needs help – they won't have any Christmas without some help."

"Well that is certainly a nice thing to do," said Hayden's grandmother, Miss Ruth. Can we do something?"

"Well," Charlie said, "there's a little girl, and she didn't get to talk to one of Santa's helpers this year. I'm not sure if he knows where she is. Paula the Superpossum is trying to find Santa right now, but it's Christmas Eve, and he's kinda busy."

"Paula the what?" Miss Ruth asked.

"She's – it's a long story. Anyway, I need to get going.

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flying? Possums don't fly!"

"It's a long story," Paula said. "Are your humans okay?" The dog sighed and sat down. When he wasn't barking, he seemed like a nice dog.

"Well, my story is long, too. The mom and dad humans, well, they got in trouble and went away somewhere with the police. They weren't really nice to me or the girls, anyway."

"You're here by yourself?" Charlie exclaimed. Scruffy shook his head.

"Oh no – I have my girl, Cindy, and her cousin, Mary. Mary is almost grownup – she's 22, and works when she isn't going to college. She wants to be a nurse and help people. Mary's taking care of me and Cindy. It's pretty tough sometimes."

"We're doing okay, but we never seem to have enough money. Mary had to sell some of the furniture a while back to keep us fed. Wasn't any way we could have a Christmas tree this year, much less any presents or anything."

Scruffy wiped his paw across his eyes. "I worry about my girls. That's why I was barking so loud – I ain't big, but nobody's going to mess with my family as long as I am here."

"You're a great dog," Charlie said. "I tell you plain, you scared me for a minute."

"How old is Cindy?" Paula asked. Scruffy tilted his head to one side, squinted and counted with his paw.

"I'm six in human years, so she's five."

"She didn't talk to one of Santa's helpers this year?" Scruffy shook his head.

"Mary sold her car to pay the house rent and school. She's been having to catch rides. They ride on the church van sometimes, but they couldn't get to the church party, much less find one of Santa's helpers." Scruffy cocked one ear toward the door. The three animals heard footsteps.

"Scruffy! Scruffy!" a pleasant voice called. "Cindy wants to go to bed. Come in out of the cold. We have to save the kerosene for tomorrow. Scruffy! Come on, boy."

"I'd best head inside," Scurfy said. "My girls need me to help stay warm. We all sleep together in one bed. It's tight, but warm. You two come back again some time, please? I don't have a lot of critters to talk to. It kinda freaks humans out. Of course, there are only a few times out

said. "The little girl – she was wearing a T-shirt. I'm wearing a fur coat, and I'm cold." Paula nodded.

"I glanced in there, too – Mary has a bunch of academic awards on the wall. She's really smart. Even if she wasn't smart, she seems nice. A lot of girls her age would be having fun. Here she is, raising a little kid best as she can."

"I wish I had a lot of friends, and maybe we could do something," Charlie said.

"I do have a lot of friends," Paula said, "and we're going to help. How fast can you fly? Think you can keep up?" Charlie shouted, but it sounded more like a screech.

"I can do better than keep up! Let's rock!"

One of Santa's helpers, Dwight Burleson, was settling down for Christmas Eve to eat pizza with his family when he realized he'd left his coffee cup at the Santa house. He hung up his Santa coat, but still wore the warm cap as he strolled back to the Santa house, enjoying the Christmas decorations. Mr. Dwight picked up the cup and locked the door as he went out.

"Can't believe we have to lock Santa's house these days, but it's a mean world out there," he said to himself. "Still, I love seeing the kids smile, and it's great to work with Santa every year."

A shadow passed in front of him on the sidewalk, and he hesitated for just a second. Then he laughed a big "Ho-Ho-Ho!" before giving a regular laugh.

"Sorry, Paula," he said. "I forget sometimes that I can laugh like a normal person when I'm not on duty."

"Merry Christmas, Mr. Dwight!" Paula said. "I need some help – well, I know somebody that needs some help. I know it's Christmas Eve and all, but I was wondering –"

"You have to ask?" Mr. Dwight laughed. "If I can, I will."

Paula explained the situation as quickly as she could, and Mr. Dwight nodded.

"I'll text you the address!" Paula said, and flew off into the night.

Charlie flew faster than he had ever flown before. He knew the road like the back of his paw. He was a little off-balance from the bag he carried like a knapsack.

The Wildman and Miss

"But I'm a flying squirrel," he told himself, "and a squirrel's got to do what a squirrel's got to do."

"Hey, look!" Henri the one-eyed cat said. "It's Charlie!"

"Come back for Christmas dinner, Charlie?" Johnny Spots the cat asked, winking and licking his lips.

"Who goes there?!?" brayed Mabel the donkey, jumping out of the bushes.

"It's me, Charlie!" the flying squirrel peeped.

"Calm down, Mabel," the other donkey, Big Melanie, said. "Merry Christmas, tiny squirrel. You've come home."

"Just for a visit," he said.

"I have an emergency. Paula the Superpossum asked for our help."

"Paula!" barked Walter the Wonder dog. "Is she here? I don't smell her."

"Does she have someone who needs protecting?" Susie the Doberman asked. "I am an excellent protector."

"Did she find some more dogfighters?" Wesley the Jagd terrier asked politely. "I really dislike dog fighters."

All the animals began asking questions at the same time, until June the horse neighed loudly.

"Let the little guy talk, for crying out loud."

"Thank you," Charlie said. "There's a little girl –"

"I love little girls!" Mabel brayed.

"—and she lives with her cousin. They are really, really poor. They don't have any Christmas lights or anything. They don't have any presents, either."

"But – it's Christmas," Miguel the three-legged possum said. "Even possums get presents at Christmas."

"How can a little kid not have any lights to enjoy?" Melanie said. "That's a special part of Christmas to me."

"Who doesn't have any lights?" came a voice from the front door. The Wildman stood there in his warm gray hat. "Well, Merry Christmas, Charlie! I figured you'd have your own family by now."

"Charlie's back?" Miss Rhonda said. "We missed you, but you're free now."

"I enjoy it, too," Charlie said. "I'm here because I – well, me and Paula the Superpossum—we need some help."

"I am so proud of you, teaming up with the Superpossum," Miss Rhonda exclaimed. "How can we help?"

"First off," Charlie said, "we need to find some Christ-



My favorite Christmas

My favorite Christmas memory was when I was three years old. I got so many presents. I got a baby doll, tea cups, shoes, toys and clothes. I got different kinds of stuff. After I washed I went outside and played in the snow and my sister threw a snowball and then we made snow angels like we we always do. When we get snow then we finished playing and went inside and drunk hot cocoa and watched the polar express and then talk and everyone went home.

Charity Bland, 8
Linda Parker's 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory was when it snowed and we went down to my mema and papa's. We got a chain and chained the sled to the four wheeler and rode all around the house and up and down the driveway. It was so much fun. I loved that memory.

Marlee Buffkin, 9
Linda Parker's 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

My favorite Christmas day was when I was helping people. I also played outside with the snow. Then I played soccer with my brother.

Yahel Tapia, 9
Linda Parker's 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

My favorite Christmas is when I had a snowball fight at home. I went to the park and went sledding in the snow. Then I went to my sister's house and played in the snow some more.

Zachary Ellis, 9
Linda Parker's 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

One Christmas Day

One Christmas day I had woke up and it was snowing. So, then I asked could I go outside and my mom said yes. So, then when I stepped outside I smelled the air and then PLOP! A snowball landed in my face and it was so cold. My cousin had threw the snowball. He was hiding in the bushes. Then I made a hard, hard snowball and I hit him in the head and then I ran behind the pump house. So, he wiped it off and then looked sharply to see if he could see me. When he was not looking I ran behind the house. Before I knew it I got spotted so we both started to make a shield so we would not get hit. We both did the same thing. I threw a snowball. He threw a snowball. Back to back they kept coming over and over in till we got so tired that are hands were freezing so we went inside and put hot water on our hands. Then we drank hot cocoa and then I sang a song "I am chilly. I feel like Willy. I put my penny in the spinney that goes around and around. It hops and pops. It jumps the hills that are in the fields which makes me silly. So I asked my cousin did he want to go outside again and he said he wants to finish his cocoa. He said that they he was close to finishing and needed to dry. So, I sat there and waited and waited and i started to play my tablet. When our clothes were dried we rode our bikes and then I got off to get some snow and I slipped. So I thought maybe we can do this again tomorrow.

Jaylin Brown, 9
Linda Parker's 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

One winter day it snowed in North Carolina. It rarely snows here. So, it was a really fun memory for me. My friend Samantha got me some gloves because I didn't have any. I bundled up and went outside. Samantha and I made snowmen. I made the biggest one out of all. It was really fun. We were going to use that as the middle ball but it was way too big and we couldn't even lift it up. After that Samantha's brothers, Bradley and Thomas and my brother Kaleb had a snowball fight. We built barriers and we all had a good time!

Sara Coleman, 9
Linda Parker's 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

On Christmas morning 1 year ago I went to South Carolina to see my grandma and papa and family. When i got there i

went to my uncle and aunt's house to eat and all of my family was there. After I finished my food I went to my papa's pond to fish. After I was done fishing I went to my papa and grandma's house that day the 20 pound climb the wall while i was playing with the dog. That night the dog slept with me on the couch. That is my favorite memory and seeing my family in Delco. We road bikes and played inside. We got a remote control truck to play with. It was slippery and the remote control truck slipped.

Dawson Crosby, 8
Linda Parker's 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

Me and my family build a snowman and play snowball. I got presents and made an angel and a cat. I got my bike and I couldn't ride my bike because it was stuck in the snow and I destroyed the snowman.

Atiel Hernandez, 9
Linda Parker's 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

One Christmas morning I woke up and I put on some clothes to go outside. When I got done I went outside and built a snowman. Then my sister came outside and messed it up. Then I made a snowball and threw it at her. She picked one up and she threw it at me. Then we had a snowball fight. She chased me around the yard. Then we both chased each other around the yard. We kept on running and running until we got tired. Then we went in the house to take a break. Then we never came out because we went to sleep. That is was one of my best memories.

Trista Robinson, 8
Linda Parker's 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

My favorite winter memory was when I was playing in the snow and making snow angels. I had a very good time it was so fun. I built a beautiful snowman with branch arms. I loved it! I put a pointed carrot nose on it. On Christmas Eve I went to my mama and papa's house. It was so much fun. I played with my dog named Lucky. He is so gentle.

Ronald Tannenbaum, 8
Linda Parker's 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

When it was Christmas my family and I went to our cousin's house. We got to our cousins house like about one o'clock. When we got there I started to play with my cousin. We started to play on the trampoline and we played kickball, and we played basketball. Then it was starting to get a little bit late, so we made a fire because it was night time and it was cold. We stayed beside the fire to warm up because it was cold. We stayed beside the fire until it was10 o'clock at night. Then we went inside to eat a lot of stuff. Then when we finished eating we went back outside. We sat on the porch. Then later on we went back inside. We saw a lot of presents under the Christmas tree. We opened the presents. I got a remote control car, some clothes, and other stuff. I had to sleep in late because it was Christmas and I wanted to open the presents.


Axel Florido Candido, 8
Linda Parker's 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

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Love, Friends & Merrity
Hopes, Dreams & Levity

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Amazed with your gifts
Nice
Thankful
Amazed

Cynthia 8
3rd Grade
Cydell Godwin
Chadbourn Elementary

Joy
Earth
Special
Unique
Salvation

Jesus was here on Christmas Day,
Alot of joy spread along the way.
So, we say this to him this day,
Happy birthday!

Eva 9
3rd Grade
Spaulding
Chadbourn Elementary

Santa
Naughty kids
Oh what fun
Wonderful time of the year
Grab a bag of goodies
Light of the world
O' Christmas Tree
Being with family
Elf on the shelf

Kadence, 9
Cydell Godwin's 3rd Grade
Chadbourn Elementary

White snow is on the ground
Ice is everywhere
No sun to melt the snow
Taking time to make a snowman for Christmas
Every Christmas brings sparkling white snow
Rest and enjoy my Christmas snowman

KeAndre 9
3rd Grade
Chadbourn Elementary School

Christmas is the best holiday of the year
Happiness to everyone
Rudolph with the red nose
If he can come from the North Pole
Santa is the best
Time to celebrate Jesus' birth
Merry Christmas
Ask Santa for more gifts
Santa Claus is coming to town

Kenya
3rd Grade
Spaulding
Chadbourn Elementary

My family
Evergreen Trees
Rejoice
Rudolph
Year after year I'm blessed
Christmas
Hallelujah
Reindeers
I'm excited
Sled
Tree Ornaments
Merry Christmas
Always be thankful
Santa

Niveah 9
3rd Grade
Cydell Godwin
Chadbourn Elementary

Christmas
A Merry Christmas
Naughty
December
Yes Jesus Loves Me
Cookies for Santa

A special baby
Nice
Elves
Santa

Samantha 7
2nd Grade
Cydell Godwin
Chadbourn Elementary

Say a prayer
Always be thankful
Never doubt Jesus
Take time to say thank you
A jolly Christmas
Santa is always looking
Exicted about Christmas
Love
Faith

Skyler 8
3rd Grade
Cydell Godwin
Chadbourn elementary

Jesus
Oh, Salvation
Yeah, I Love Jesus

Taylor 8
3rd Grade
Cydell Godwin
Chadbourn Elementary

Dear Santa,
Please forgive those who are disobedient and are not paying attention in their classes. I know deep down they really want to be good children, but sometimes it is just very difficult. I really would like for each ot them to receive some kind of gift. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

Natavion 8
3rd Grade
Spaulding
Chadbourn Elementary

Christmas magic
Happy children
Reindeer nose
I am waiting
Santa Claus
Toys to play
Magic reindeer
A Christmas tree
Singing carols

Emma Wood, 8
Melissa McPherson's 3rd Grade
Williams Township School

Christ
Holly
Riding the sleigh
Icicles
Sleigh bells ringing
Toys to make
Making a snowman
Angels
Singing songs

Kiera Dubinin, 9
Melissa McPherson's 3rd Grade
Williams Township School

Cheerful
Happy holidays
Rudolph lights the way
Icy weather
Snow
Toys to get
Merry Christmas



Trevor Simmons
11th Grade
South Columbus High School

A happy kid
Song at church

Abigail Barnhill, 9
Melissa McPherson's 3rd Grade
Williams Township School

Cookies for Santa Claus
Houses decorated
Remember Jesus
Is family time
Saviour was born
Toys being given
Meeting with family
Angels singing
Stars shining bright on Christmas night

Morgan Cartrette, 9
Melissa McPherson's 3rd Grade
Williams Township School

Christmas
Heavenly
Reindeer on roof
Ice cream on pie
Snowflakes
Tap shoes under the tree
Merry
An elf on the shelf
Son of God

Summer Beasley, 8
Melissa McPherson's 3rd Grade
Williams Township School

Candy
Happy Christmas
Rudolph
I am happy
Sing songs
Time to play
Making it fun to wrap
A Christmas ornament
Santa is nice

Zora Green, 8
Melissa McPherson's 3rd Grade
Williams Township School

Christ
Happy children
Reindeer
Icicles
Santa
Trees
Mistletoe
A time for family
Savior

Seth Hardee, 8
Melissa McPherson's 3rd Grade
Williams Township School



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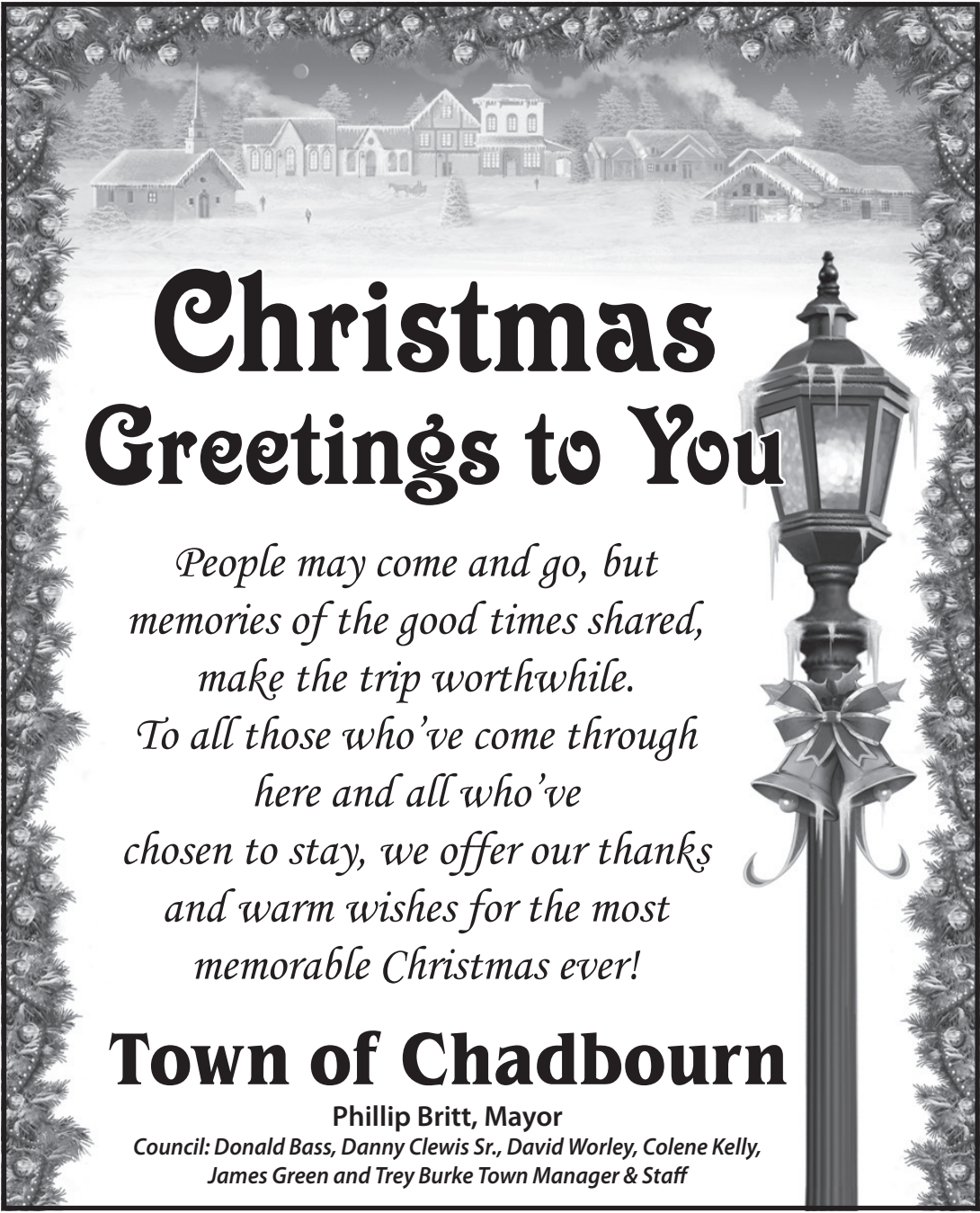
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People may come and go, but memories of the good times shared, make the trip worthwhile. To all those who've come through here and all who've chosen to stay, we offer our thanks and warm wishes for the most memorable Christmas ever!

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Yosein Parocios
Elizabeth Spaulding's 8th Grade Art Class
Acme Delco Middle School

Dear Santa

Dear Santa,
This is want I want for Christmas, a new PS4 controller. I also want homes for the homeless and food for the people in Africa. I want my little sister to get a little Mickey Mouse phone. I want my oldest sister to get a Dodge Charger. My second oldest sister to get a iPhone 8. I want to get a 3DS with Mario Cart 7 and new Samsung and a Michel Jackson album. The last thing I want for Christmas is to get touch Rudolph, Dancer, Dasher, Prancer, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitz.

Larry, 9
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a Iphone 7 and a mini and a swing set and a Hover board and a chrome book and a skate board and a air force book and a air force book bag and a pet horse and a pet bunny and a football and a basketball and a basketball hoop.

Aiden, 8
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want a baby alive, ginger bread man and a board game. I would like new outdoor reindeer decorations too - Rudolph, Dancer, Comet, and Donner because my dog messed all of it up. Merry Christmas.

Madisyn, 9
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I will like a pet rabbit for Christmas, but Grandma says I'm too young, but I know my wish

will come true one day. If I do get a pet rabbit it will have to be at my Aunts house. Will you also get me a cage, a bag of food and some toys for it, please. Thanks

Merry Christmas,
P.S see you soon Santa
Haley, 9
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a toy car, a toy school, a Xbox 1, and, the new Mario game I hope you have a safe trip. One apron a time there was a boy named tray who play in the snow with no snow hat he got his snow hat and got outside and the snow was gone. The end

Ty Quiel, 9
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I love you and your elf. Can you by me a phone? I know it's hard but if you cannot buy me that then buy or make me it. Can you make me a computer cause we are doing SumDog on our minis if we had a tablet or a computer so I really love that Santa so Merry Christmas and happy new years.

Kaylee, 9
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a new phone, books, clothes, socks, shoes, a puppy, some things for my and my sisters bed room, and other things. Merry Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Claus enjoy Christmas.

P.S.I'll try to have you some cookies and milk! Ho Ho Ho!!!
Love you and you are the best!

Shyleigh, 8
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaleigh and I'm 9 years old. I have been good

this year. I would like to receive lots of presents for me and my brother, Brody. My little brother love to talk can you get him a toy that talks back toy. I would like to receive a PS4 and a hover board.

Love, Kaleigh
Kaleigh, 9
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I heard a story that a boy want to go outside, but his mom told he had to do his chores. But they boy got md and said, "NO!" Santa put him on the naughty list, but something happened, he was doing his chores. Then Santa was happy and he put the boy in the good list and the boy went outside. The End

Saul, 10
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Twinkles and dingles

Twinkles and Dingles
Christmas trees dingle Santa's bell twinkles. As his reindeers setoff on Christmas Eve. Santa ate cookies as he gave lovely kids gifts. Witch they are very happy now. Now Santa eats cookies and milk on Christmas night and says

merry Christmas.
Jingle Bells Ring
I hear jingle bells that means that Santa is coming to town. I love the smell of gingerbread cookies and cinnamon milk for Santa. They smell so good I want to be Santa so I can eat all these yummy treats.

Nevaeh, 9
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Once upon a time

Once upon a time there was a boy who wanted to go outside in the snow. But he could not because

He had to do his homework. Next, he had to eat dinner then he could go outside in the snow.

Then he went outside in the snow and played with his hover bard. Finally he went

inside again.

Bo, 8
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Once upon a time it was Christmas Eve and a little girl named Skylah. She was very happy it was Christmas night. She went to bed. And Santa is coming she thought and as she went to sleep. Skylah hear some noise on the roof. Skylah woke up and went outside and saw all eight reindeer. It was "Amazing!" she said. Skylah saw all of the presents. Skylah went back inside and saw Santa. Skylah thought it was a dream, she blinked her eyes and it wasn't a dream. Skylah rushed back outside got a ladder and went on to the roof and got on Santa's sleigh. When Santa got on his sleigh and road off with Skylah on it. They rode off to wonder land



Kadance Hammonds
C. Spaulding's 8th Grade Art Class
Central Middle School



l'Naya Graham
Elizabeth Spaulding's 8th Grade Art Class
Acme Delco Middle School

full of gingerbread houses and candy can and Santa looked in the sleigh and Skylah said, "It's you, It's you!" and she jumped up and down. Santa showed her all around wonder land.

Skylah, 9
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Once upon a time there was a little girl named Olivia. Olivia loved Christmas. She loved the food, present, and mostly spending time with family and friends. One day Olivia asked her mom to go outside and play with her friends. Her mom said get everything on. Olivia said ok but can I help you make food later. Mom said yes dear but come inside at 5:00 p.m. Ok said mom Said Olivia. Soon Olivia went inside she was tired. Then Olivia went to help mom make dinner for tomorrow. Then Olivia went to bed. Tomorrow was Christmas Olivia was excited. Olivia woke up she ran down stairs. She saw so may presents to open. She went to wake up her mom and dad. Then they started to open presents. Then ate dinner with their family.

Lia, 9
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementar

The night no one will forget...

Once upon time there was a little girl named Anyah It was Christmas Eve there was cookies waiting for Santa, Christmas carols, and presents under the tree .Everyone was asleep until a sound was hear ! Anyah went down stairs and saw nothing. Just then Anyah heard the sound again. Anyah hid behind the stairs and the sound she heard was reindeer. Then Santa, slid down the chimney with jolly Ho,Ho,Ho. Santa gobbled up the cookies and put presents under the tree. That night Anyah had a wonderful thought in her head. Merry Christmas.

Anyah, 8
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary



Allie Crowley
M. Bridger's 2nd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

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Anarely Nunez
Elizabeth Spaulding's 7th Grade Art Class
Hallsboro Middle School

One day

One day I was 7 years old on Christmas day. I woke up happy on Christmas day. I got out of bed and got dressed, then went to my Grandma's house. I begs my grandpop to open a gift. Then my cousin came over for Christmas. I got to open a gift next. I got a board game, a match game. Next, I went outside to play. Later I came in to play with my cousin. When we got tired, we went to sleep.

Jamia, 9
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Christmas spirit

Oh the Christmas spirit just won't leave me alone through my body and in my bones this night won't be a fright because guess who is coming tonight? Good old Saint Nick while the sugarplums dance in our heads we won't hear father Christmas in our houses not even from our beds. Rudolph, Dasher, Prancer, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Dancer and Blitzen oh what's that on the roof click clock click clock oh look at the time tick tock tick tock as Santa leaves with a Ho, Ho, Ho all the children say, "Here we go, go, go." Run down stairs with no worries at all look up under the Christmas tree where they're going to have a ball. Teddy bears and Barbie dolls....look in our stoking - candy and cookies and she has a new toboggan. Sit by the fire, hot coco and toys and this Christmas was a great joy Merry Christmas once and for all, but Santa is coming right after fall Ho, Ho, Ho - look at the sun, next Christmas were going to have lots of fun.

Mariyah, 8
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Oh, the Christmas spirit just won't leave me alone. Though my body and in my bones this Christmas won't be a fright cause guess who's coming tonight. Sana, good old Saint Nick, while the sugarplums danced in our heads. We won't hear Father Christmas in our houses, not even from our beds. Rudolph, Dasher, Prancer, Comet, cupid, Donner, Dancer, and Blitzen. Oh what's that on the roof, click, clock, click, clock, oh look at the time, tick, toc, tick. As Santa leaves with a, "Ho, Ho, Ho" all the children say, "Here we Go, Go, Go," Run down stairs with no worries at all look under the Christmas tree. They're going to have a ball. Teddy bears, baby dolls....oh look, in our stockings, candy and cookies. She got a new toboggan. Sit by the fire, hot cocoa and toys, oh this Christmas was a great joy. Merry Christmas once and for all, but Santa's coming right after fall. Ho, Ho, Ho. Look at the sun, but next Christmas we're going to have lots of fun.

Mariyah, 8
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary



Collin Milligan, 7
Janet Hewett's 2nd Grade
Williams Township

two pairs of pants, socks, and boots. When I went outside, I made snowballs. I felt really cold, and I felt like having a lot of fun.

Annalee Powers, 8
Ruthie Newman's 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

My Favorite Christmas Memory

My favorite part of Christmas is when my entire family goes to my Grandma's and we open a bunch of presents and have a big feast. We watch "The Family Game Show" too. Grandma is my dad's mom and she lives one mile away from me. My grandma gives us presents and we give presents to her and it's really fun. The feast is huge with all kinds of food, like corn, potatoes, and for dessert, some cookies. Then after that we open some presents. I'm the littlest in the family, so I get the most presents. Next we open them and just do stuff with our presents. Then, if my cousins and I are bored with playing with our Christmas presents, then my cousins will play with my hair.

Kenzie Bowen, 8
Ruthie Newman's 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary



Rayleigh Baldwin
Elizabeth Spaulding's 6th Grade Art Class
Hallsboro Middle School

My Favorite Christmas Memory

My favorite Christmas memory is when we had a Christmas breakfast. It was me, my mom, my dad, my brother, and my dog. We had pancakes, sausage, bacon, and eggs. We all ate after opening presents. Even my dog ate pancakes and sausage, but she would not eat eggs. She was so funny. She would put eggs in her mouth then she would spit it out and then put more in her mouth. Everybody was laughing at her. My dog loved her stocking full of treats. So that was my favorite Christmas memory. What is yours?

Chloe Edmund, 8
Ruthie Newman's 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

My Christmas Memory

My favorite Christmas memory is my family going around and visiting our relatives during the holiday season. I go to my Grandma Sylvia's and I open presents and have fun and we eat Christmas dinner and we watch "The Polar Express." Last year while we were watching it, we ate popcorn. My Grandma Sylvia is my daddy's mama. After the movie, we opened presents.



Ava Jacobs
Elizabeth Spaulding's 7th Grade Art Class
Hallsboro Middle School

Finally, I opened one and I got a teepee tent. My daddy, my dog Ellie, and I went outside in the snow and played. My cousin, Campbell, came with us. We jumped on my trampoline with snow on it. Later we ate macaroni, ribs, mashed potatoes, salad, and lemon pie. It was delicious. After we left my Grandma Sylvia's, we visited other relatives. We went to my meme's and papa's, my mama's mama and daddy. We ate just some dessert because we were not that hungry. It was apple pie. We made a gingerbread house too. It was a great day!

Blayden Ludlum, 9
Ruthie Newman's 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

My Christmas Memory
My favorite Christmas memory was two years ago when it snowed a lot. When I woke up, I went to the living room and looked outside and

saw white stuff all over the window. I went to my mom's bedroom and I asked if I could go outside to play in the snow. She said I could, so I put on two pairs of pants, socks, two shirts, and two jackets. Then I went outside. I made snowmen and snow angels. It was fun to be in the snow because I could do all the stuff that I couldn't do last year. Then I went inside to open presents.

Logan Norris, 8
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My Favorite Christmas Memory

My Favorite Christmas Memory

My favorite Christmas memory is when I was at my Grandmaw's house. I was sitting on the couch watching TV, and it was not Christmas yet, but I wanted a lot of stuff. I was four years old. I wanted a fire truck and I REALLY wanted the new Hot Wheels set. I had just written my Christmas list. A couple of days later, it was still not Christmas yet, but I heard jingle bells in the driveway. So I told my Grandmaw and when she opened the door, the whole room smelled like gingerbread. A man with a red velvet coat, long white beard, and a red hat was there. It was Santa Claus, not one of the workers, it was the REAL Santa and he brought me the Hot Wheels set!!!! That is my favorite Christmas memory.

Kameron Packett, 9
Ruthie Newman's 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

My Favorite Christmas Memory

My favorite Christmas memory is going to my Meme Terri's house and eating food and opening presents. The weekend before Christmas, my grandmother and grandfather and my family go to her house and lots of my other family are there. When we walk into the house, the wrapping paper and the bows are so pretty and Christmas tree is so pretty. It makes me feel happy because I get to see others happy and laughing. Someone roasts oysters and people eat them outside, but not me, because I do NOT like them. We also eat cake and salad, cupcakes, casseroles, cheeseburgers, and brownies. After we eat, we open presents at my Meme Terri's house.

Zoey Williamson, 8
Ruthie Newman's 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

My Favorite Christmas Memory

My favorite Christmas memory was when I first got my dog. He is black and brown and he is five years old now. When he was two years old, he used to sleep with me and my sister. I used to pick him up, but now he is too big. At night, he stays outside and guards us. Sometimes, I play fetch with him. Me and Buddy go walking to the end of the street and back. I feed him, water him, walk him, and wash him. I named him Buddy because he used to be by my side all the time and he is my buddy, so that is why I named him Buddy.

Isoiah Alford, 9
Ruthie Newman's 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

My Favorite Christmas

One Christmas Eve, my mom, baby sister, dad, brother, uncle, aunt, Grandma, Papa, and I were at my house drinking hot cocoa. We went outside to catch snowflakes on our tongues. We looked at the clock and it was 11 p.m. My little sister knocked over the tree. We picked it up and luckily all the bulbs weren't glass. We swept up the glass and put on our pajamas and went to bed. Christmas wasn't ruined after all. I heard reindeer hoofs on the roof later that night. The next morning we opened our presents. We said "Merry Christmas" and we all had a good Christmas.

Kiyani Graham, 8
Ruthie Newman's 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

My Christmas Memory

Last Christmas Eve, my dog Diamond, died. We were decorating our tree and my next door neighbor called and said our dog was loose. I ran outside to catch her but she ran from me into the road. Diamond didn't see the car coming and it hit her and killed her. My uncle got Diamond out of the road and buried her. We all cried because we loved her so much. She was brown and white and had brown eyes. She like to play ball and she would bring me back the ball. She like to eat food. She ate food like a bear. I miss her so much.

Shaniya Graham, 10

Ruthie Newman's 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

My Christmas Memory

My favorite Christmas memory happened last year. My family and I had a delicious Christmas dinner. We had ham, macaroni, rice, fried chicken, and green beans. My Grandma cooked it.

Jamel Bellamy, 8
Ruthie Newman's 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

My Christmas Memory

Every year, my Pepa Jeff cooks a feast for the family for Christmas dinner. Pepa Jeff is my mom's dad. We go to his house in Chadbourn for Christmas every year. He cooks ham, potato salad, chicken, and macaroni and cheese. My mom, my dad, my sisters, my brother, my nana, and my aunt are there. We play with three horses, Casey, Sea Biscuit, and Jake. Sometimes we ride the horses. We play hide and go seek. We climb trees and play kickball and soccer. We open our presents. We each get three presents.

Cassidy King, 8
Ruthie Newman's 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

My Christmas Memory

Last Christmas, I had a Christmas dinner with my family at my grandparents' house. There was lots of food. I got 2 plates of food. Mawmaw cooked ham, deviled eggs, stuffing, and corn. After we ate, everyone played football outside. My baby brother and I beat my mom, my brother, and my sister. After football, we watched The Polar Express. My favorite part is when he gets on the train. Then I got dessert. It was Oreo pie. It was very good.

Wyatt Bushnell, 9
Ruthie Newman's 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

My Christmas Memory

I am writing about my Christmas memory. My dad puts the Christmas tree in the house and I help Mom and Dad decorate it. It is huge and it has candy canes and a picture of me in PreK on it. It also has a picture of my sister on it. It has a red angel and a small angel. It has a star with lights of red, green, blue, and pink. It has Christmas balls on it. Me, Mom, Dad, and my sister have a good Christmas time.

Lakeisha Chavis, 10
Ruthie Newman's Third Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

My Christmas Memory

My favorite Christmas was last year. We decorated the Christmas tree and my Aunt Angie cooked chicken and rice. She is my daddy's brother's girlfriend, but on my mother's side, she is my cousin. We all drank hot cocoa and we sang karaoke and skated. We played with baby dolls and with the pillow maker set. We made bracelets and we watched The Polar Express. We ate popcorn. Then we opened presents. It was the best Christmas of my whole life. But this year is going to be even better.

Ky'asia Smith, 8
Ruthie Newman's 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

My Christmas Memory

My favorite Christmas memory is how I spend time with my family, eating and opening presents. We go to my daddy's and my aunt's house. The people that are there are my cousins, Karlie and Tyler, my aunt, Papa, Mom, Uncle Larry, and some more family. We eat turkey, ham, lima beans, string beans, cake, brownies, and cupcakes. I bring presents from my house to my aunt's and we sort the presents to each other and then open them. I feel happy to be spending time with my family and celebrating Christmas with them.

Savannah Norris, 8
Ruthie Newman's 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

My Christmas Memory

My Christmas memory is singing at my church. I go to Evergreen Baptist Church. My mom and dad and my grandparents all come to see me and it is traditional. There are about five of us and we sing "The Little Drummer Boy" and "Do You Hear What I Hear?" After we sing, we go to the Fellowship Hall and eat. I like this memory because I like singing in the church.

Bradley Leggett, 8
Ruthie Newman's 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

My Christmas Tree

My Christmas tree is green. It has ornaments on it. It has colored lights on it. My mom decorates it. We help her decorate a little bit. It is in our kitchen. I can't wait for there to be presents under it!

Riley Horton, 8
Ruthie Newman's 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary



Tavianna Dobie, 7
Tammie Patrick's 1st Grade
Whiteville Primary



Irma Galdamez, 7
Tammie Patrick's 1st Grade
Whiteville Primary



Izeriah Brown, 7
Tammie Patrick's 1st Grade
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Tammie Patrick's 1st Grade
Whiteville Primary



Javonte Howard, 6
Tammie Patrick's 1st Grade
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When I woke up on Christmas day I looked out of my back window and I saw snow. So when I had saw that it had snowed I jumped up and down on my mom and my dad's bed. Then I woke up my little sister and then I told her there was a bunch of snow. Then we had asked my mom could we play in the snow and she said yes. So we got on our winter clothes and went outside and threw snowballs at each other. Then we made a big snowman then my god sister came outside and we made snow angels. So when we left outside we went and opened our Christmas presents. Mine was a tablet and my god sister's was a computer and she was screaming so bad because she was excited. My little sister, Kaylee's present was a little pink car that she had been begging for since her birthday and she had finally got it. Then we ate cookies for breakfast and some pancakes. Then my family came over so we could have a dinner and then they all left.

Morgan Best, 9
Linda Parker's 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

First I get ready to go and play outside with my cousins. Then we have a snowball fight. Next we build a little snowman. Two of us had to go get rocks. Next we go inside get warm and we wait until the snow melts.

Chase Avery, Age 8
Tyler Goodwin's 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary School

Hi my name is Addyson and one of my Christmas memories is about me going to South Carolina. I went there to see some of my family. It was fun. We ate and we played and we got birthday presents and Christmas presents. I even got a 100 dollar bill.

Addyson Crosby, Age 8
Tyler Goodwin's 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary School

It was Christmas morning. I came down the hallway my papa was not there. He was in Iowa. I started opening a present. I read the name. It was from my papa. He gave me books and the rest were from Santa and grandma. I was so happy I got a present from papa.

Irelynn Gooden, Age 8
Tyler Goodwin's 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary School

One Christmas morning my sister Anna came screaming down the hall Santa left his deer she jumped all over me in my bed saying Santa left his deer Rudolph! Then I came in mommas room saying Anna is crazy! Well we all got up went in the living room and saw my plastic fake deer for target practice with a bow and arrow. I flipped out when I saw her creepy dolls. At this moment we are all going nuts. It was such a crazy Christmas.

James Ham, Age 8
Tyler Goodwin's 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary School

Once upon of a time I had a Christmas and it was fun. So here is my story about my best Christmas ever. It was Christmas eve, mom was wrapping me and my sis gifts. We were in my oldest sis room waiting for my mom to get done wrapping. We were playing games and picking around with my baby brother. When she got done we all went into the living room. We all asked if we can open one of the presents, but she said no. After we got done eating we all went to bed. The next morning when me and my oldest sis wake up we asked if we can open our gifts that time she even said no. She wanted us to wait for our other sis to wake up. When she woke up my mom woke up then she got her phone and we got one of ours gifts and open it. How this became my best Christmas ever was what she got me. It was a scooter.

Janiyah Harrelson, Age 9
Tyler Goodwin's 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary School

This is my Christmas memories. First I gathered together with my family and my granny cooked the food. We helped make the cookies for Santa. Then we went upstairs to go to sleep. We all woke up and said good morning and got excited about our presents. All the grown up gave us our presents. Then after we opened our presents the grownups opened their presents. Then we played

with our toys. The we drank eggnog. This is my Christmas memory.

Laila Jones, Age 8
Tyler Goodwin's 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary School

On Christmas I woke up my elf was gone. I went in the living room and a saw all the gifts. I was happy then in went back to sleep. Then I woke up my family and they were waiting in the living room. I got a dirt bike and racetrack and some money and some shoes. I got a monster truck and I got a iPod. It was a great Christmas!

DaKarai Porter, Age 9
Tyler Goodwin's 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary School

This is my Christmas memories In Christmas I got a doll and some shoes. In my house my mom brings some people to eat for Christmas. People come and I love it. My mom and dad got me a gift for Christmas when I was little. I got a lot of presents for Christmas. I wish it could be like that. It still is but it is loud when people come and they make a big mess. I love Christmas very much.

Reyna Vega-Carbajal, Age 10
Tyler Goodwin's 3rd Grade
Acme Delco Elementary School



Raegan Monroe
7th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary



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6th Grade
Tabor City Middle



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8th Grade
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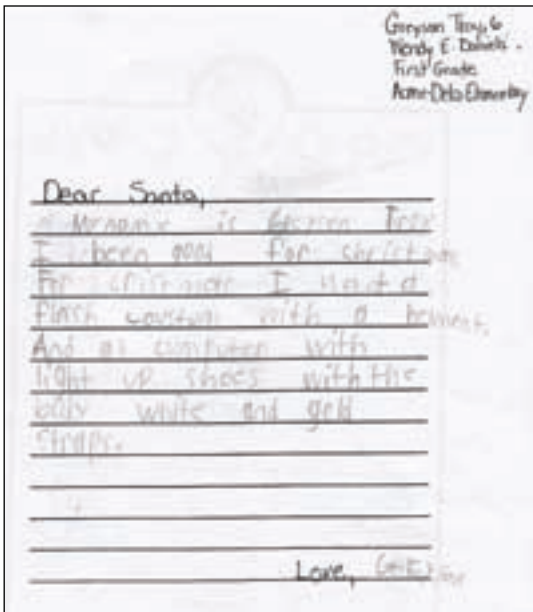
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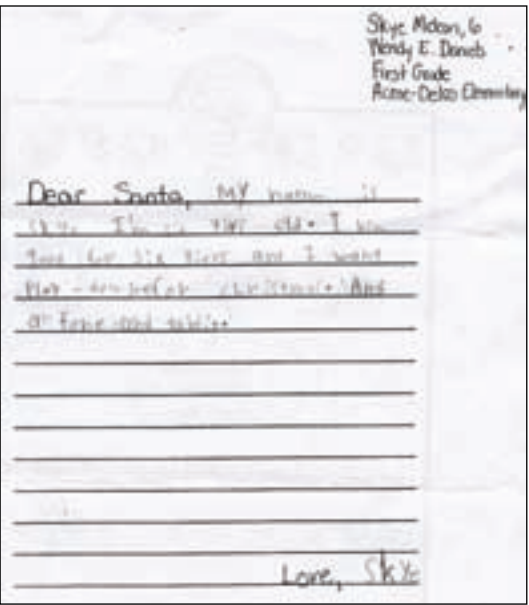
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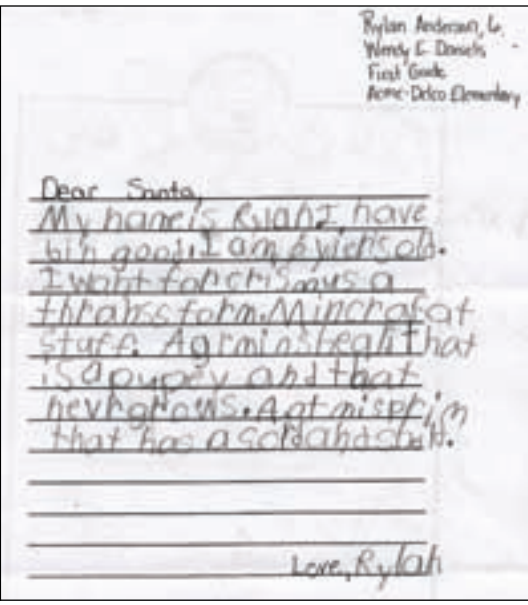
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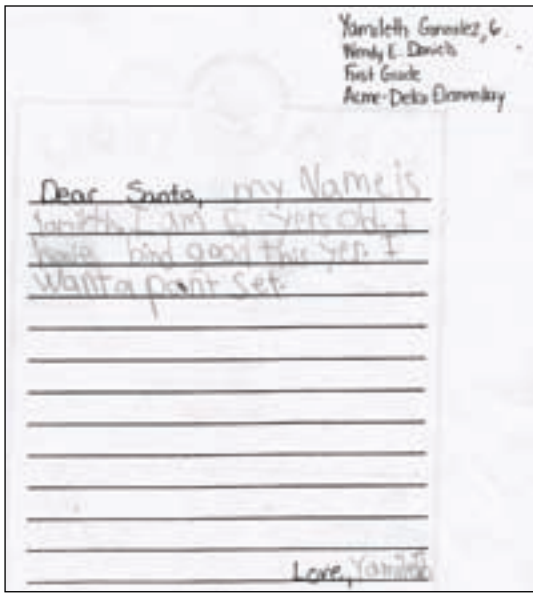
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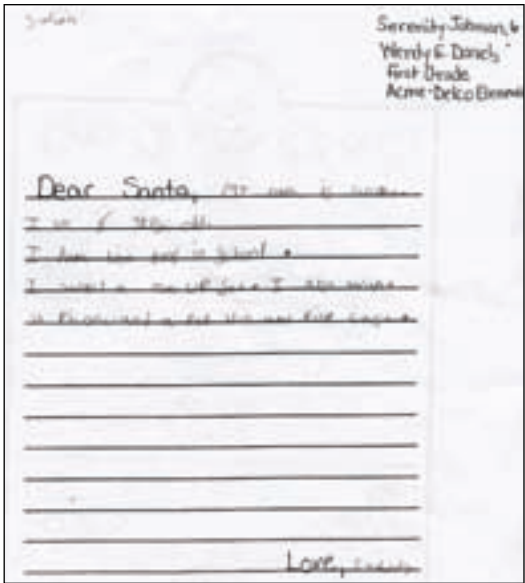
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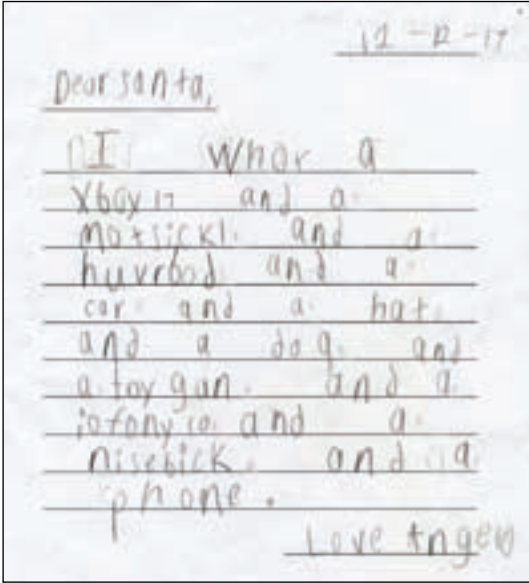
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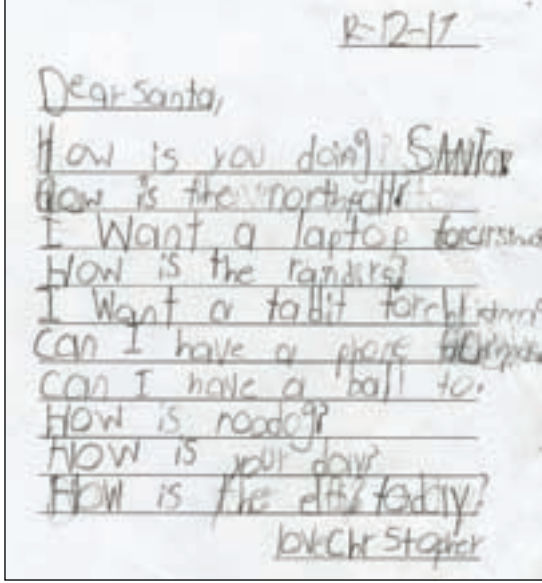
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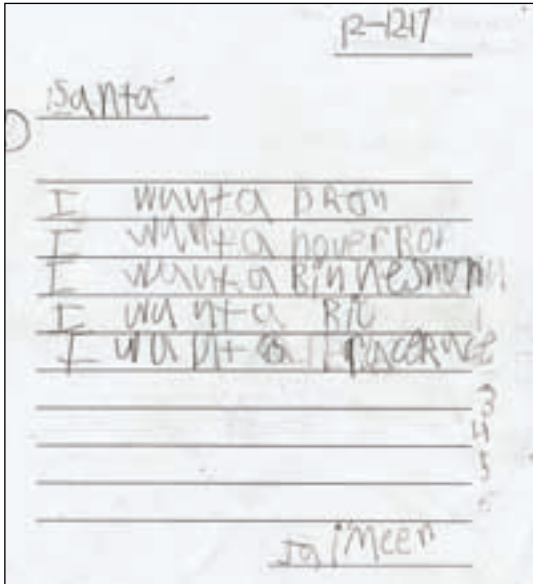
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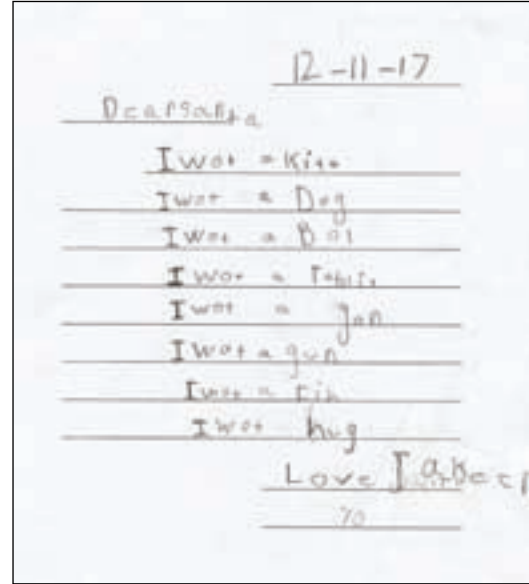
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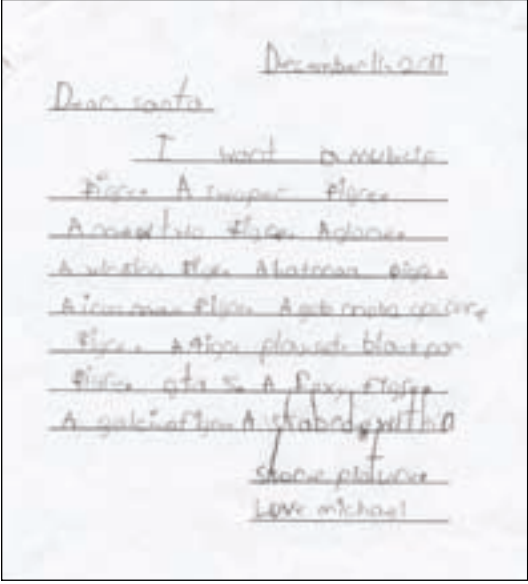
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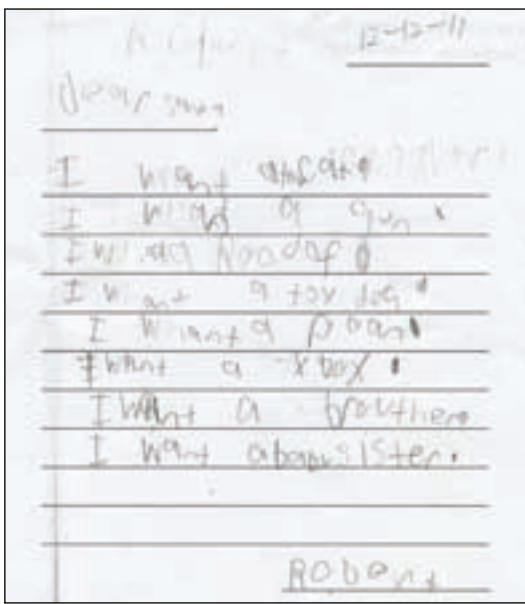
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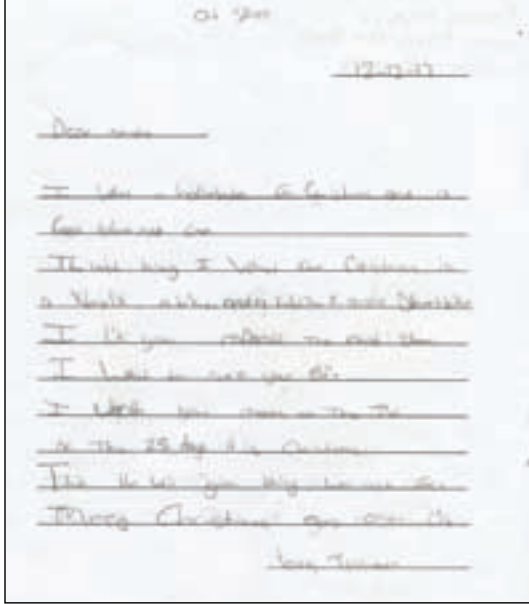
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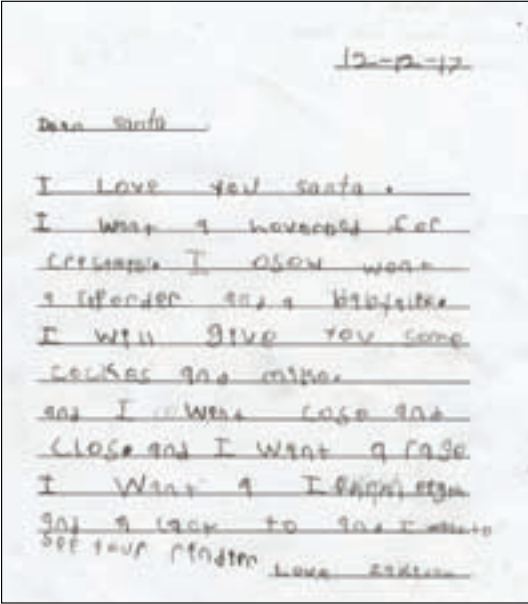
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Dear Santa,
Hi Santa, I want to have the best Christmas ever this year. I hope it snows because I want to build a snowman. I also want the whole Lego Dimeson set for a Xbox 360. I want a big Lego set so I can build. The last thing I hope to get is a Roku stick. I hope we have a great Christmas this year. I'll hope for thebest t.

Yourfr iend,
Terry Long, 9

My Favorite Christmas

My favorite Christmas is when I got my four wheeler. That year I had ask Santa for an iPad and couldn't hardly wait to see if that's what he got me. I woke up Christmas morning to see my presents and just like I wished for Santa had brought me an iPad, clothes, and lots of toys. I was so excited with my iPad, then my dad said he needed me to walk outside with him for a second. He opened the back door and there it was, my very own four wheeler. This was my favorite Christmas ever.

Luke Nance, 9
Kim Andrews' 4th grade
Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,
Santa you are the nicest person in the world. I hope that you get me an elf on the shelf. What I want for Christmas is a phone, toys, videogames, gift cards, money, and a RC car. What I really want to do is give presents to the homeless. I want to give presents to the homeless because so they can feel happy too. I also want to celebrate God's birthday.

Your friend,
Cody Mitchell, 10
Kim Andrews' 4th grade
Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,
Santa I hope I get what I want I really want for Christ-mas this year. I want several things for this Christmas. I really want a RC Car and the two things that extra batteries so when one is charging I can still be playing. The other thing I want is another body for it to look different or while one is wet and drying off I can use the other body.

Your friend,
Landon Worley, 9
Kim Andrews' 4th grade
Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,
I've been waiting excitedly for Christmas for a long time wanting you to come. I already have my Christmas list ready. I want a phone, a tablet, and Legos. I love Christmas so much because of how you give gifts and in return you get a gift. Another thing I love about Christmas is how you spend time with family and friends.

Your friend,
Takoda Zimmerman, 10
Kim Andrews' 4th grade
Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,
My favorite holiday is Christmas. Santa, I love Christ-mas because we get to celebrate Jesus birthday. For Christmas I want six Beyblade burst and a remote control car. Santa I hope it snows this year so I can build a snowman and have a snowball fight with my sister. One more thing, I want a soccer ball so I can practice and get good like Cristiano Ronaldo. I hope you have a good Christmas!

Your friend,
Alex Bernal, 10
Kim Andrews' 4th grade
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November 20,2017
Dear Santa,
All these years you have gave me so many things throughout the times, so that is why I'm not asking for a lot of stuff. What I want this year would be a big box of Lol surprise dolls. Can they be big sisters? I also want to get a baby doll, with some clothes, a bottle, and two or three binkies? Thank you for all you have done for me. I Hope you have a very merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Abbigail Varnam,9
Kim Andrews' 4th grade
Old Dock Elementary

My Favorite Christmas
My favorite Christmas was when Santa brought me roller skates with blades. That year, my brother got a robot which excited him. I pranked my brother with a big box and a little note that read "I pranked

you!" Instead of him getting angry with me, he thought it was funny. I ended up giving him some money so he could have a good present from me. I gave my dad a box with letters with a little bow. I gave my mom a stuffed cat.

Eliana Johnston, 10
Kim Andrews' 4th grade
Old Dock Elementary

November 20, 2017
Dear Santa,
Thank you so much for what you do every year for me. You always get me what I want. Can you do something for me? Can you get my elf on the shelf, Rosie, to come back? For Christmas this year I want an iPhone 6 and a clear case for it. Thank you so much for coming to my house every year! Santa, I want to tell you about Christ-mas. It's not about your new toys, it's about coming together with your family and Jesus's birthday!

Love,
Kenzley Fowler, 9
Kim Andrews' 4th grade
Old Dock Elementary

November 20, 2017
Dear Santa,
I've been waiting for you all year so I'm going to tell you what I want this year. I would like to have a phone case for my iPhone 6 and some cloths. I'm so glad it's almost time for you to come. I hope that I'm on the good list because I have been good at hope, school, and everywhere! I'm saying this because I know that you watch me. I hope that I hope I get what I've asked for.

Love,
Andrea Cook, 11
4th grade Mrs. Kim Andrews
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas Fun
You smell sweet sap, from a pine tree as soon as you step in your house. You look around and you see a tree with lights of all colors, in glee-you smile and think "It's Christmas time!". You then run to your room to see how much money you have, you sigh and mumble "Seventy dollars ...that should be enough to buy everyone something!" So you jump on your bike and ride to the mall. You park your bike and walk in the mall. Soon you find every-one a gift (even your pet fish). Then you buy wrapping paper and go home to start wrapping the gifts. When Christmas eve comes, you give everyone their gifts. Your grandfather says "Never forget that Christmas is not just about gifts but family and friends and also the birth of Jesus." You nod and smile, "This was an awesome Christmas!"

Kinsey Reaves, 10
4th Mrs. Kim Andrews
Old Dock Elementary

November 20, 2017
Dear Santa,
I would really like to have a drum kit, please with the drumming sticks. Santa can you also get me a speaker so I can hit the drums and play the songs I like at the same time? I would also like a new Mine-craft for my Xbox because my CD for Minecraft doesn't work anymore for some reason and can I get Gold membership. I want to play with my friends online. I also want a gift card for my Xbox so my brother and

I can use it. I hope you have a great Christmas with your family!

Your friend,
Felix Castrejon, 9
Kim Andrews' 4th grade
Old Dock Elementary

November 20, 2017
Dear Santa,
Have you been working hard this year? Are the Elves doing good? I hope I'm on the good list this year! If I am, I would love to have some new shoes this Christmas. I think my shoe size is 7. My favorite color is blue. There are some more things I would like but I don't want to list them all. I hope you have a safe flight this year!

Your friend,
Drake Ward, 9
Kim Andrews' 4th grade
Old Dock Elementary

My Favorite Christmas
One Christmas morning my uncle woke me up and told me I had a lot of gifts. I ran down stairs and saw all of the gifts. I was so happy. I woke my mama up to see them. She told me I was a good girl this year and that is why I have so many gifts. My baby sister woke up and went in the living room. She got one of her gifts and opened it. She got a baby doll but she had more gifts. After we were done opening gifts, we ate breakfast. We had some cookies after then and watched a Christmas movie. We had a great Christmas! That's not all, we played in snow and went sledding down a hill. We had fun that day.

Autumn Liseney, 10
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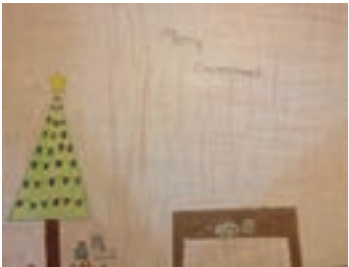
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What Christmas Means to Me

To me Christmas does not always mean get. It also means give. You should never be selfish. There are kids in the world that have no toys at all. Some kids live in places where they get little food and drink. So instead of asking and asking for toys. Why don't you help to buy some toys to give to other children in the world? Christmas is a special time of year. It is Jesus's birthday and there are many ways to celebrate. You could have everybody come to your house on Christmas Eve and open the presents you gave them or you could have everybody over and you play a lot of Christmas songs on the piano. It is all up to you. On every Christmas you are probably really excited and happy and once you open all your presents. Do you say thank you? I do. Every present I open I say thank you. Number one it is rude not to and number two why would you not say thank you when you get an awesome present. That would be super nice. You can never go wrong with Christmas. You can decorate as much as you can. You could even keep your tree up all year. It does not matter. As long as your happy at Christmas. Who is not happy at Christmas? Do you like to put up Christmas trees? I like to. You can decorate your tree any way you want to. You can do any colors. To me you don't have to do Christmas colors, but it is your opinion. Christmas is my favorite time of the year. I hope you like it too. I'm sure everybody loves Santa. He is the one that puts presents under your tree, other than your parents. He lives in the North Pole and every Christmas he rides in his sleigh and gives out presents to boys and girls. When he comes it would be nice to leave him some cookies and maybe a glass of milk. That is what I do and when I wake up the next morning it is gone. He eats it all! Christmas is my favorite time of year and I hope you have as much fun celebrating it as I do.

Kayla Hayes, 9
Kim Andrews' 4th grade
Old Dock Elementary

What Christmas Means to Me

Christmas means a lot to me because the families come together and have fun opening presents. One Christmas day when I was five or six my Uncle Calvin Strickland left to go get something and he never came back. So my grandmother Jeanette Perez went to go look for him. When she found him it was sad because he was dead. All the family went to his funeral. Everyone was sad. We will always remember him on his Birthday and on Christmas. So we miss him a lot and Christmas will never ever be the same.

Reynaldo Hernandez
Kimberly Parker's 4th Grade
Williams Township Elementary

CHRISTMAS DAY IS COMING SOON!!!

Christ is good, awesome, and cool

Happy Birthday God!!!
Reindeer could fly
Inner peace to everyone
Snow comes sometimes on Christmas eve

Trees are used to make a house pretty

Make a stocking and give the candy to someone.

Antlers of a deer

Santa Clause comes a day before God's birthday

Cayden Callihan, 9
Kim Andrews' 4th grade
Old Dock Elementary

My Santa Letter

Dear Santa,

I would like to get three video games please. The names of the games are Hardline two, Grand Theft Auto 6, and Call of Duty WW2. There are a couple more things I want such as a black chain necklace and a black ring. I hope I'm on the nice list so I can get what I want. I would like to get a new pair of pants too.

Love,
Chandler

Chandler Todd
Kimberly Parker's 4th Grade
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My Santa Letter

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas. I want a Cosmo and a 410. I would like a golden PS4 controller and a remote control plane. Also a game called Sniper Elite 4. I hope I get what I want. I been very, very, very, good. I have been good to my sister she's five and she has been good too. I hope my sister and I get what we want.

Love,
Logan

Logan Garrett
Kimberly Parker's 4th Grade
Williams Township Elementary

My Favorite Christmas

My favorite Christmas was about three years ago. I ran to wake up my mom and dad because they said I couldn't open presents until they're awake like always my dad didn't wake up until a hour later! Then when that Christmas turned magical was when I opened my presents. I was so happy. I got everything I wanted except a Wii U. Then we went to my grandma's house. Things got even better at my grandma's house. Everybody was there. I got a \$90, toy car and a video game. Luckily and surprisingly it was a game that was part of my favorite series of games, Sonic the Hedgehog. I love Christmas, so much!!!

Jace Walters
Kimberly Parker's 4th Grade
Williams Township Elementary

Catching Santa Claus

Christmas day is coming soon and I am going to catch Santa Claus thanks to my three step plan. Step one, I will put the milk and cookies in my room. Step two, I going to fix a trap like tripwire so when he steps in my room it will set off a bell. Step three, I will wake up and catch Santa and get all the presents in the world. This will be the best Christmas in

history. I might even change the world. But I will have to eat the cookies and milk feed Santa some. I will get all the presents I want for no reason what so ever. I love Christmas and Santa.

Skiler Wiggins
Kimberly Parker's 4th Grade
Williams Township Elementary

What we do on Christmas Eve

On Christmas we leave out cookies and milk for Santa Claus. Next we leave a note saying thank you for the presents. Then we go to bed. Our parents wake us up the next morning to open our gifts it makes such a mess but we clean it up before we go to bed. Then the next day on Christmas we always play with our new toys and put on our new clothes. We go to my house and have a party. We have the best parties ever. Then we all go home and watch Christmas movies.

Azyriah Bush
Kimberly Parker's 4th Grade
Williams Township Elementary

My Christmas

On Christmas night my family and I bake cookies for Santa. We always feed the reindeer some food and glitter. We go to bed early. We go to bed at 9:30 so Santa can come to our house. We love Christmas night. When we wake up we go running as fast as we can run to our tree to see what presents we got. We always go see if the cookies and milk are gone too. Christmas night is the best night ever.

Mason Mcpherson
Kimberly Parker's 4th Grade
Williams Township Elementary

My Favorite Present

My favorite present was a gun. It was a shotgun. I shot it 20 times at ducks with Easton. It was Mossy Oak shadow Grass Blades. I got a target

and put it up and shot it. That afternoon I played in the snow. Easton and I shot our limit. Easton and I had so much fun that day. My shotgun was the best gift ever. I was so happy that day.

Jaimon Fipps
Kimberly Parker's 4th Grade
Williams Township Elementary

My Christmas Note

Dear Santa,

For Christmas my #1 thing I want is a brand new phone because my old phone broke. Ever since then I been begging my grandma for a new phone but she keeps on saying she'll think about it. So this year I want you to get me a new phone and I want it to be a Samsung Galaxy S. I also want an Xbox 360, a PS4, a Nintendo 3-DS, a Tablet, a Football, a Soccer ball, a brand new pair of shoes, and a fidget spinner. This year I hope I have been good so I can get these things and I hope you have a good year.

From,
Hunter D. Hernandez
Hunter Hernandez
Kimberly Parker's 4th Grade
Williams Township Elementary

My Christmas Eve

My Christmas Eve is so fun. We go to my grandpa's house and eat a big dinner. Then we open presents. After that we talk for a while. Later we go to my grandma's house. She lives right beside us. We go over to her house and eat some more food. We open more presents. We talk until it's time for Santa. Then we go home and set some milk and cookies out for Santa and carrots for his reindeer. Last we get our PJs on and go to bed.

Macelyn Cribb
Kimberly Parker's 4th Grade
Williams Township Elementary

What I Got For Christmas

One Christmas day, I woke up to the sound of happiness inside my house. I went to the living room and my family was opening gifts. I joined in then I unwrapped my first gift. It was a classic Sega Genesis with built-in games. "Thanks." I said. Brayden opened his second gift. It was a toy dinosaur. He was very happy. Adelyn opened her second gift. It was a nail polish maker. She was super happy. I opened my second gift. It was a 3DS with Pokémon Ultra Moon.

Christmas was very fun. Christmas is my favorite holiday. Christmas is a great holiday

Matthew McDaniel
Kimberly Parker's 4th Grade
Williams Township Elementary

Christmas Joy

What Christmas means to me. Christmas is my favorite holiday. Christmas is my favorite holiday because you get a lot of presents. My elf is crazy. His name is Piper. Two years ago he strung white stuff all over the floor. Last year he got in the freezer. Last year I got a basketball goal and it is still not put up. I want a coon dog for Christmas. I probably won't get it. If I do get him or her I will name the boy Jacks and a girl Little Girl. I might get a 22 rifle with a scope. I'm getting new boots, a new hat, and a Drake coat. I want some duck calls. I want goggles for riding my dirt bike. I want a new dirt bike helmet. I want gloves for riding my dirt bike. I want them to be Fox brand. Christmas means a lot to me because I get to spend a lot of time with my family.

Colton Allen
Kimberly Parker's 4th Grade
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Merry Christmas to You and Yours

May you find lots of presents under the tree, lots of harmony in your home, and much joy in your heart this Christmas.

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My Christmas Adventure

My Christmas adventure begins one cold night sitting by the fireplace. Warm was the fireplace on this cold Christmas Eve night. My sister Molly came in. We didn't have homework because of the holiday. We were reading the Christmas story thinking about how much we like Santa. He comes on his sled to bring us joy, happiness and presents. Then Molly said "I wonder when Santa will arrive tonight." We were watching The Polar Express while waiting for Santa to come. We had a blast. I assured her enthusiastically that my motion detector Santa alarm would tell us if Santa arrived while we were drinking our hot chocolate. I learned how to make it on you tube. We even had bait...reindeer food. We were all set for the night. About thirty minutes later when The Polar Express was just getting to the North Pole when my Santa alarm went off beeping. We hid and Santa as big and red as ever came down the chimney. We were as still as stone statues. We had our recorder up and running. He carefully placed our presents under the Christmas tree and hustled up the chimney where we heard hooves stamping. The stamping noises ceased and Santa was gone. I couldn't believe it. We finally had proof that Santa was real. That was the most exciting Christmas I ever had.

Samuel Meares
Kimberly Parker's 4th Grade
Williams Township Elementary

Christmas Tradition

Every Christmas Eve my family and I go to my Aunt Wendy's house to celebrate. At Aunt Wendy's we eat and open presents. We usually have our whole family there so it's a pretty big celebration. After we go home from Aunt Wendy's we open presents at my house with my family. After that my sister and I say bye to our elf. Then my sister and I go to bed. My sister Peyton and I have always slept in the same room on Christmas Eve so we do that. Then Peyton and I wake up at like two o'clock in the morning but we are not allowed to get our parents up so we don't and we go back to bed. At six o'clock in the morning we wake our parents up. Our parents are sleepy. It takes them forever to get up. After my parents get up Peyton and I rush to the living room. Since Peyton and I have good eyes our parent blindfold us. Then they turn on the lights take off our blindfolds and we go. All of our presents are really cool, even our dog gets presents! After everyone sees our presents we go see my Mimi and G-daddy. When we get to their house all of our cousins are there. So we play with them. Then it's time to open presents. Every year we pick out people

to give presents to because we have like 20 kids on that side. We start from the baby's, then the kids, and then the adults. After opening presents we watch the family video. So every year we make a video about the whole year and we watch it on Christmas Day. So after we watch that we have a feast and go home. The next day we go to my Grandma Ann's house and spend Christmas with her. We also have her family there but it's not that big, but we all have fun. We open presents and my grandma cooks an amazing dinner. Then we go home and play with all of our stuff and that's our Christmas tradition.

Taylor Duncan
Kimberly Parker's 4th Grade
Williams Township Elementary

Christmas Day

On Christmas I am going to get a lot of presents. I might get some toys that I want. I hope I get 50 or more presents. We will have a big feast with lots of good food. We will talk and play. I think we will have a good time. My brother and I will play with all of our new stuff. We will go outside and play in the snow. We will have so much fun. We will share our toys and play together. It will be the best time ever.

Tyler Bass
Kimberly Parker's 4th Grade
Williams Township Elementary

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Dear Santa

Dear Santa,
Please can I have a Glimmies Glimtern, a black and white tiger, a Power Wheels ride-on, and a Fisher Price talking dog.

Jonathan Lagunas Gomez, 5
Marci Oram's PreK
Acme Delco Elementary

Dear Santa,
Please can I have 5 Nights at Freddy's toys, A bicycle, Legos, and Transformers, Ninja Turtles, and crayons.

Joshua Jones, 5
Marci Oram's PreK
Acme Delco Elementary

Dear Santa,
Please can I have a princess, a trophy with the princess on the door. A princess with a snowflake, and a princess with 3 snowflakes.

Hazel Rabuck, 4
Marci Oram's PreK
Acme Delco Elementary

Dear Santa,
Please can I have Ben 10 watch with the aliens in the middle, and a HeatBlast suit from Ben 10.

Dante Kelly Martinez, 4
Marci Oram's PreK
Acme Delco Elementary

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a tablet? A Barbie doll, a puppy, a pink cup, markers, and stickers.

Andrea Harrelson, 4
Marci Oram's PreK
Acme Delco Elementary

Dear Santa,
May I please have a toy monster truck, even a Transformer please. A snowboard, and all my family and all my friends come together at my house.

Chase Freeman, 5
Marci Oram's PreK
Acme Delco Elementary

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a black Spidey-suit, and a red Spidey-suit too. Can you bring the deer so I can see them?

Damien Kelly Martinez, 4
Marci Oram's PreK
Acme Delco Elementary

Dear Santa Claus,
Please can I get a red-nosed reindeer that flies, a real one? A big bouncy house and a real Grinch.

Christopher Hall, 4
Marci Oram's PreK
Acme Delco Elementary

Dear Santa Claus,
Please can I have a school bus monster truck, a toy. I wish I can go to bed and get a present.

Gavin Duke, 4
Marci Oram's PreK
Acme Delco Elementary

Dear Santa Claus,
Please I have the toys? Hot Wheels. Small present. A truck. Sergio Zarate, 4
Marci Oram's PreK
Acme Delco Elementary

Dear Santa Claus,
Please may I have some toys? A car and stickers and a piece of paper and a hairbrush, and a folder for my daddy.

Miranda Autry, 5
Marci Oram's PreK
Acme Delco Elementary

Dear Santa Claus,
You can bring me a big bowl of ice cream, and a Hatchable, a doll-baby house and a doll-baby car.

Armani Hickson, 5
Marci Oram's PreK
Acme Delco Elementary

Dear Santa Claus,
Please can I have a Hatchable and a baby doll and a Shopkins.

Karmin Robinson, 4
Marci Oram's PreK
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Dear Santa Claus,
Can I please have a Hatchable, a Haley Doll, and Shopkins.

Olivia Britt, 5
Marci Oram's PreK
Acme Delco Elementary

Dear Santa Claus,
Please I want Santa to buy me a kitchen, a unicorn truck, a deer car, and a house.

Kayla Alonso Martinez, 4
Marci Oram's PreK
Acme Delco Elementary

Dear Santa Claus,
Please can I have an Elsa Barbie, and Anna please. A Ms. Oram and Mrs. Shaw Barbie.

Savannah Sweeney, 4
Marci Oram's PreK
Acme Delco Elementary

Dear Santa Claus,
Please may I have My Little Pony toys. Elsa costume, a mermaid costume and that's it.

Alyssa Allen, 5
Marci Oram's PreK
Acme Delco Elementary



Sweet memories of that ugly Christmas tree???

By DORIS SMALL HEWETT
Throughout my 71 plus Christmases, I have fond memories---including: church services, decorations, greeting cards, gathering of family and friends, lots of good food and yes, some special gifts. The one constant of every Christmas along with the Nativity is the tree.
As I was decorating our tree this year, my mind wandered back through the years. I stopped and looked at photos of our tree or trees from past Christmas's. Now, which one was my favorite, which one was the prettiest and yes, which one was the ugliest ---- I was immediately drawn to probably the ugliest tree ever ----- our 1969 tree. As I looked at the picture (a simple decorated tree looking like a tall, skinny sprig), my eyes went to the precious gift sitting by the tree ---- our 11 month old first born. This was our first tree of a family of three. At that moment, I realized it's not about how pretty (real or artificial), how many special handmade, dated collectable ornaments are hung, how many pretty wrapped packages are placed underneath ----- it's about family and friends around the tree that we cherish and remember. Sweet, sweet memories are not about that ugly tree.



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The Package

As I stood waiting in the swirling snow waiting for the Christmas train my feet froze like a cube of ice. My body felt like I was in alaska. I wish for a dirt bike from the man on the Christmas train. Finally I could her the train. It sounded like a trumpet. It was so loud like an earthquake.

At last the train comes. I ran for the package, and I ran home to put the package under the Christmas tree.

At last it was Christmas morning I ran down the stairs and opened the the package it was a top,and two new socks I was disappointed but grateful because I needed socks to keep my feet warm.



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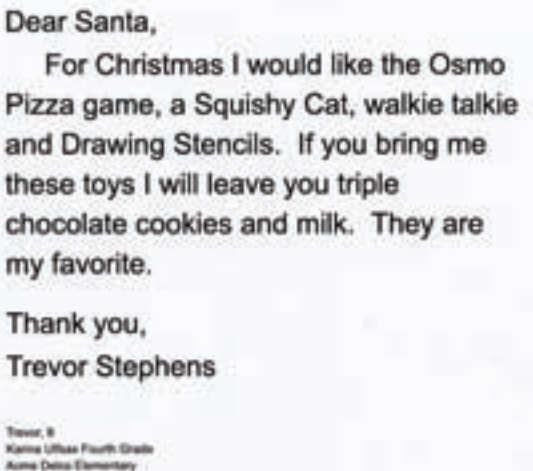
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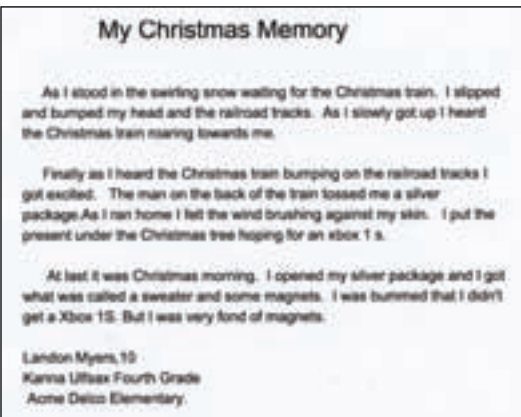
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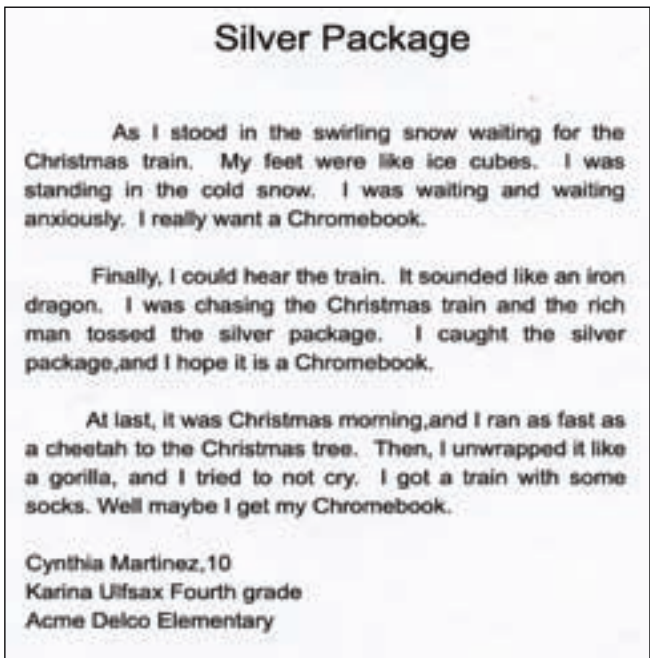
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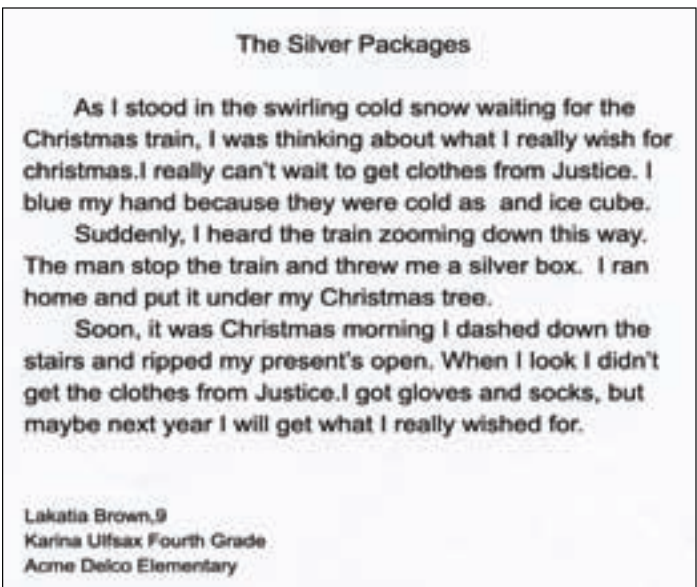
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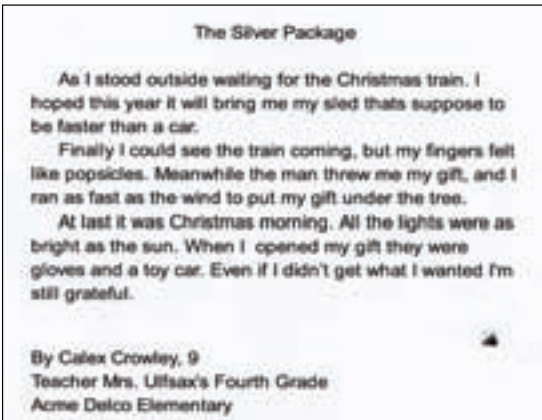
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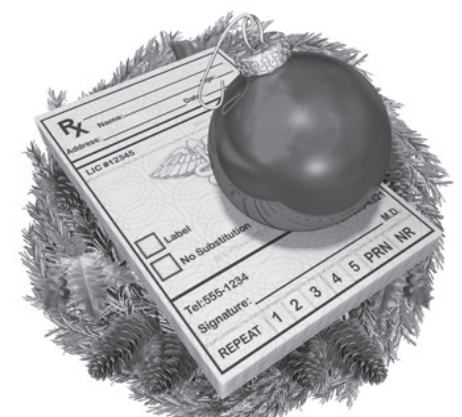
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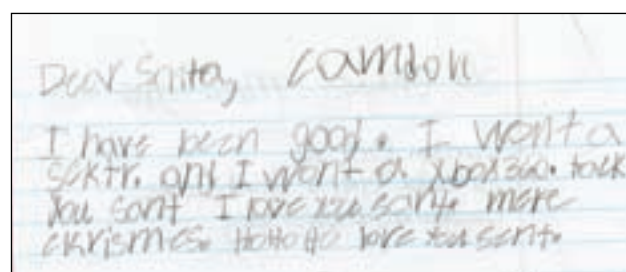
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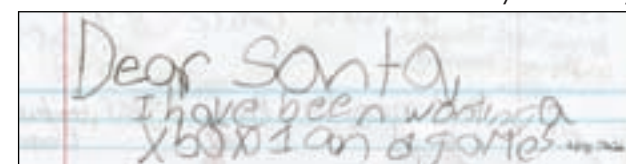
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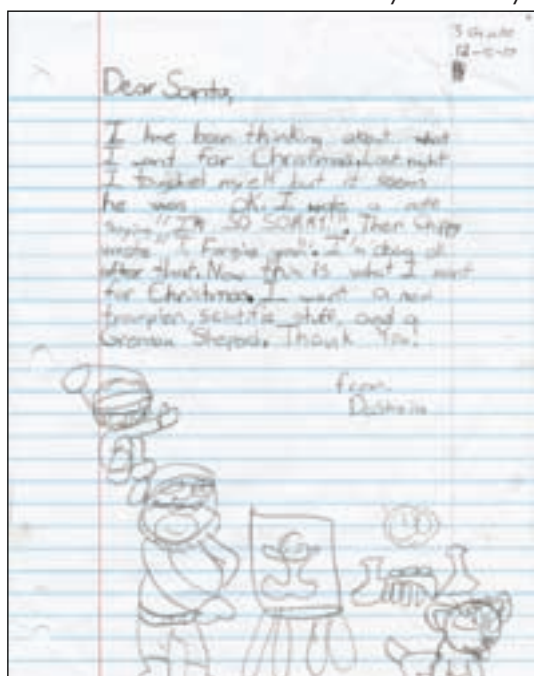
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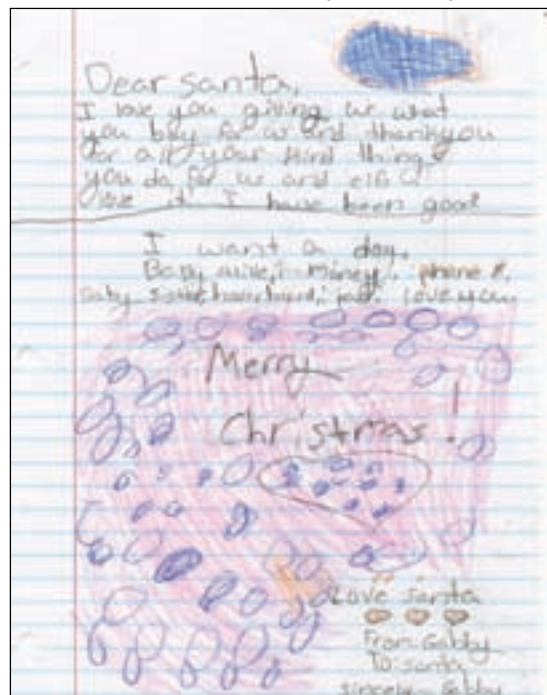
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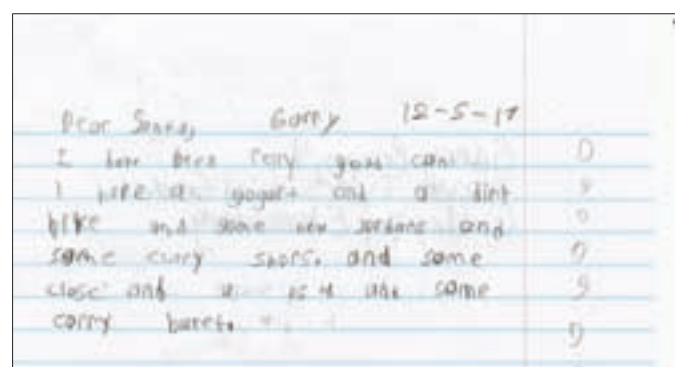
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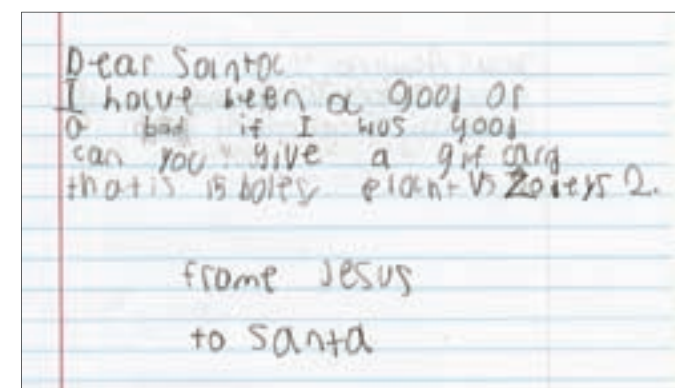
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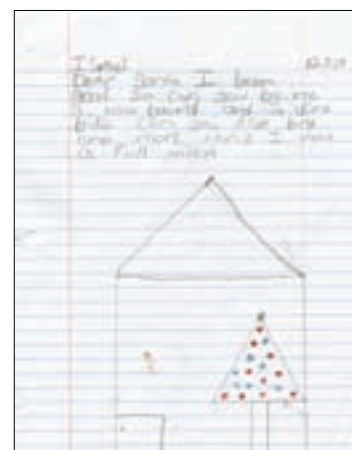
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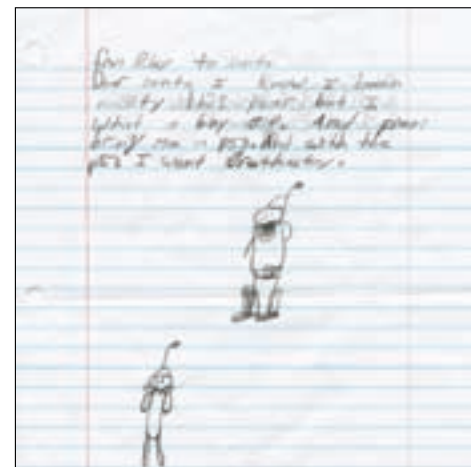
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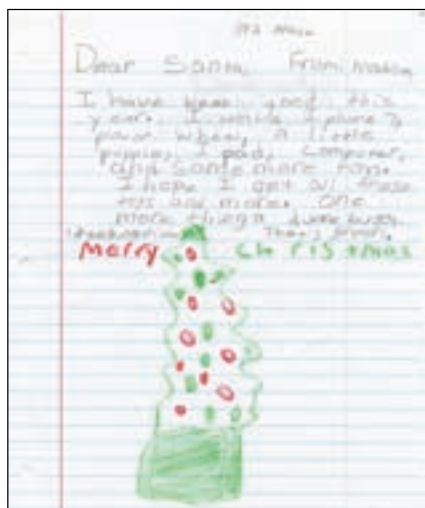
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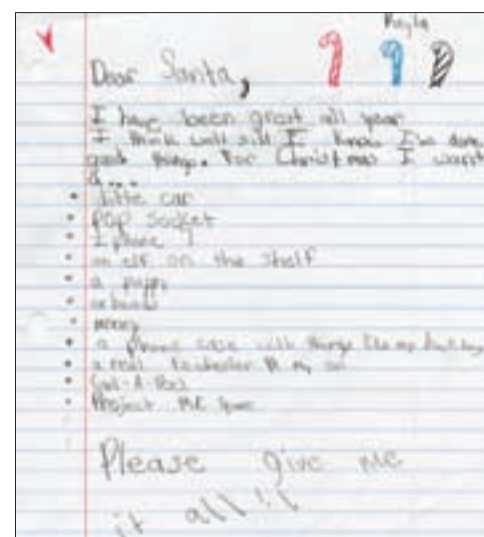
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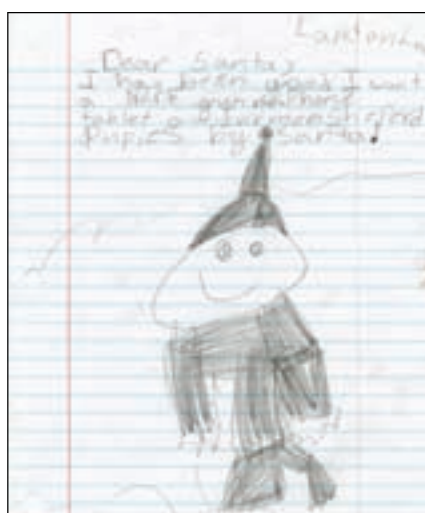
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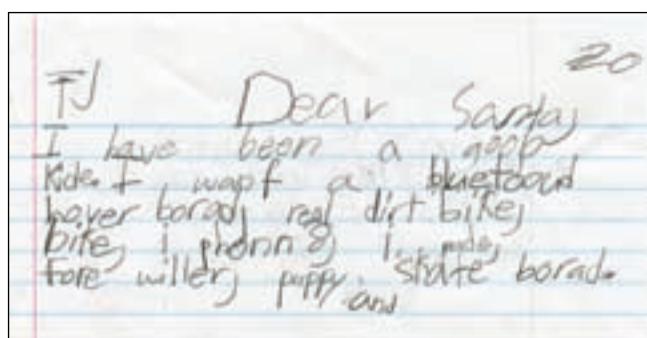
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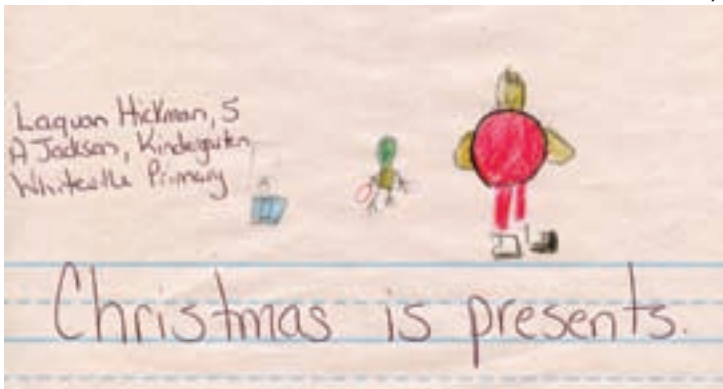
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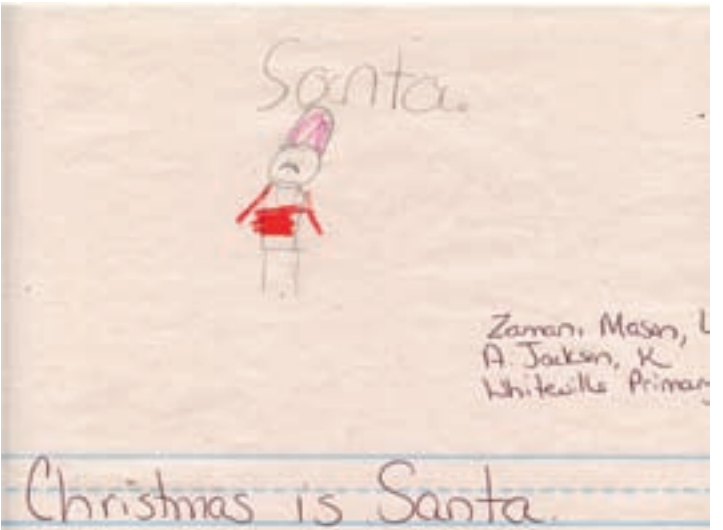
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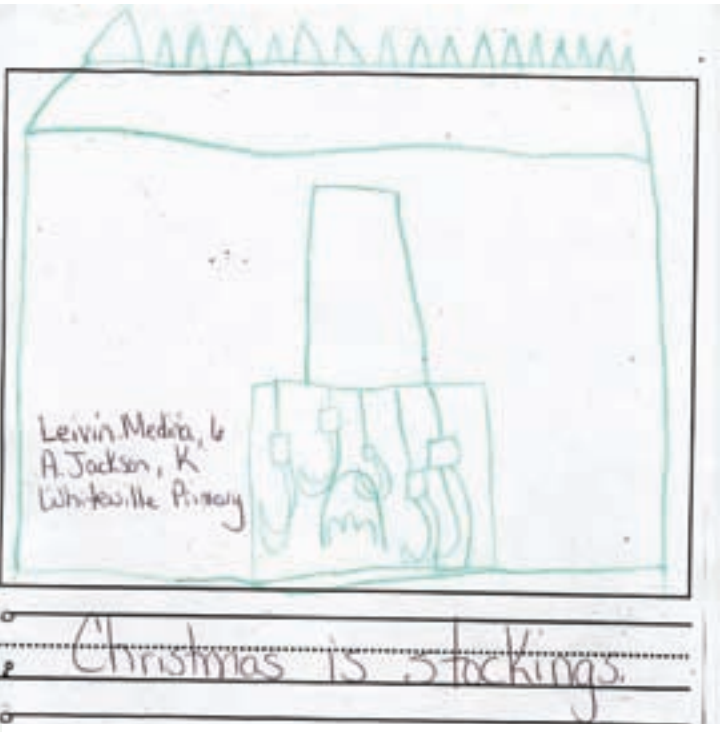
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Christmas

Christmas carols and Christmas songs,

Why don't you come and sing along.

Playing and sometimes praying caring for each other and bearing not to open gifts yet you could get a pet.

Or maybe get a toy jet, who knows!

You could maybe watch special shows of Christmas joys might make noise,

Remember do not take toys!

It is going to be great so do not hate do not be late see you soon while we listen to tunes and look up at the moon it is fate so be ready to celebrate.

Lizzy Cruz, 10

Sabrina Ward's 5th Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory...well I do not have one because my family and I do not celebrate Christmas. My family and I still have a tradition. We go to Cleveland, Texas to my grandma's and cousin's house. Every year my family and I go there and we all have a big cookout with BBQ and brisket. All the kids play hide and seek in the dark at night. It is extreme! And the next night we watch movies. We eat popcorn, ice cream, Nutella sandwiches, and drink Pepsi. So that is my memory.

Jamin Hernandez, 10

Sabrina Ward's 5th Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when my dad put up the Christmas tree and I put up the decorations. I also remember sneaking into my mom's room and watching her wrap presents. I waited until she put the presents under the tree and then we all fell asleep. The next morning I went to the Christmas tree where my parents were already waiting. I opened my presents. I don't remember what I got but what I actually enjoyed was spending time with my parents and sisters. Then we went outside because it was snowing. After we made snow angles and had snowball fights we went inside where we sat down at the kitchen table and ate. Then we went to the living room sat down and watched movies till we all fell asleep.

Kimberly, 10

Sabrina Ward's 5th Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,

I have been nice this whole year. I wanted to ask for a few things. The first thing I wanted to ask you for is color changing nail powder to put in clear nail polish to paint my nails. The next thing is some nail sponges to blend different colors on my nails. I would also like the Good Burger movie on DVD to watch at any time. Last but not least is for my mom's baby to grow healthy and for everything to go well. Not like my mom's last baby, it died from heart problems! Thank You Santa!

Sincerely,

Vanessa B.
Vanessa, 10

Sabrina Ward's 5th Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when all of my family piled up at my grandma's house and at the end of the day we all eat dinner. My grandpa comes home from work and we played with the cats with all of my cousins and then we opened presents and played with them for an hour or so. Then we all go pile up in one bed and go to sleep. That is my favorite Christmas memory!

Taylor Lancaster, 9

Sabrina Ward's 5th Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas Sight

I woke up one night and I saw eyes shining so bright they looked like Christmas lights.

It was a puppy looking cute as delight.

All my brother got a kite it was white

It could fly in the air at a good height.

But the puppy had really bad sight

When I first saw it it was in such a fright.

And it might be too little to see at night.

But I couldn't see it because of my sight.

Sometimes the puppy might bite.

We also got toy guns and had a gunfight.

Wesley Price, 10

Sabrina Ward's Fifth Grade
Old Dock Elementary

He would get out of sight overnight

I hope my puppy doesn't have a bad parasite.

He could run around the room at the speed of light.

It turned bright it wasn't night.

Some of my family was impolite.

Then it was over it was night

It was a great Christmas sight.

Dakota Benton, 10

Sabrina Ward's 5th Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory was when I got a lot of things I wanted. One morning I woke up and started yelling "It's Christmas". I got up and ran into the living room. My mama and daddy were awake in the living room waiting on me to get up. There were Christmas presents everywhere. There was a big basketball box, a computer, a tablet, and toys. I was so happy until my mind was blown. I asked them if I could go ahead and open my presents and they said I had to give them morning hugs. As soon as I gave them hugs I went straight to the presents and started opening them. I was ripping the wrapping paper up. The wrapping paper was all over the floor by the time I was done. That was probably the best Christmas I've ever had. As soon as I was done opening my presents I screamed thank you and gave my mom and dad big hugs and kisses. Then, I started playing with my toys and charging my computer and tablet. I had a lot of fun that Christmas. So that was my Christmas memory.

Rose Hilbourn, 10

Sabrina Ward's 5th Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory was when my best friend and I went to the light show. We drove through part of it and played music. We got some hot cocoa and took pictures under some of the lights. Everything was beautiful. I spent the night with my friend and we did the Bean Boozle challenge. We played some other games to. We decided to build a fort and sleep under it all night. We had kinks in our necks when we woke up the next morning. We ate breakfast and played monopoly and tried to find the elf. We ate lunch and then I had to go home. That was my favorite Christmas memory because I got to spend time with my best friend. I hope we can do it again this year and have lots more fun.

Aubrey Stocks, 10

Sabrina Ward's 5th Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when my elf on the shelf came to my house. We were so excited because we really wanted one so bad. We noticed him when we came home. We named him Dave and asked him questions like how old he is and what drink he likes? Every day we would look for him. He once poured all of the flour on the stove and made a snow angel. He also took my Rudolph and acted like he was riding him. He took our chocolate and ate it. We had a great time with Dave there. We would be sad that he left and wish he'd come back. He gave us blankets and I still use today that blanket today. That was my favorite Christmas memory.

Seth Black, 10

Sabrina Ward's 5th Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory was last year when I got Nerf guns and shot pretty much everyone in my family with them. I got two Star Wars action figures and a lap desk which I ate on the couch with. One of the action figures was the stormtrooper that can talk and had the fake jetpack that made flying noises and the other action figure was the stormtrooper that talks with the fake jetpack and makes flying noises.

That day everyone came over to my house and ate with us. My cousins and I played the Wii. I played the piano. We all sang Christmas songs. Everyone was so happy with their presents and the grown-ups would keep laughing for some reason. I guess only Santa knows why they were laughing.

My favorite Christmas memory was when my best friend and I went to the light show. We drove partly through the lights and the lights danced to the radio. We took a picture in a giant lit up the ornament was a big prop. We went to the miniature petting zoo and saw a lot of animals.

Next, we went home and ate supper. After we ate, we did the bean boozled challenge and almost puked everywhere. We went back upstairs to my bedroom, and we got a lot of blankets and a few chairs. We finally made a fort and slept in it.

We woke up and looked everywhere for Mickey, our elf on the shelf. After we found him, we ate breakfast, and we went back upstairs to my bedroom. When we got there, we played monopoly and a few other games.

We finally went outside, and it was freezing. We played basketball and some more games. I enjoyed this Christmas memory, and I hope that I can do it again for this Christmas.

Alexis Williamson, 10

Sabrina Ward's 5th Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory was a couple years ago my brother and I were playing in the snow. He was walking with a snow ball. I knew he had it. I turned around with a stick. He threw it and I hit it and it went everywhere. Then we got in a snowball fight. I hit him in the face by accident. He started crying. Then my older brother came out there and hit me in the face with a snowball. I got mad and hit him with a stick. We all got in a snowball fight. When we went inside we were all covered in snow.

Wyatt Whaley, 10

Sabrina Ward's Fifth Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas was when my dad got me a shotgun. My mom woke me up and I went to the dining room. I looked at all the presents and I saw a long present and I asked, "What is that?" Then I opened it and I screamed. It's a shotgun. I asked, "Dad can I go shoot it please?" He said, "Let's wait a little bit." But we did not shoot. THAT IS MY MEMORY!

Michael, 11

Sabrina Ward's Fifth Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory was the year I got my four wheeler. It was fun and that was my sister's first Christmas. Right after I got all my presents unwrapped I rode my four wheeler. It did not snow, but it was still fun. Every year we go to my grandma's and papa's. Afterwards we go to my nana's. Then we go to my great grandma's and papa's. We all open presents and eat with them. Last of all we just go home and play with our toys. When we get home we go to bed because we are tired.

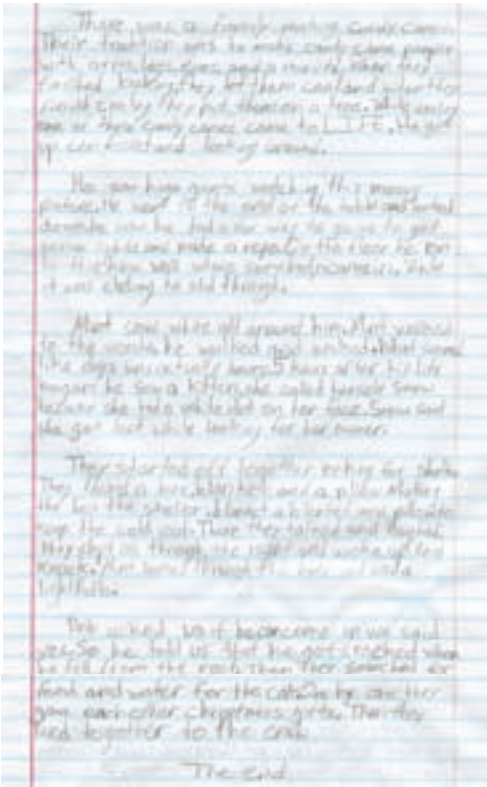
Dillon Butler 10

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My favorite Christmas memory is whenever I went to a Christmas light show. They had lights shaped like dragons and elf's and fire trucks. They had a huge Christmas tree that was like 50 feet tall. We rode through the light show in a van. We had lots of fun looking at the lights. This is my favorite Christmas because of all the Christmas lights.

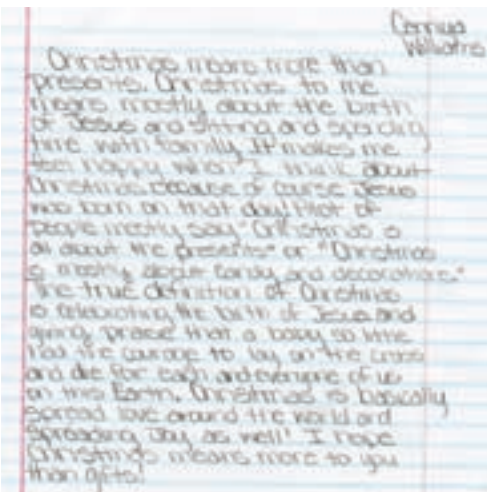
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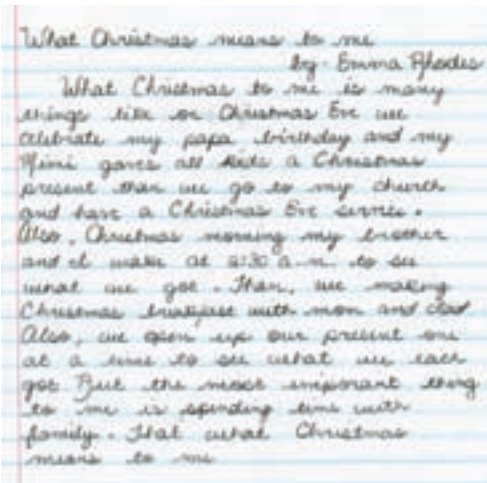
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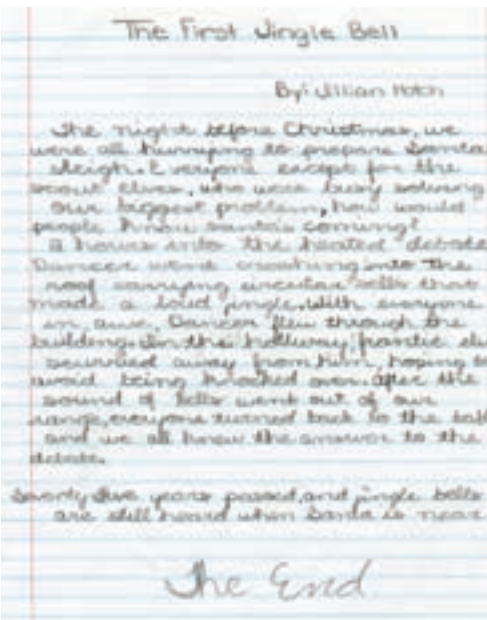
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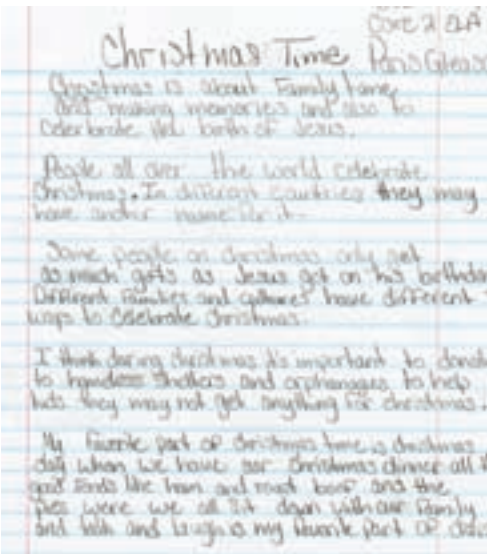
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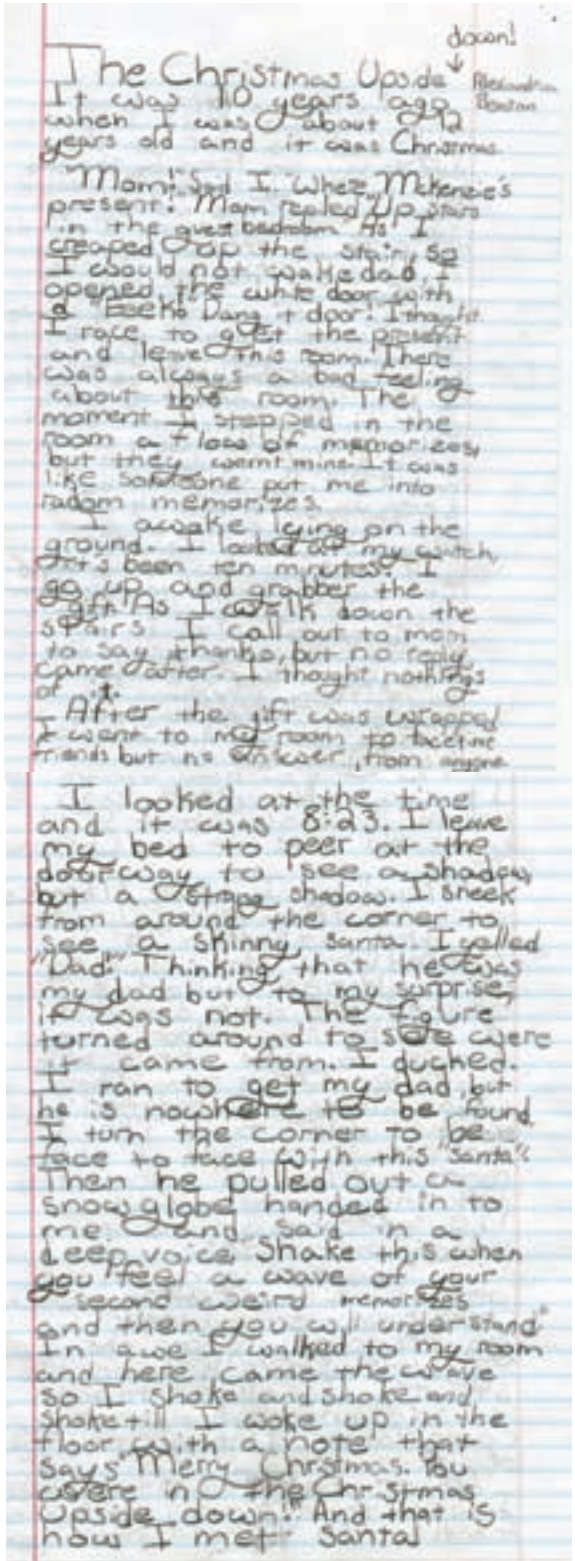
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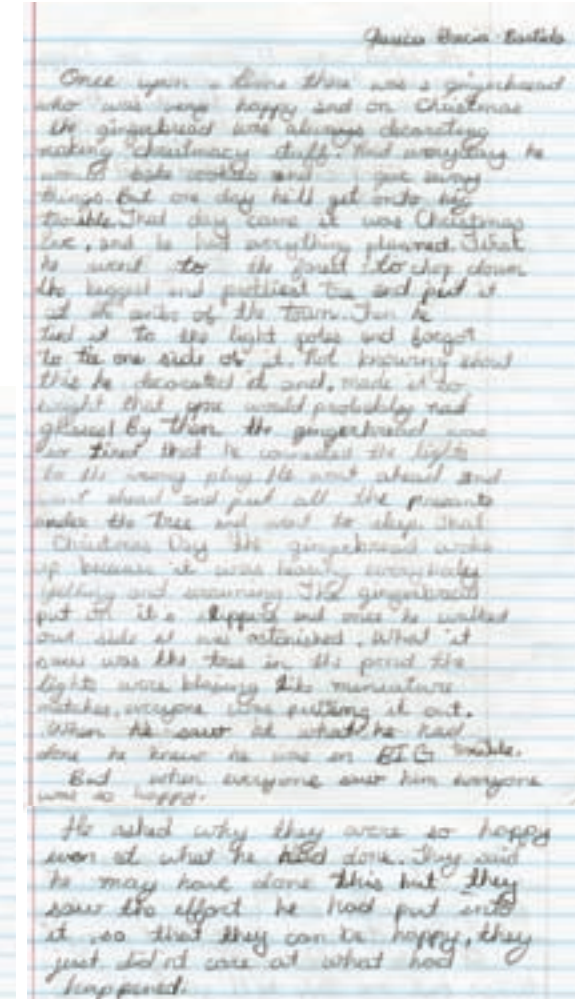
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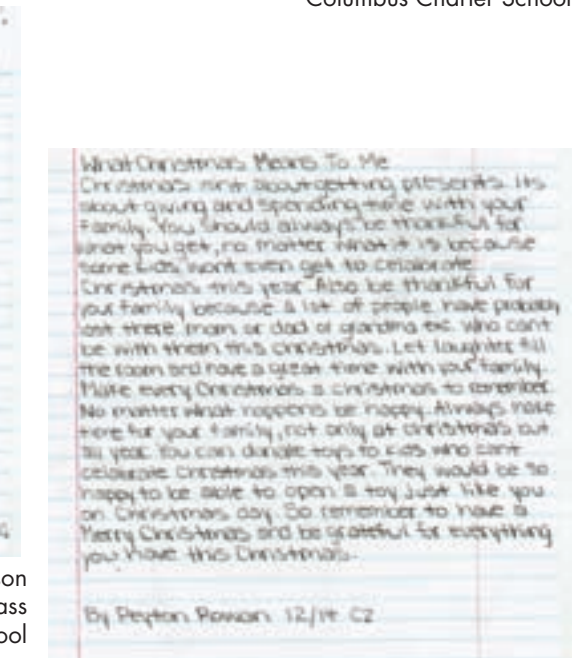
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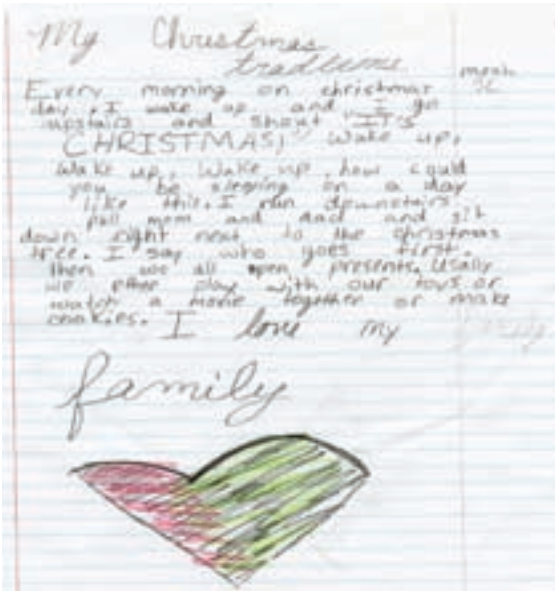
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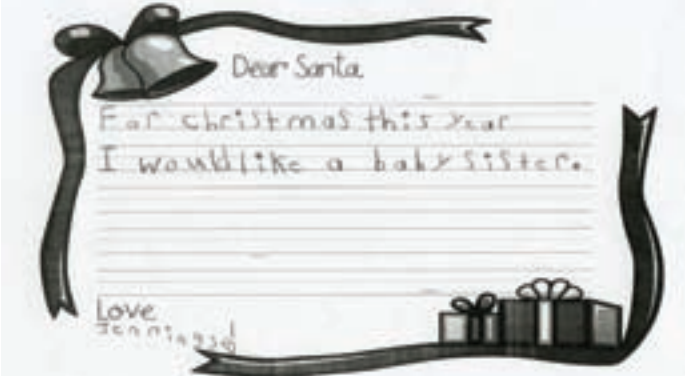
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My True Christmas Memory

My favorite Christmas memory is when my brother and I went to our dad's house. We opened our Christmas presents and then he took us to our great grandma's and got something to eat. Later on we went back home and opened the rest of our presents. Then, my dad told us to close our eyes and then he pulled out two bikes. My brother and I were so happy that Christmas! We want to be happy.

Monet Gore, 8
Tracy Cox's Third Grade
Williams Township School

A Jolly Christmas

Last Christmas I got a football and I got an elf for Christmas. I saw a reindeer with Santa. I went sledding when it was Christmas. I saw an elf in my house.

William Thomas, 9
Tracy Cox's Third Grade
Williams Township School

What I Got for Christmas

Last Christmas, I got a PS4 and I play a lot of games on it. My mom and I play some games on it and my dad and I play some games on it, too. My mom saw Santa and she showed me. Now I play with my PS4 and my elf, Mr. Jingle. That was last Christmas and that is what I got last Christmas. I saw something in the sky and I think I saw a reindeer.

Hunter Barnes, 10
Tracy Cox's Third Grade
Williams Township School

What My Elf Did

My elf has been so funny. I will tell you some things about my elf. First, he got one of my toys and was sitting on the self with it. Next, my elf got a roll of toilet paper and strung it all over the kitchen. It was real messy. Last, he got my shirt and he put stuff all over it. Also, his name is Chris. I love Chris so, so, so much.

Eben Harrelson, 8
Tracy Cox's Third Grade
Williams Township School

My Elf

The elf that came to my house dumped sugar in the floor. I got a new shotgun.

Drake Cribb, 9
Tracy Cox's Third Grade
Williams Township School

The Story of My Christmas

One Christmas I got Jingle from my sister, Shawna, and she came with a book and I read it. Shawna put Jingle on the shelf. I also got my four-wheeler from my parents. So that is the story of memory of Christmas.

Haven Norris, 9
Tracy Cox's Third Grade
Williams Township School

A Jolly Christmas

On Christmas Santa got be a BB gun. Also a TV and a Dango Lightning McQueen. I also got a Mario and Yoshi race track and racecar pack. One day at school he gave us an elf. Then we had a party.

Alex Fowler, 8
Tracy Cox's Third Grade
Williams Township School

My Christmas Presents

Last year, when it was Christmas I got a bike. It was really pretty. I put some stickers on my bike. The stickers had princess faces on them. I got the stickers for Christmas too. I got a monster pencil pouch but it wasn't scary. It had googly eyes. I put a sticker on it. The pencil pouch was pink. I also got a toy pony. The pony came with a hairbrush because she has curly hair.

Jennifer Perez-Valaquez, 8
Tracy Cox's Third Grade
Williams Township School

My Christmas Memory

Christmas day is my favorite because I get lots of stuff for Christmas. I get to take the wrapping off in my living room and if I get done I can watch my brothers unwrap their stuff. Then I can play with them.

Logan Spivey, 9
Tracy Cox's Third Grade
Williams Township School

The Bad Elf and Christmas

Once upon a time it was Christmas eve and Santa sent out elves. One or more were bad. One kid got him and he looked nice. But he was bad, so bad he played tricks on the family. Tricks like rotting

the Christmas tree and putting rocks on the floor. He also liked ruining Christmas. The next day Santa came. The bad elf forgot it was Christmas and Santa caught him putting coal on the Christmas tree. Santa said, "Why are you doing this?" The elf said, "Because this is wrong on Christmas." Then Santa said, "No!"

Mika Williams, 8
Tracy Cox's Third Grade
Williams Township School

A True Funny Christmas Story About My Elf

One day last Christmas my elf Charlie got a piece of chocolate candy that I had. My elf, Charlie, opened the glass door where my radio is and put the chocolate on the glass and stuck himself to the chocolate! It was so, so funny! My momma thought it was funny but she was mad at the same time! All of my family thought it was funny!

Kaya Hamilton, 9
Tracy Cox's Third Grade
Williams Township School

A True Story About My Elf

On Christmas, my elf named Emma got string, tape and toilet paper. Emma taped the toilet paper and the string to the ceiling fan. The next day, me, Breanna, Katie and Chloe woke up and saw it. So, we went to go wake up our mom and dad and they got angry with the elf. The elf taped herself up there.

Hailey Long, 8
Tracy Cox's Third Grade
Williams Township School

Last Christmas

Last Christmas, I got a lot of stuffed animals. My favorite one was my soft, little owl. Well, it isn't little. It's just cute, really, really cute. Last Christmas I got this cute dog and it had a button on it. When I pushed it, it did wheelies. It was really funny. Last Christmas, I was so happy! I got my first ever makeup and there was some lipstick. I put it on really fast!

Autumn Leslie, 8
Tracy Cox's Third Grade
Williams Township School

A True Story About Christmas

On Christmas eve, my cousins, Layla and Madison Ayers, and I went to a big hill with a lot of snow and then we brought out the sleds. Madison rode down the hill first. Then, Layla rode second. Then, I rode last. Then, we decided to have a race. The one who rode down the hill first got to open the first present and the race began. I pushed myself so fast down the hill. So fast, I could not stop pushing myself and then I won the race! I got to open the first present and then I started to tear the paper. Then I unwrapped it fast. Then, I saw the present, it was a brand new shot gun! It was a 20 gauge shot gun. I was so surprised I almost passed out. My brother wished he had it. I loved the new gift. I said thank you and then that was it.

Isaac Hinson, 8
Tracy Cox's Third Grade
Williams Township School

The Funny Story of Santa

Once upon a time when Santa was coming to town, he ate a lot of cookies on the sleigh. So, every house fixed him cookies and milk. So, he ate more cookies and more cookies. The last house he went to had carrots with a little not saying: Dear Santa, we got carrots because you need to eat healthy stuff because you eat cookies a lot. When Santa got home Christmas night, Mrs. Claus baked turkey, chicken, baked potatoes, steak and string beans. So, Santa did not hardly eat anything because he was full of cookies and carrots but, he thought maybe I was supposed to give some to the reindeer. So, he worked on the next batch of presents for next year.

Macelyn Cribb, 8
Tracy Cox's Third Grade
Williams Township School

My Elf

Once my elf took toilet paper and taped it to the doorway so I could not get out. He also poured flour all over the kitchen. It took 1 hour to clean it up. My mom was not happy about that. My elf does a lot of tricks.

Wyatt Strickland, 9
Karen Prince's Third Grade
Williams Township School

My Favorite Christmas Memory

One time my elf, Henry sat

on my mounted duck. He put a fake toy saddle on my duck. He had a stick in his hand. He had a little toy pistol of mine in his hand. He had cowboy stuff on from head to toe.

Easton McPherson, 8
Karen Prince's Third Grade
Williams Township School

My Crazy Elf

One time my elf, Charlie, sat on my brother's mounted deer. He took on of my baby dolls and put it on his deer. I wanted to play with it and I could not even play with it because Charlie had it. That elf messes up my house but, I still love him.

Alyssa Keene 9
Karen Prince's Third Grade
Williams Township School

The Hurt Reindeer

One time, Santa was getting ready for Christmas. He had the presents wrapped. He was ready for the reindeer to be hooked to the sleigh. But, when he got to the barn, the reindeer were hurt and sick! Mrs. Claus had water and food to take care of them. Santa didn't know what to do. Mrs. Claus had an idea! You could go by foot, she said to Santa. So, Santa went by foot and climbed into the chimneys and gave the boys and girls presents. When he was back, the reindeer were healed!

Hayden Lanier, 8
Karen Prince's Third Grade
Williams Township School

The Worst Christmas Ever!

Once upon a time, there was Santa and three elves. One of the elves hated Christmas. The other two elves loved Christmas. Charley (who was Santa), needed the three elves. Charley told one elf to get the sleigh. He told the other two to get the reindeer. When the first elf got the sleigh, he took out his knife and cut the string. That meant that the other reindeer couldn't help drive the sleigh! When he came back with the sleigh, they put the reindeer on the sleigh and took off

and went to take the presents to the children of the world. But, when they got so high, the reindeer came off and Charley crashed into a tree! When he got up out of his seat, the sleigh fell out of the tree and Santa was stuck in the tree! The reindeer came to help! When they came, Charley got on one of the reindeer and brought Charley back to the ground.

Briar Salling-Chestnut, 9
Karen Prince's Third Grade
Williams Township School

My Favorite Christmas

My favorite Christmas was last year. We got to open presents first. Then we ate. My dog came in the house and my dog ate some of my daddy's plate! He got mad at the dog. My daddy told him to get out of the house.

Mason McPherson, 8
Karen Prince's Third Grade
Williams Township School

My Best Christmas Memories

My favorite memory from Christmas is when I got a boat. I rode it all the time. Another is when I got a gun. I love to shoot it. I also got a four-wheeler one time. I go mud bogging on it. I got a golf cart one time. I ride it around my neighborhood. These are the best Christmas memories of my life.

Bryson Godwin, 9
Karen Prince's Third Grade
Williams Township School

My Christmas Memory

My favorite Christmas memory is when my daddy came. That's when I got some boots I wanted. Before that I liked when we set the Christmas tree up. After we set the Christmas up, the best part is when we put the angel on top of the Christmas tree. That was the best Christmas memory ever!

Azyriah Bush, 9
Karen Prince's Third Grade
Williams Township School

I like when we decorate my Christmas tree and play Christmas songs. When we unwrap the Christmas presents to see what is inside. There are delicious foods ready to eat at the kitchen table.

Jada Vazquez, 9
Karen Prince's Third Grade
Williams Township School

My Funniest Christmas

One time my elf, Snowflake, put some goldfish in my toilet. Then she got a pretzel stick and a fishing line and tied a goldfish to the fishing line. Then she sat on my toilet and acted like she was fishing. On the same day my cousin's elf did the same thing, too. Then my cousin's elf and my elf fell in the toilet. It was so funny!

Brookelynn Benton, 8
Karen Prince's Third Grade
Williams Township School

My Elves!

Once upon a time, my sister, Brenna, had an Elsa doll. Then, the next morning we saw Elsa standing up and my elves were in a huge block of ice! It was weird. Momma had to defrost my elves! I have three elves, one for me, her name is Sneaky Susie! One for Riley, his name is Mr. Mischief! One for Brenna, her name is Marshmellow! They are all 3 brother and sister. One year Riley's elf said that he was going to bring somebody with him. He wrote a note saying it was his sister. Then, my elf brought Marshmellow with her.

Brissa Garrell, 8
Karen Prince's Third Grade
Williams Township School

My Elf's Day

One time my elf got a nerf gun. When I got up he scared me. He scared my brother too. We did not like it. It made us fall off the bed. The next day he was on my binder. The third day he got on my scissors. I did not like it because he could have cut off his leg. I was satisfied.

Jaimon Fipps, 8
Karen Prince's Third Grade
Williams Township School

My Favorite Christmas

When I got my 7290R John Deere toy tractor and my disc. I love to play with it. I got an electric scooter too. It goes real fast. I love it. Santa brought me a ground blind to hunt with. It is a good blind.

Gavin Niven, 8
Karen Prince's Third Grade
Williams Township School

My Crazy Elf

One time my elf, Sparkle, got chocolate chips and spelled out "Santa is watching you!" Another time, she hung glittery string all in the laundry room. When you walked in

your got all glittery! Sparkles is a girl. But, she is pretty. She is also really crazy. She does crazy stuff.

Lacey Worley, 8
Karen Prince's Third Grade
Williams Township School

Christmas

On Christmas, my little elf always moves when we are asleep. I love it when Santa comes. It is so much fun! You get to get gifts to open. I put out cookies and milk so Santa can eat the cookies and drink the milk. Sometimes, I put little foods outside for Santa's deer. Sometimes I will stay up all night waiting for Santa but he doesn't come because I am not asleep.

Jayden Williams, 8
Karen Prince's Third Grade
Williams Township School

Christmas

My Christmas starts out like this. When I was a little girl I helped my daddy put up the decorations on the tree. I always sit at the table and eat macaroni, pie, cake, banana pudding, ice cream, ham, turkey and chicken. We make presents for my little baby cousins. We make houses out of pillows and covers and we make inside the house too. We make beds and couches. I love to eat inside the tent. Outside we ride horses down the road. We feed the horses, pigs, cows, hogs, dogs, cats and kittens, too. We make homemade cookies and milk for Santa and his beautiful reindeer, too.

Shyianne Godwin, 8
Karen Prince's Third Grade
Williams Township School

My Favorite Christmas Memory

One Christmas night that was Christmas eve, I couldn't sleep. Santa was out and his reindeer. I knew that I had to go to sleep but I did not want to. But, I went to sleep the minute after. The next day, I found presents on my couch. I unwrapped them and had so much fun with my toys. Sometimes I sit doing a new lists the same day for the next Christmas.

Baxton Sellers, 8
Karen Prince's Third Grade
Williams Township School

My Favorite Christmas Memory

On December 25, 2006 was my favorite Christmas memory because my mama was with and she got me and my brothers a lot of presents. She got me and my brothers clothes, shoes, and toys. First we opened our clothes, then our shoes, and finally we opened most of our toys. My first toy was a Hannah Montana doll that sings.

I was very happy to spend my Christmas with my family, so me and my brothers went to the table to eat breakfast then

we went outside so I could ride my bike and so that my brothers could drive their remote control cars.

So we come back inside and eat lunch, then we went to the mall to walk around, then we came back home to play with the toys we opened, then we went to go open the rest of our presents and the toys we got after lunch were amazing.

A saying went through my mind and it said "Christmas isn't about the presents it's about the ones you love and care about". We ate dinner, brushed our teeth, then our mama read us a Christmas story call "The Night Before Christmas".

This is my favorite Christmas memory because I never spend Christmas with my mama till December 25, 2017.

Autumn McDowell, 14
Christy Fipps-Todd's English I
Class
South Columbus High School

My Favorite Christmas Memory

It was on December 25, 2016. I was 15 and it was the first Christmas I actually enjoyed. It was the first Christmas I actually spent time with my family, and enjoyed opening presents with my family. My other Christmas's weren't all that good, I wasn't allowed to see my family or anything. Until last Christmas, we had left the situation that we were in and went to my uncle's house. The next morning, it was Christmas time. First, we got up and looked at our presents, then we got dressed to go to Monroe, North Carolina to go see my family. But it was a Christmas miracle, because my mom met the love of her life. I was so happy for her, because she finally was happy. Well once we got there we ate a lot, and opened up presents at my aunt's house. I got makeup, clothes, and jewelry. I saw all my cousins, and got to play and hang out with them. I also got to see my new baby cousin her name is Marie. She looks just like her mom. Well that is my favorite Christmas memory and there is more to come.

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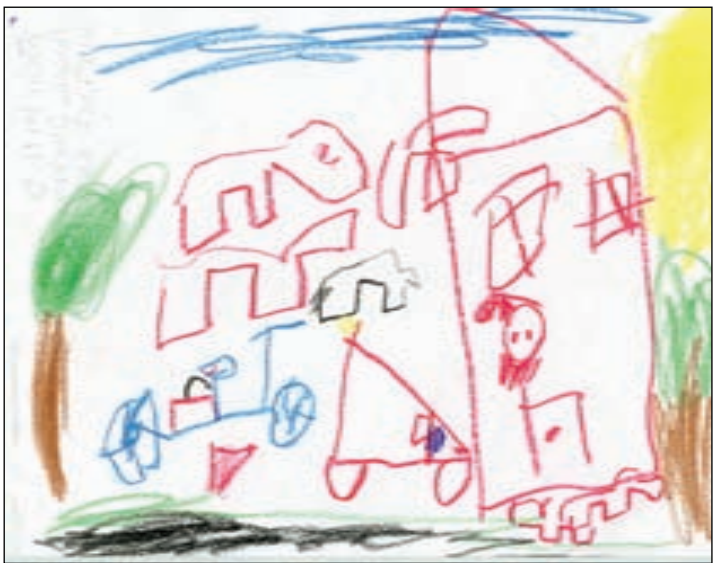
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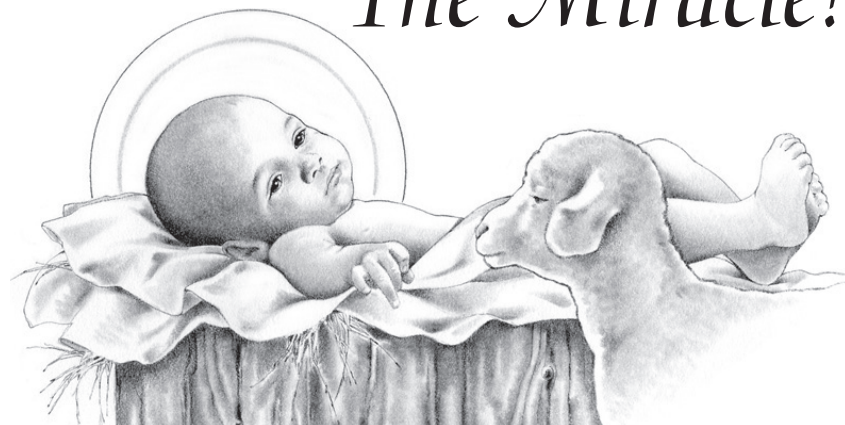


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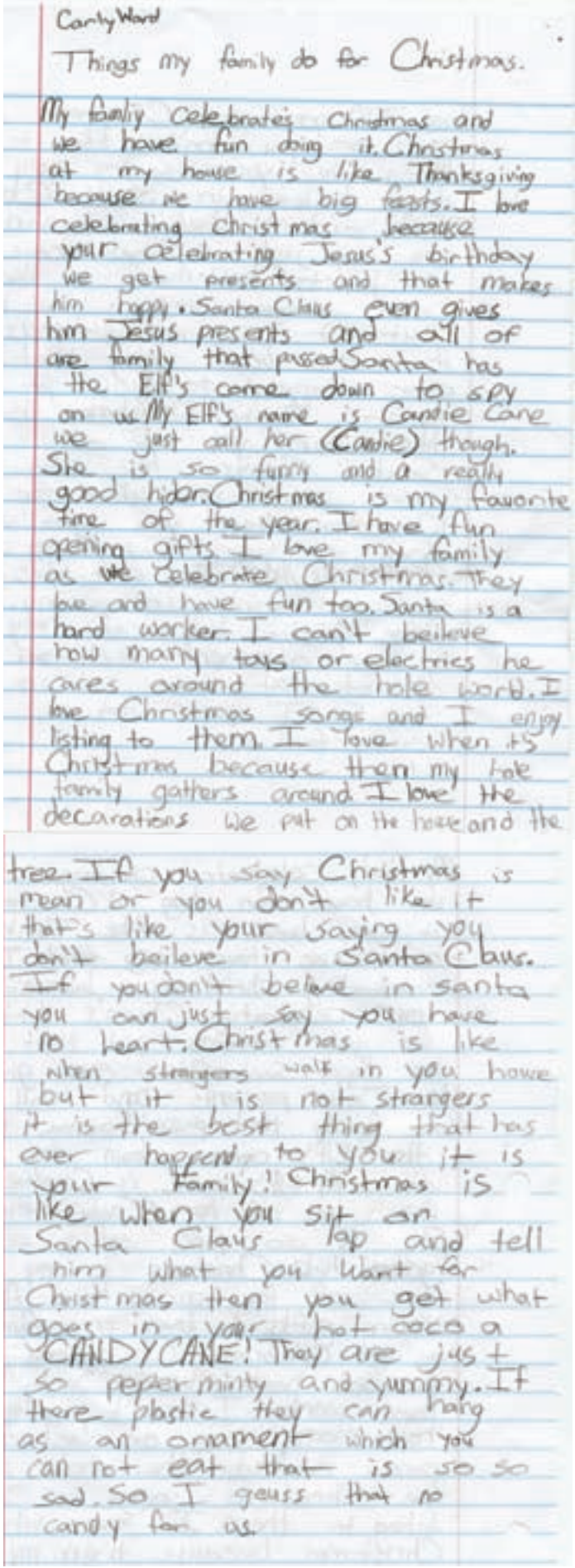
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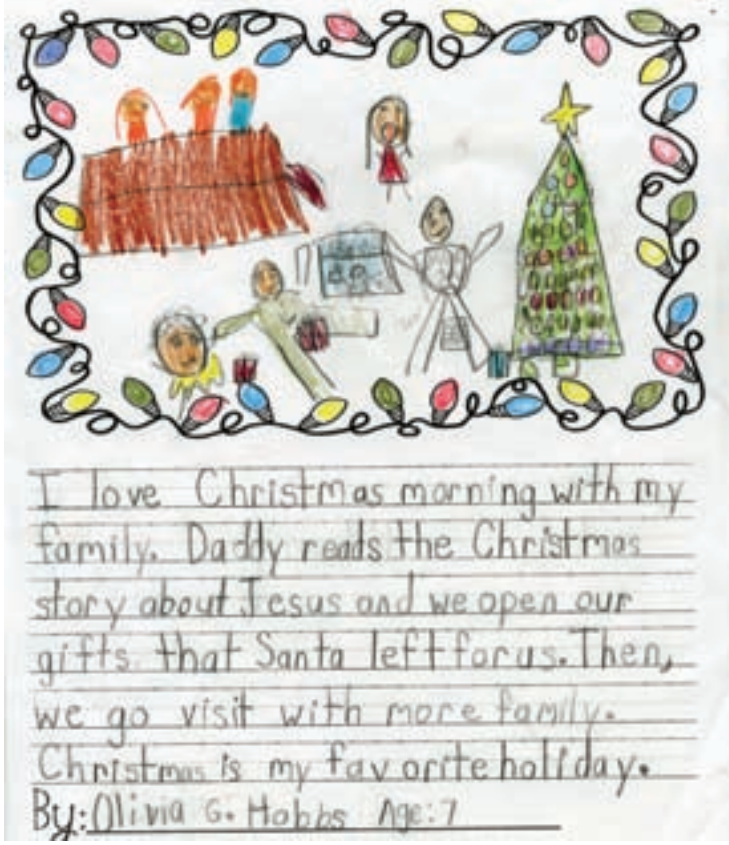
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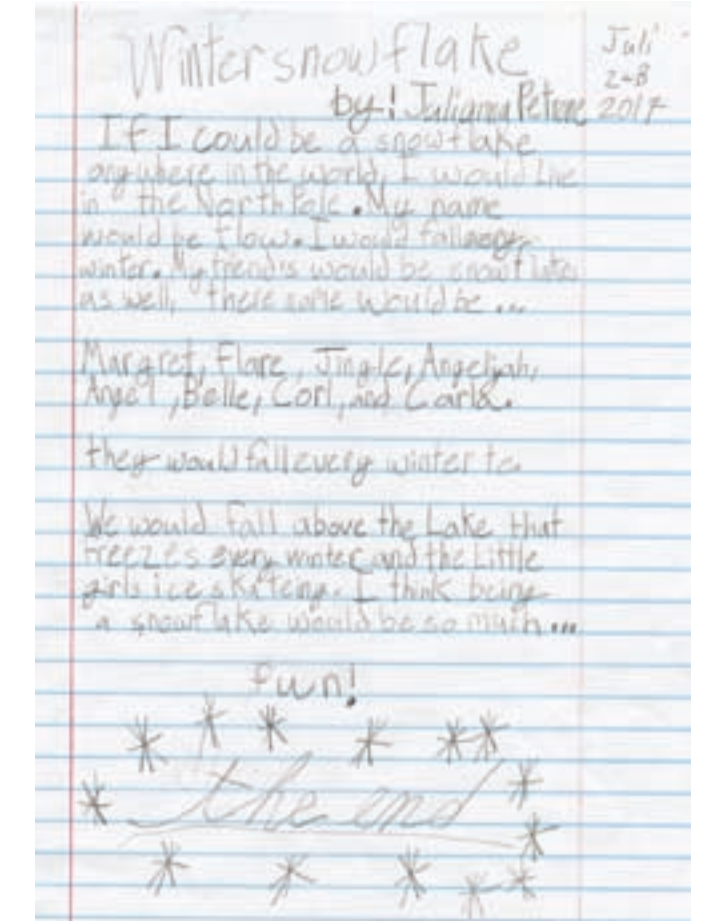
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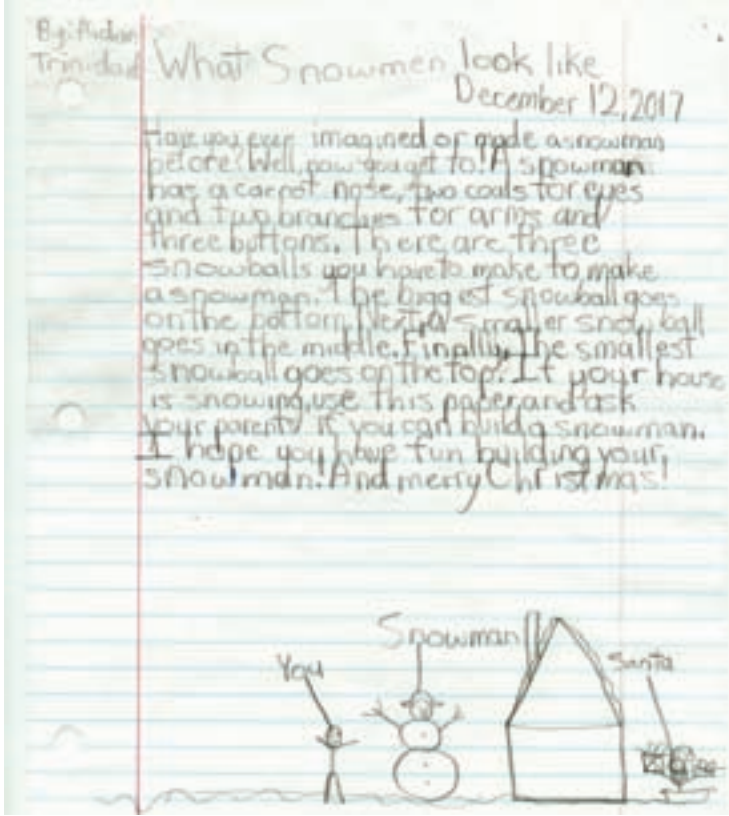
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What's my favorite thing to do at Christmas time? Well, it would have to be guessing what I got for Christmas. I know that's not what the holiday is about, but to be honest with you, that is what kids my age would say!

I like the suspense of not knowing what I'm getting for Christmas. Just seeing all of those well wrapped packages makes me happy. When I'm at school is when my mom and dad wrap up my gifts. When I get home I dive under the tree and find all the gifts with my name on them. I begin to inspect each package. First, I look to see if there are any rips in the paper. Next, I shake it to see what I can hear. Then, I look to see how big it is and if it is heavy or light. Finally, I make a guess of what the present could be.

Christmas morning can't get here fast enough so I can see if I'm right.

Jonas Anderson, 10
Mary B. Waddell's Fifth Grade
ELA Class
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The Reason For The Season

For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6-7

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“OH NO!” Santa said, “The sleigh is missing! Whatever will I do?” All he saw was his reindeer. Santa looked everywhere he could think. He looked in the shed, in the stables, in the toy making room; but he couldn't find the sleigh anywhere. He thought of where he could have left it, but he couldn't remember. At least he found the presents. Santa said, “This is horrible! How will I deliver the presents?”

Just then, Santa thought of calling his friend Austin who had a billion cars. Austin said, “Oh no! That's terrible!” (About Santa's situation.) Santa said, “I know! That's why I call you. I wanted to see if I could borrow a cars.” Austin said, “Sure, come over and decide which one's best.” When Santa got to Austin's he looked and looked but all of the cars were either too small to hold all of the presents or did not have enough horse power. Austin told Santa that he had a van that would be perfect, but it had not been delivered yet.

Santa and Austin waited and waited, but it didn't arrive. The next day Santa said, “Tomorrow is Christmas! What will I do?”

At 11 a.m., a plane flew very low overhead. It needed to lighten its load or it was going to crash! The pilot opened the hatch, and a van came floating down with a parachute. It landed safely. Austin exclaimed to Santa, “That is my van Santa!” Austin gave Santa the keys to the van and the two of them loaded it with gifts. At 7:00 pm, just in time, Santa flew off. Santa was amazed at the quick delivery of all the presents. Christmas that year was saved by a magical, super-powered van!

Austin McCleney, 10
Mary B. Waddell's Fifth Grade
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One day in the North Pole, Saint Nick, AKA Santa Clause, was going to load up all of the toys in the sleigh. When he walked in to his sleigh garage, it wasn't there! Santa was very worried because he had to deliver all of the presents by midnight. All of a sudden, Santa fainted! The elves didn't know what to do. The head elf came and said, “We should use Santa's own magic to make him better.” The elves found what the needed and it worked! As Santa awoke, it dawned on him what had happened to the sleigh. He said, “It was the Grinch! Let's get him!” But just as they were going out the door, one elf said, “We don't know where the Grinch is!” So, Santa pulled out his magical world map and discovered the Grinch was hiding in the dump he lived in. An hour later Santa and his elves were there. They knocked on his door. Grinch opened it and said, “What are you doing here?” Santa politely said, “May I come in?” To which the Grinch said, “Yes.” When Santa entered Grinch's dump, he saw that Grinch had been filling all of the empty present boxes with coal! Santa dumped all of the coal onto the floor and said, “Where is my sleigh, you old Grinch? I know you have it!” But Grinch did not want to tell Santa. That is when the elves took action. They grabbed Grinch and tied him up with tinsel and tickled him until he told Santa where the sleigh was hidden.

After several hours, Santa, the elves, and the sleigh were back at the North Pole. It was time to load it up with toys to deliver to good boys and girls. Finally, Santa was read to take off for the long night's ride. All of the reindeer were ready to go. All except Rudolph. Where was he? The elves found him in the barn. He was sick and covered with hay. He a terrible cough and cold.

“How are we going to get the gifts delivered now?” asked a small elf. At the same time that the elf was talking, the sound of a barking dog was at the door. Santa and the elves couldn't believe it. It was a floating dog.....and he could talk! Santa said that they could use the dog like a reindeer to help fly the sleigh. So finally, Santa was able to take off and deliver all of the presents by midnight and everyone had a great Christmas.

London Haynes, 10
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Once upon a time on Christmas Eve, there was a cabin in the woods. An old woman that loved Christmas lived in the cabin. The woman always tended to overdo Christmas with all of the decorating and all of the

cookies she made. She covered the walls with candy cane and Christmas tree wallpaper. Her cookies would be covered with jelly beans, chocolate and all sorts of other sweets!

One day the old woman decided to bake a gingerbread woman. She wanted to be different and not make a gingerbread man. She gathered the ingredients from the cabinet and began mixing them into a very large bowl. She shaped the dough into the figure of a gingerbread woman and put her into the oven. While the gingerbread was baking, the house smelled so-o-o good. The old woman couldn't wait to eat it!

Finally the oven alarm went off and it was time to eat the gingerbread woman with gum

drops, chocolate, and a little pinch of cinnamon. The old woman was just about to take a big bite when something amazing happened. The gingerbread woman came to life!

The gingerbread woman begged the old woman not to eat her! Because she was a kind old woman, she did not eat her. The gingerbread woman told the old woman that she would do anything to repay her for her kindness. It was then that the old woman revealed that she was lonely. So the gingerbread woman decided that she would live with the old woman, and that is exactly what she did! This made the old woman extremely happy.

The next day the old woman and the gingerbread woman

enjoyed hot chocolate with marshmallows in it in front of the fireplace. The two became best friends and agreed that having each other was the best Christmas present ever!

Dulce Lilyana Torres, 10
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On a cold day in the North Pole, two days before Christmas, Santa was getting ready to deliver the presents for the children. Santa Claus was telling the elves to make extra toys for other kids, when all of a sudden he heard a loud BANG! Santa went to see what had made that noise. When he got outside he found that his sleigh was missing! “How am I going to deliver my presents now?”

Santa thought. Santa told the elves what had happened. They said, “We are sorry Santa, we should have been watching.” Now Santa had to figure out a plan....but the elves were already working on it.

The next day, the elves built something that looked like a race car sleigh out of wood and items from the station. They woke Santa up and gave him some cookie flavored cereal and milk. Santa ate his cereal with extra milk. When he finished, he went out to the station to see what the elves were so excited about.

“What's this?” Santa asked the elves. The elves told him that they had built him a new sleigh. It even had super speed turbo boost. “Oh wow!” said Santa, “I love it! Now I can get


home in half the time!” The elves were so excited.

Finally, it was Christmas Eve and time to deliver the presents. Santa couldn't wait to use his new sleigh. He didn't even need the reindeer this year, so he gave them some vacation time.

When Santa arrived back home Mrs. Clause was waiting for him with a nice cup of hot chocolate. For the rest of the night, Mr. and Mrs. Claus sat next to a warm fire drinking hot chocolate and watching all of the happy excited children all over the world enjoy their Christmas presents.

Rebekah Ward, 11
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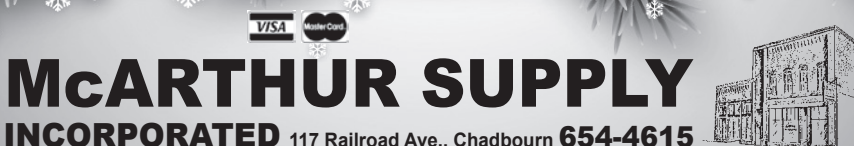


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