

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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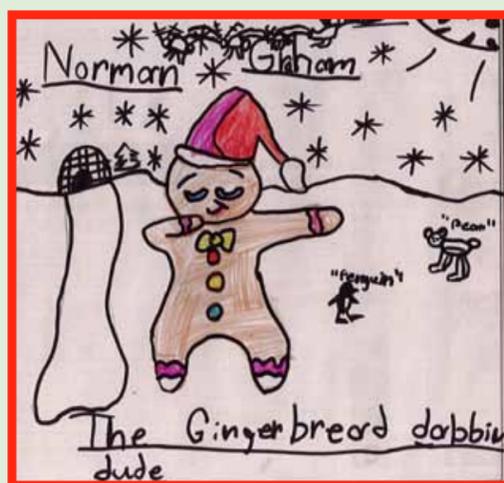
CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

The News Reporter December 24, 2021

The News Reporter appreciates all the educators who helped make this section possible by submitting their students' artwork and writing. We received so many wonderful submissions, that we needed to include some in the A-section of today's newspaper.



Maddie Register, 9,
Columbus Christian Academy



Bailey Price, 9
Williams Township School



Alex Ray Branch, 8,
Bladenboro Primary School

DEAR SANTA

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a HoverBoard, scooter, bicycle, and toy car. I would like a baby doll. I have been good this year. Love, Kyasia
Kyasia Robinson
Ashley Porter's 1st grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a HoverBoard and a new basketball goal. I would like a Gater. I have been good. Love, Brentley
Brentley Carteret
Ashley Porter's 1st grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa
I want a Monster Truck and ten Hot Wheels for Christmas. I want an Elf. This year I have been nice. From, Chase
Chase Alderman
Ashley Porter's 1st grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa
This year for Christmas I want the Awakened Valkyrie Beyblade. I also want the Buster Excalibur Beyblade. I have been good. From, Mason
Mason Strickland
Ashley Porter's 1st grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa
When I open presents I want a HoverBoard. I have been good. From, Luke
Luke Powell
Ashley Porter's 1st grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a HoverBoard. I want some toys, I would like a new bike. I have been good this year. Love, Lucas
Lucas Corker
Ashley Porter's 1st grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa
I want a HoverBoard for Christmas. I want toys. I would like to see Santa. I want a dog and a cat. I want a stuffed animal too. I have been good. From, Mackenzie
Mackenzie Wise
Ashley Porter's 1st grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa
I want a Smart HoverBoard and 100 LOL's for Christmas. I want the new Barbie Life in the Dreamhouse. I've been good. From, Allee
Allee Williams
Ashley Porter's 1st grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa
I want a Nintendo Switch and HoverBoard. This year I have been good. Love, Brody
Brody Ward
Ashley Porter's 1st grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a big Drone. I would like a remote control car too. I have been very good this year. From, Jon Cruz
Jon Cruz Strickland
Ashley Porter's 1st grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a coloring book, a blanket, and a pillow. I want a phone. I would like a skirt, a brush, and lipstick. I want a ring and bracelet too. I have been good. Love from Karah.
Karah Tyler
Ashley Porter's 1st grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want 24 darts for my Nerf gun and a big Dino HotWheels. I want a shark HotWheels too. Love, David
David Long
Ashley Porter's 1st grade
Williams Township Elementary

This Season
I am thankful for....
Burger King
Devon
Ivan
Angela
iPhone
iPad

Devon Smith
Ashley Porter's 1st grade
Williams Township Elementary

This Season
I am thankful for my family. I am thankful for my bus. I am thankful for food. I am thankful for life. I am thank-

ful for toys.
Everett Ward
Ashley Porter's 1st grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa
I want a skateboard for Christmas. I want a Nerf gun. I want a Lego set. I want a v buck card. I've been good. From, Easton
Easton Spivey
Ashley Porter's 1st grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa
I want a pet cat and dog for

Christmas Acrostic
C- Cozy cookies by the fireplace
H- The Holidays are here.
R- Rudolph the red nosed reindeer is with Santa!
I- Icicles fall from the roofs all day.
S- Shopping for snowmen sounds fun.
T- Traditional toys tickle me.
M- Mistletoe mornings greet me at the door.
A- Angels are among us.
S- Santa sounds cool. He is a jolly old dude!

By Bryson Spain
Tonnye Fletcher – teacher
Afterschool Writers Group
(2nd grade)
Whiteville Primary

Christmas Acrostic
C- Cozy is the best way to feel.
H- Happy is the best way to be.
R- Reindeer are what I want to see.
I- I see Christmas lights.
S- Santa Claus is on a float.
T- Trees are good to put up.
M- Merry Christmas is the spirit.
A- A Christmas Eve sounds good.
S- Shopping is the best!

By Niyah Leggett
Tonnye Fletcher – teacher
Afterschool Writers Group
(2nd grade)
Whiteville Primary

AT CHRISTMAS TIME (a sensory poem)
I see sledding down the snowy hills.
I hear Christmas carols making people smile.
I taste Christmas cookies that me and Grandma made.
I smell really good chocolate strawberries that me and Grandpa made.
I feel LOVE by celebrating with my family!

By Lily Beasley
Tonnye Fletcher – teacher
Afterschool Writers Group
(2nd grade)
Whiteville Primary

Christmas Acrostic
C- Cocoa and cookies are my favorite to eat.
H- Happy holidays to all!
R- Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer is the best!
I- Ice is all around at Christmas time.
S- Santa Claus is on his sleigh and he drove away. . .
T- This Christmas Santa is coming.
M- Merry Christmas to

Christmas. I want a toy doll. I want a lot of toys. I have been nice this year.
Love,
Emma

Emma Turner
Ashley Porter's 1st grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa
I want an LOL doll. I want a Barbie doll with a puppy. It has play-doh for a face mask. I want a bunny house. I was good this year. Love, Emily
Emily Zemaotis
Ashley Porter's 1st grade
Williams Township Elementary

all!
A- At Christmas time you might see Santa,
S- Santa Claus is coming to town!

By Molly Carroll
Tonnye Fletcher – teacher
Afterschool Writers Group
(2nd grade)
Whiteville Primary

AT CHRISTMAS TIME (a sensory poem)
I see beautiful star ornaments hanging from the tree.
I hear wonderful carols, like "Oh, What a Wonderful Child"
I taste refreshing candy canes being eaten.
I smell dark thick marsh-mallow hot chocolate.
I feel happy.
When I am with my family, that is all I need.

By Layken Lancaster
Tonnye Fletcher – teacher
Afterschool Writers Group
(2nd grade)
Whiteville Primary

AT CHRISTMAS TIME (a sensory poem)
I see lights go on the Christmas tree,
because Santa needs to come!
I hear a warm fire in the living room,
like Christmas music.
I taste hot cocoa and warm cookies.
I smell candy canes and the Christmas tree!
I feel good putting up the Christmas tree
because it's Christmas

By Jaxson Watts
Tonnye Fletcher – teacher
Afterschool Writers Group
(2nd grade)
Whiteville Primary

AT CHRISTMAS TIME (a sensory poem)
I see angels, snowmen, and children.
I hear bells, carols, and the fireplace.
I taste cookies, hot chocolate, and candy canes.
I smell gingerbread men, chocolate, and candy.
I feel snow.

By Jakayla Staten
Tonnye Fletcher – teacher
Afterschool Writers Group
(2nd grade)
Whiteville Primary

A Christmas Acrostic
C- Coco the snowman loves cocoa cookies.
H- Holly the naughty night nutcracker will take down the Christmas tree.
R- Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer gets holly from



Cincere Stephenson
Amy Greens-Mackenzie Marlowe 4th grade
Edgewood Elementary

Molly
I- Izzie came home on a happy, jolly day.
S- Santana sings "Santa Baby" to her sister.
T- Talky Donkey loves talking to donkeys.
M- Mary loves when Sants said, "Merry Christmas to all and good night!"
A- Angel lives in Africa on Ane Street.
S- Some of these characters are celebrating Christmas!

By Helen Holden Hinton
Tonnye Fletcher – teacher
Afterschool Writers Group
(2nd grade)
Whiteville Primary

AT CHRISTMAS TIME (a sensory poem)
I see the angel on the top of the tree.
I hear the sounds of Christmas bells.
I taste the chocolate cake in my mouth.
I smell the fresh-baked cookies.
I feel the crunchy cookies on the tray!

By Malliciah Mims
Tonnye Fletcher – teacher
Afterschool Writers Group
(2nd grade)
Whiteville Primary

GRIEVING AT CHRISTMAS TIME- a sensory poem in memory of my mom, Mona Williams, who passed from this life to the next last Christmas.
I see lights and trees and poinsettias everywhere I turn, but also white flowers

on someone's porch, with a sign that says "Death in Family"
Last year, that was us, with Christmas lights and music mocking our grief.

Christmas carols fill our car on a family trip, the joy hesitant. Voices crack here and there --I cry when I hear
A Different Kind Of Christmas This Year because it is...

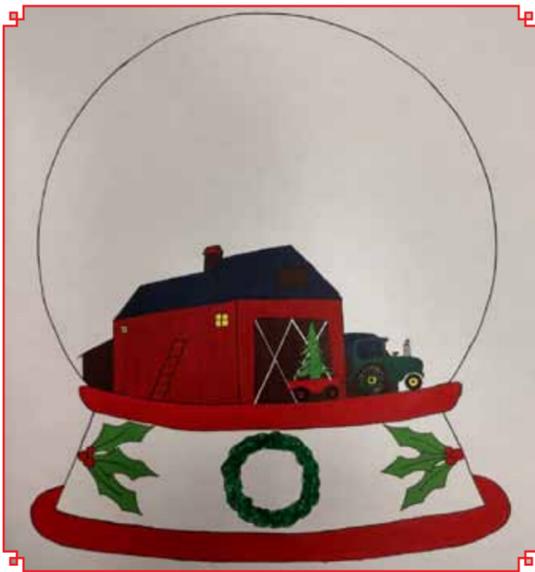
The oozing cherry liqueur of a Cella's chocolate-covered cherry fills my mouth, And drips --as tears trickle down my face,
And I know they will never taste as good as they once did.

The smells from the kitchen remind me of her. I'm frustrated
that I can't get the ham-rice quite right. But, the potato salad is perfect,
and its tangy sweetness matches my quickly-changing mood.

I feel sad and happy and merry and blue. It feels wrong to be happy without her and

wrong to be sad when we were so blessed. Mama's empty seat at the table
Breaks my heart every single time, and Christmas will never be the same.

By Tonnye Williams Fletcher
Whiteville Primary teacher



Zachary McClary and Adrianna Abonza
Sandra Richardson's 10th and 11th grade
West Columbus High



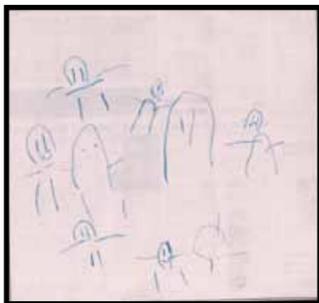
Ashley Barrios
Allison Ellis 6th grade
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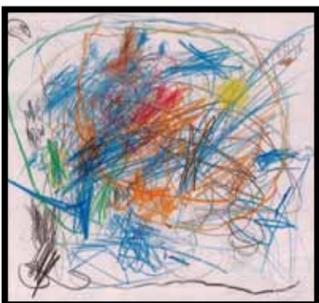
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My Favorite Christmas Memory

My favorite Christmas memory is when I went to Florida. We drove there. I went for five days to see my family. We played tag and hopscotch. We played hide and seek and we talked for hours.

Caydrien Santana
Linda Sue Parker's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

For Christmas I went to see Santa. For Christmas I went to see Santa. We saw Santa at the mall. We ate cookies and meals with fries. We had open presents and played in the snow. It was really fun! I saw a snowman.

Karmin Robinson
Linda Sue Parker's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

My family has a party every year for Christmas. I have fun. We watch a movie. My family has a party every year. I get in my pajamas and I have so much fun! I just hope I have another one. This is my Christmas party story.

Savannah Sweeney

Linda Sue Parker's
Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when I went to Mexico for Christmas. I flew on a plane. I went to Mexico so I can spin some time with my cousins and my family. We watched a movie. We opened presents. We ate and we fell asleep. We played games outside like tag. We listened to music. I had a good trip.

Vanessa Jauregui Del Angel
Linda Sue Parker's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

One year my family went to Tweetsie Railroad. We went on a polar express train ride. It was snowing a lot! We wore our Christmas pj's, and we rode a lot of rides. We went out to eat. It was really good! When we got home the next day we went to the ice house in Wilmington. We had a fun and great time. It was so cold we needed to go to a store to get more clothes we had hot chocolate on the train we rode a ride it was called the tornado and we went so fast and the other rides we rode I rode a mechanical bull and I stayed on for 9 seconds and when we went out to eat we had Chinese food. We had so much fun.

Adalynne Everette
Linda Sue Parker's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

My favorite Christmas is when we went to my uncle's house in the mountains! At my uncle's house we had a snowball fight. At my uncle's house I got a new full-wheeler. My uncle took me and my siblings to Walmart to see Santa. While we were at my uncle's house for Christmas, my dad and I had to build my uncle a new shower. Me and my dad had to go shopping at Walmart to get dinner. My uncle got me new clothes for Christmas! At my uncle's house we decorated a big tree. We got to open presents. For dinner we had chicken and pastry.

Blayden Howard
Linda Sue Parker's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

One year I went ice skating in Charlotte. My mom, my aunt, my brother and I went too. I stayed in Charlotte for seven days. I tried not to fall and I didn't. I felt cool and happy to finally be in Charlotte.

Hazel Rabuck
Linda Sue Parker's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

Me and my mom go to my grandma's house on Christmas day. My family is there. My family sings Christmas songs. I eat sweet potato pie.

JaiArah Freeman
Linda Sue Parker's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

We have an elf on the shelf. His name is Jame. I felt happy when I found him. I looked every morning for him. One morning he took a picture of me sleeping. I

found him in my refrigerator. I found him in the fruit. I found him in the Christmas tree.

Jayden Morris
Linda Sue Parker's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

Every year I go to see my grandma for Christmas. We go to see my grandma on Christmas day. We ate mac and cheese, turkey and cornbread. My cousins, my aunt, my grandma and grandpa go over there. We open presents and go outside to play. We played football and basketball outside.

Jeremy Robbins
Linda Sue Parker's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

Every year I go to see my grandad. I only see him on Christmas. My mom and dad go with me to visit and we stay for a week. My grandad stays in Greensboro. We eat and open gifts. We even get to play in the snow. We have fun.

Nisere Mullins
Linda Sue Parker's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when I went to Florida. I went with my three brothers and my dad. We spent time at my cousin's house, Lele, her real name is Aella but that is beside the point. We spent nine weeks there. I help make food and a cake. Me and my cousins ate chocolate, marshmallows, popcorn and we watched scary movies and rode bikes to the store and rode them around the neighborhood. And that is the story about



Sunday Lane
Allison Ellis 4th Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

how my favorite Christmas was and hope you like it.

Shyah Knox
Linda Sue Parker's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

Christmas Memories

My Christmas Memory
One time I hopped in the ditch and I ran. My cousin, he is like my brother, and we make cookies together. They were Christmas cookies. They were gingerbread men,

snowflakes, houses, candy canes, and Christmas trees. We put them in the oven. We took them out when we got done. I took a little bite and it tasted ok. My whole family ate the cookies. They thought they were good.

Larry Daniels
Tyler Goodwin's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary



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Christmas Memories

The Biggest Snowman

One day Moises and I were outside in the snow. We were throwing snowballs and trying to catch them. We both fell down. Then we got up and made a snowman. We needed a hat, sticks, and a carrot. The carrot was his nose. We put the sticks in the snowman. I put the hat on my head. Then we made a really big snowball for the snowman's body. Then we went to make the Christmas tree. We put on ornaments.

Eric Duarte

Tyler Goodwin's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

Snowball Fight

One day it snowed. I put my snow clothes on and I flew out the door. My sister Kayla and I had a snowball fight. Then my mom came outside. I was going to throw snow at her. She said don't throw any snow at her. My big brother Marcus went outside and he got frostbite. That did not end well. Then we tried to save snow. It did not work so then my mom put on the heater for my big brother Marcus. Well that's my Christmas story.

Christopher Hall

Tyler Goodwin's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

I Fell Downstairs

When I was little I fell down the stairs. It was Christmas Eve and I was opening presents at my nana's house and we were leaving her house. It hurt and I was bleeding. My nana was the only one who helped me. I remember this Christmas because of how nice my nana was to me when I got hurt.

Aubrey Harrelson

Tyler Goodwin's Third Grade
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Christmas Memory

When I was younger I remember when I decorated the tree with my brother and listened to Christmas music. On Christmas day I got a nintendo switch. I played mario kart all day and just dance 2021. I was so blessed on Christmas day because I got everything I wanted. On Christmas I had a feast that looked like Thanksgiving day. I ate too much but I did not eat the whole plate.

Zylayah Hines

Tyler Goodwin's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

The Time I Saw Santa

In 2020 it was Christmas night. I stayed up all night and I heard Santa. I ran downstairs and I saw him. Then I smelled smoke. I could not see anything. Then I went outside and I found a dirt bike. Then I heard Santa again. He ran away so I followed him. He left with the reindeers. I jumped in the sled with Santa.

Landon Jackson

Tyler Goodwin's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

The Tree

It was Christmas and the family were going to put up the tree. My cousins and my ants came and we were having fun and we put the tree up. And we watched frozen. And we ate and we were watching polar express and it was so good and we were all asleep and when we all woke up we saw so much. We had names on the presents. Then we opened them and then we played with them.

Rocky Leon Johnson

Tyler Goodwin's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

Christmas

I remember opening the present. It felt like it was yesterday and I got a brush and a backpack with makeup in it and a necklace and some earrings and a doll. I used makeup basically everyday, but my cousin or my little brother messed it up. I felt really happy when I opened my presents.

Angelyn Martinez-Hernandez

Tyler Goodwin's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

My Christmas Day

I opened my presents and I got a Nintendo and a hoverboard and a VR set. Then I put ornaments on the tree and made cookies. I fell in the snow and broke an ornament. My mom got very mad at me. Then I melted snow with a lighter by myself. This was the best Christmas ever.

Brent Mathis

Tyler Goodwin's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

My Christmas Memory

I looked outside to see if it was snowing and then I yelled it is snowing. Then I put on my warm clothes and then I ran outside and my brother was behind me and then I slipped on the slippery stairs and my brother was laughing. It hurt but I got over it and then me and my brother had a snowball fight

and my mom went over to the next door neighbors for a minute and then I fell again. Then we started to get colder so we went and got in front of the fire to warm up and then our mom got back and she made us some hot cocoa.

Kaylynn Neal

Tyler Goodwin's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

Cookies and hot cocoa

When I was 5 me and my mom made cookies and hot cocoa for Santa before I went to play the game Fortnite. My mom said I got 30 minutes before I go to bed and I said ok mom and I said I love u mom and she said ok. I went to clean up my kitchen and I saw the cookies and hot cocoa was gone and I said whaaaaat and I saw the presents were there. I opened my presents and my mom and dad said go go and I went fast and I got a phone and I was shocked and my dad said look outside. It was a 4-wheeler and I asked can I ride it and they said yes and I had fun and my brother said can I ride it and I said yes.

Kameel Perry

Tyler Goodwin's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

Snow

When I was younger I was in a snowball fight with me and my friends. It was four on four my team won but we switched teams and we lost. I got hit in the face. It hurt very bad and my team got hit in the head. Then we won and it went over and over. After the snowball fight we went to the park and then we got food. This was the best Christmas ever

Caleb Reaves

Tyler Goodwin's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

Snowball fight

One day it snowed so me and my sisters went outside for a snowball fight. I wore all white so I could hide. I saw my sister so I ran. I didn't have a snowball yet so I made 4. I saw my sister so I tried to get her but she ran. I got her because I hid in the snow so she didn't see me so I got her. It was me and my sister. I left so I ran. I saw her but she had a full pile so I tried to hide. I got her I crawled to her pile so I got a snowball and won and I got candy for the win. It was the best snowball fight ever.

Jorge Salmeron-Palacios

Tyler Goodwin's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

Bike

It was last year. We were opening presents and I opened a present and I got a bike. I didn't know how to ride it until my dad taught me. Now I really want a bike for this year. The bike was pretty and it was pink. It was the best Christmas ever!

Jacey Sandlin

Tyler Goodwin's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

My Christmas Memory

When it was Christmas I got a four - wheeler. My brother got a gokart with two seats. My uncle liked to broke it. They had to check it to see was it safe. When I got on it it was fast. When you get used to it it feel slow. I still ride my four - wheeler and my brother still rides his gokart. It was the best Christmas ever.

Caleb Shipman

Tyler Goodwin's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

My Christmas Memory

Me and my family were watching the Grinch and eating popcorn and watched more Christmas movies. We set up a tree. My sister helped decorate it. She put ornaments on the tree. We put a star on the top. It looked basic. It was a good Christmas.

Aylin Vega-Carbajal

Tyler Goodwin's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

A Snowball Fight

When I was younger I had a snow ball fight with my brother. My mom was helping us. When he threw the snowball at me it was so cold and I threw it back at him and then we made a snow angel. We made a snowman and we all went inside and had some hot coco. It was so fun playing in the snow.

Tylicia Webb

Tyler Goodwin's Third Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

My Favorite Christmas Memory

My best Christmas memory is when I woke up that morning and saw all of the gifts under the tree.

Then I started to wake up my family and saw all the gifts. There were different sizes of gifts.

Then we all sat around the tree and my mom started handing out the gifts and we opened all the gifts. We all got what we wanted. It was a good Christmas. Then I started to help my mom cook

the food. We bake pie and cake and a lot of other food. We ate the food and went to bed.

Aiyana Harrelson
Karina Ullsax Fourth Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

(Morning) One morning on Christmas I was awake, but I wanted to go back to sleep. I went back to sleep, and I heard a loud noise that woke me up. So I went downstairs and there were no presents or a Christmas tree. I went to the park and just sat there doing nothing. I saw Ryleigh walking near me, and then she sat right beside me. We talked about how neither one of us wanted to go to school after Christmas break. We were talking all morning.

(Afternoon) It was finally time for both of us to go home. Ryleigh was spending a night with me and my mom. Ryleigh and I were waiting for my mom to make our lunch. We sat on the couch watching TV while eating our lunch. We laughed and played games. Then we went back to the park and played tag and hide and seek. When we got back home all the Christmas decorations were there, and the presents were under the Christmas tree. Then we opened all the presents. We spent all

afternoon opening presents! (Night) My mom was making dinner while we were opening presents. My mom called us to dinner. We went to wash our hands and then went to the dinner table. Me, My mom, and Ryleigh were telling each other jokes. We went to bed happily. This was the best Christmas ever!

Braylen Patrick

Karina Ullsax Fourth Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

My Favorite Christmas memory is when I woke up and got dressed to go to my grandma's house. When we got there, me and my brothers went to the Christmas tree. my mom and aunt gave each of us a present fist my 2 year old brother open his present but my mom had to help him then my 4 year old brother open his present when my two brothers sow there presint they were so happy then I had to opened my present I was so happy I did not know what was in there wans i sow my present i yelled loud and hugged my aunt and said "its what i always wanted thank you" it was a new pair uggs.

That is my favorite Christmas memory.

Briannalyz Soto-Martinez
Karina Ullsax Fourth Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

As we approach a new year, I want to thank everyone for their prayers, support, and friendship, and hope God richly blesses each of you in 2022.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Ricky Bullard
Your County Commissioner
District 6

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My Favorite Christmas Memory

My favorite Christmas memory was when I got a puppy. I was five years old when I got my puppy. My dog is 2 years old in dog years. and I have another dog she is 3 months old and I got a bearded dragon 1 foot long. I really wanted a trampoline. I got one but the storm tore it up. We are getting a new one. I was waking up and I went to see if Santa ate the cookies and milk and he did eat the cookies and drink the milk. he left a note my sister woke me up and me and my sister woke my mom and dad and I got a four wheel but there was no snow. I was so sad but I knew the snow would come. I love Christmas! I got a big jumbo pokemon. I got a hoverboard, my sister got a scooter and we rode them for about 30 minutes. We went to my friend's house to eat a big lunch. We ate pizza and strawberry pie and we made something green and red for Christmas. I love spending time with my family. That christmas i went to my cousin's house and when i was five my cousin was 6 he got a trampoline we were jumping on the trampoline. I love spending time with my family and cousins. That is my favorite Christmas memory.

Brycen Chavis
Karina Ulfax Fourth Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when I met my grandma. She had gifts for us. We had good food. I saw my aunt, my cousin, my mom and my aunt's new baby named Adan. and we met her boyfriend and seen my uncles. My grand mom ate different foods than us and woke my friends.

In the morning I woke my we opened presents and we bought bikes and hoverboards. Then it was time for dinner. My grandma and I had made a bunch of food because we don't eat the same kind of food. She is from Ohio she does not like southern food.

Camille Arrington
Karina Ulfax Fourth Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

Last Christmas I got my favorite game called Skate 3 for my PS5. I spent Christmas with my nanna and my aunt who live in Texas. I don't get to her a lot so this is why this is my favorite Christmas.

We battled with nerf guns. I play with my Xbox with my aunt on Christmas and. I played my PS5 with my aunt. It was so fun because I barely get to see her because she works in the military. I was so happy it was the first Christmas I spent with my aunt.

When I opened my presents I was so happy. I got a new bike, a nintendo switch, an ipad, an xbox and way more. This was the best Christmas ever!

Have a great Christmas
Jeziyah Tillery
Karina Ulfax Fourth Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

I remember when I was six years old I woke up and checked my calendar and realized that it was Christmas day. I rushed toward the living room with a warm feeling going through my body. When I saw my presents under that big I was so excited that year I had been begging them for a PS4. I went to my parents' door and knocked. "Yes?" My Mama Said, Can I open my presents? "Wait Just a minute" She said.

Excitement ran through my body as she said that. I was jumping around quietly trying not to wake my daddy. I Did my victory dance. I was ready. As soon as she exited their room I had practically pulled her to the living room. As I began to open my first present she said "wait" I looked and saw her pull out her phone to record. Now? I said. "Go ahead" I opened the first one And it was a toy car. A few moments later I was on the 3rd present so far and then my daddy came out I gave him a hug and then I got back to my presents I then opened what I thought was the last present.

I was a little sad because I thought those were all of the presents I gave them both a hug and thank you with a smile but then my Mama said "You missed one" I said oh ok I went to open the last one I saw what looked like a case I opened a little more and saw that it was blue my jaw dropped. I immediately ripped the paper off and revealed a brand new Playstation 4!

I was so happy I jumped around and few minutes later we go it hooked into the tv and while my Mama cooked me and my dad played Star Wars Battlefront 2 all day.

Justice A. Graham
Karina Ulfax Fourth Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

The first Christmas I had a toy helicopter. My mom cut the tape off. She accidentally cut the wire, and it would not work. I was so little I did not know what was going on she cried because she thought she ruined my Christmas.

My second christmas I woke up. and I looked around my room I did not see my mom I started crying I thought she left me by myself, and she always sleep with me when I was little she heard me crying she came to my room, picked me up, and put me on her back, and put me where the christmas tree was to open the presents.

My third Christmas I woke up. jumped on my bed, and fell on the way to the presents. skinned my leg, but I did not know it because I was in a hurry to the presents. I could see what i got and there was blood following me I did not look behind me to see what was so wet on my socks. my mom freaked out when she saw my blood. She followed it and she saw me my red sock that are supposed to be white she told me i went crazy. she got me a bane dade and said it would be ok so I opened my presents and had a dune buggy so I went and played with it.

Karstin Johnson
Karina Ulfax Fourth Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

Once in the morning I went to my grandma's house on Christma. Before opening the presents we were going to bake cookies. It was fun but it was a mess! When we finished decorating the cookies we ate the cookies.. after that we when to open the presents my grandma passed out the presents we were happy with our presents but then after passing out the presents we were going to play with the presents and we watched a christmas movie and since it was christmas we always make pozole to eat lunch. Then we went to my aunts. She had more presents. I was excited because there was a present that was big and it had my name. I told her we can open the presents now she said you need to wait. "Then we opened the presents. I wanted to open the big one but she said that one is at last. That was the last present I got. I said can we open it now and then when I opened it, I was so happy because it was the doll I always wanted. I was like five years old.

Kelsey Cervantes
Karina Ulfax Fourth Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when i was 10 years old because I got a nintendo switch and I always wanted a nintendo switch.

That morning my little brother woke me up and my sister and we went to the tree and woke up are mom and dad and we opened presents

Lena Sandlin
Karina Ulfax Fourth Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

My Favorite Christmas Memory was when my family came and I got almost all the stuff I wanted for Christmas except a few things. But the best thing I got was this very cool nerf gun. And all my family wanted to try it but I said I need to try it first because it was mine.

Next it was my little brothers turn he got this super cool gaming remote controller what he wanted to play it now but the family says no because they what to finish all the oping present

And then we opened the last present and it was for family so we all opened it at once and it was this super cool drone that we tried out and it even had a camera but the cool eating it had a dancing button. And the dancing button was so cool.

Preston Rabuck
Karina Ulfax Fourth Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory... one morning I got up and sat beside my presidents and woke my papa up and waited for everyone to sit down. So I could open all my presidents.

When I opened my present I screamed I Was so happy I had got a minnie mouse car and I was so happy. My papa said do you like it and I said I don't like it, I love it. He laughed and said im glad then my sister screened and said omg thank you so much she had got a phone and she said I love it. My mom opened hers and it was a new

pair of fuzzy socks. Now it's time for papa. He is so happy he got a picture of me, mom, sister and him he cried and said thank you I love yall.

That was my favorite Christmas memory. It was my last Christmas with my papa. He passed away, but I will always remember that Christmas.

Merry Christmas.
Sienna Thompson
Karina Ulfax Fourth Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

It was christmas morning I woke up and went downstairs there was a bunch of presents. I saw my little sister opening a present. I was so happy because I got a puppy!!! After that we went to lunch. My cousins came and we all played with all our new toys.

At night time my mom gave me one more present : a new bike. The next day I rode my new bike and played with my new dog. Then a car pulled up and it was my grandpa. I haven't seen him in a long time. That was my favorite Christmas.

Sunday Lane
Karina Ulfax Fourth Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when I went to New York for Christmas with my mom and dad to go to my grandma and grandpa for Christmas. I will never forget that Christmas.

When I got to grama house I played with the two girls and it got dark so we went to bed. And the next morning we opened presents and we wanted to go outside, but Alisha had a cold. So we could not go outside. We ate dinner and went to bed.

I love the christmas when me and my family set up christmas lights it Was so fun I will never forget that Christmas.

Valerie Hargett
Karina Ulfax Fourth Grade
Acme Delco Elementary

Well, I don't have a favorite Christmas. every single one of them are my favorite. and even if I get coal I can save it for a summer barbecue. So the truth is I don't care if I am on neither list i am just Fine with any present. I don't care if I got a toy or some coal.

I just care that I got something.

Virgil Seal IV
Karina Ulfax Fourth Grade
Acme Delco Elementary



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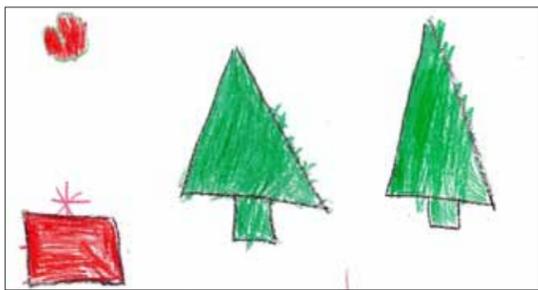
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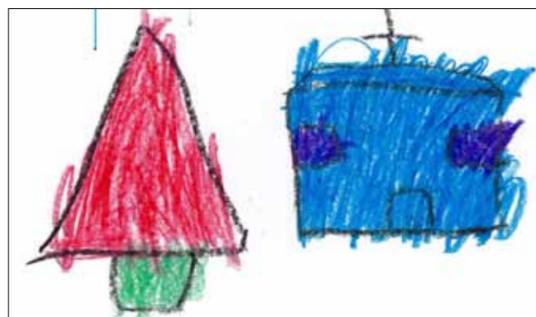
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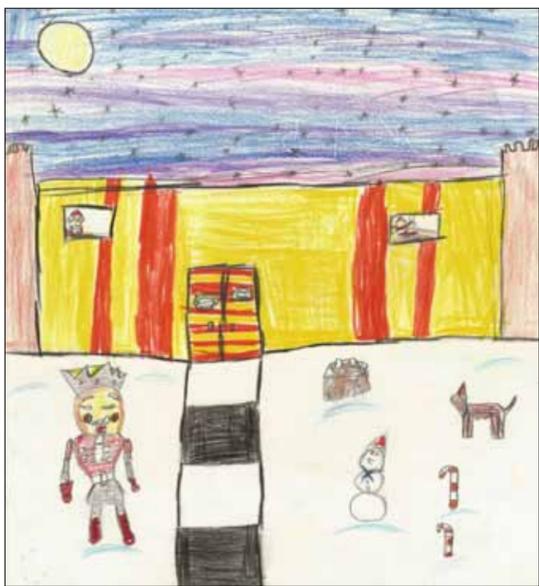
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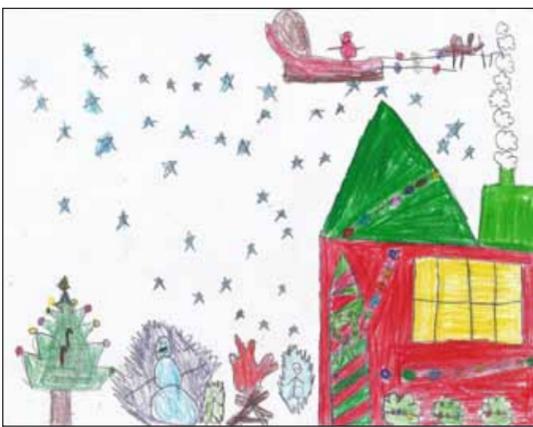


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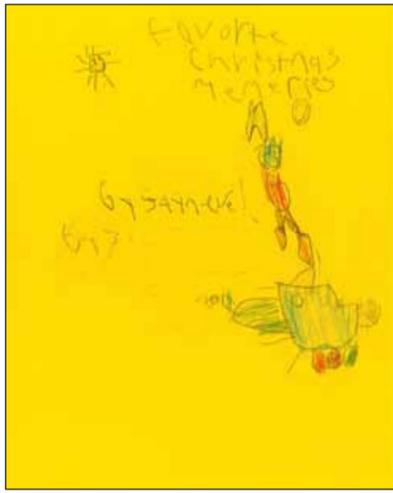
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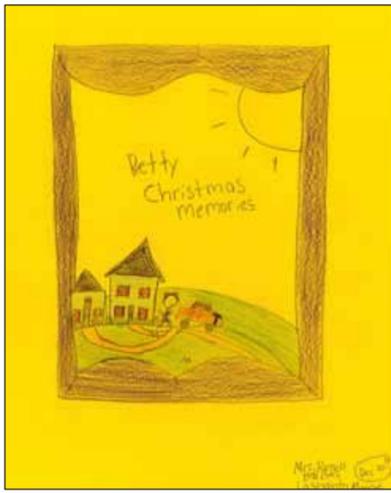
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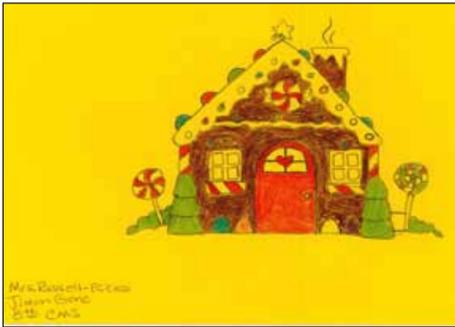
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My Christmas Memories

1. I remember I used to eat the candy canes off of the Christmas tree.

2. I remember I used to put the star on the Christmas tree.

3. I remember at the Santa Clause house, I pulled Santa's beard down.

Frederick Rose
Melisha Russell's 7th grade
Cental Middle School

they couldn't find one and they were sorry. But to my surprise, it turned out that for my one gift on Christmas eve she gave me the camera. She had it for a few months and not only did she buy the camera she also bought a case for the camera and lots of film.

Tamea McNeil
Sonja Leach's 8th Grade
Cental Middle

Christmas Memories

Christmas Memory

One year for Christmas, I woke up and ran to wake up my parents and sister. Then I bolted into the living room to look at all the presents but only one caught my eye. As the morning went by I got more and more anxious to open the box. Finally, my parents told me to open the big box and I ran to it and ripped it open to see... 3 bricks.

Creek Hyatt
Sonja Leach's 8th Grade
Cental Middle

Christmas Memory

One Christmas memory I have is when I was in the 2nd grade I got my first dirt bike for Christmas. After we got done with Christmas presents, we went to my aunt's house. After we got back from my aunt's, my dad taught me how to drive it. After that I drove the dirt bike for hours until it ran out of gas. I had that dirt bike for two years until I got a new dirt bike for Christmas.

Jackson Holcomb
Sonja Leach's 8th Grade
Cental Middle

Christmas Memory

A Christmas memory of mine is the Christmas of 2018. I was 11 years old and all year I had been asking for a polaroid camera. My mom and family were saying that

One Christmas in 2016 I went to the Florida Keys and I swam with the dolphins. Also in that same Christmas I went scuba diving in fairly cold water. It was a very fun experience and I wish maybe one day another Christmas I can go back scuba diving. I loved the variety of fish that I saw.

Grant Freedman
Sonja Leach's 8th Grade
Cental Middle

My Favorite Christmas Memory

My favorite Christmas memory was when my grandpa took me to go get Christmas presents for my family. We would normally wake up early and go to breakfast before we began shopping. Our favorite place was Eggs Up Grill. We would always have a blast going shopping and then going out for lunch. Sometimes, if we were out late, he would take me to a Christmas Light Show. I would always have a blast. I miss those memories so much but I had fun with and always had fun when I got the chance to hang out with him. Sadly, though, we moved and I don't really have contact with my Grandpa anymore. Therefore, Christmas might be a little bit different this year.

Jade Kaiser
Sonja Leach's 8th Grade
Cental Middle



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Sonja Leach's 8th Grade
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Westyn Hill
Sonja Leach's 8th Grade
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My Favorite Christmas Memory

My favorite Christmas memory was when I woke up and saw snow outside. We went to Lumberton and found a hill to sled down, with some friends. We had snowball fights and went sledding. I had the best day of my life.

Brayden Davis, 12
Kristy Worley, 6th grade
Cental Middle

Christmas Poem

By: Sidney Miller
Christmas is a time
For family and joy
While kids run around
Playing with toys
Christmas time is filled
with glee
As ornaments and lights
Sit on the tree
On the special day
When I wake up at morn
I thank the Lord
For sending his son to be
Born!

Sidney Miller
Kristy Worley, 6th grade
Cental Middle

My favorite memory happened on a cold Christmas morning. My mom and dad

were already up but my sister was still asleep. One thing we have always done is meet in one of our rooms(my sister's or mine). I was already up so we went into my sister's room, woke her up, and got ready to go look at our presents. We all walked into the living room where all the presents were sitting under the Christmas tree. While I was walking into the living room, I was hoping I got everything I wanted, especially a four-wheeler. We got into the living room and looked at all of our presents. I was opening my last present but I did not see anything about the number one thing I wanted: a four-wheeler. Then my dad said "Luke and Lilly come check the note that Santa left".

We went to my dad and read the note that said, "Check outside." We went outside and there was a Can-Am 90 just waiting for me to ride. I was about 7 or 8 years old so I could not have something too big yet. I was so happy that I got a four-wheeler. I had the best time on it for as long as I had it.

Luke Merritt, 11
Kristy Worley, 6th grade
Cental Middle

My favorite Christmas tradition is when my family and I go to my grandma's house for Christmas. A few weekends before Christmas, on a Saturday, my family and I go to my grandma's. We never really get to see my grandma because she lives two hours away from Whiteville. We gather around and talk to each other about what's been going on in our lives. Then around lunch time, we eat the food that she cooked for all of us. Some people sit at the bar and some people sit at the table. After we eat, we all go into the front room around the Christmas tree and open presents. After we're done opening presents, we go into the living room to sit down and enjoy each other's company. Then we go home, and normally I sleep all the way home.

Izzy Cribb, 11
Kristy Worley, 6th grade
Cental Middle

When you think about Christmas, do you think of the food or the presents or the time you spend with your family? When I think of Christmas, I think of my family's traditions and the

kind of things we do. One of the many traditions is making different types of cookies. Our grandma comes over and spends the night on Christmas Eve. Another one of our traditions is opening presents on Christmas morning. Then we visit with our grandma and eat brunch.

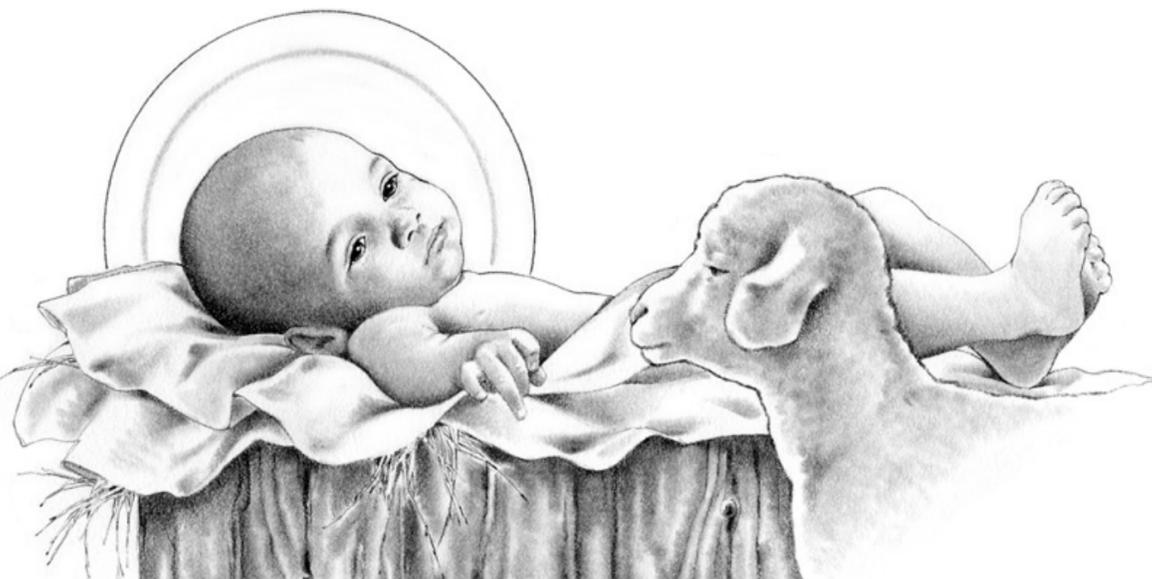
Etta Jones, 12
Kristy Worley, 6th grade
Cental Middle

My favorite Christmas memory happened when I was ten years old. This was my best Christmas because I got a new phone and an easy bake oven. On Christmas morning, I got a blue iPhone XR. Then my easy bake oven was purple and white.

Malanda McCoy, 11
Kristy Worley, 6th grade
Cental Middle



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If it snowed on Christmas day, it would bring me joy in so many ways
 Having a snowball fight would be a must,
 we would drink hot chocolate first
 It would be a dream come true,
 we would build snowmen too
 Going sledding down a hill,
 would also be awesome thrill
 So many family memories would be made,
 if it snowed on Christmas day

Addi Young, 11
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
 Central Middle

The year my family and I went to El Salvador, Central America. I saw my aunt for the first time. My parents were talking about me and my siblings. I was talking with an older cousin about her baby. My mom started to cook with my aunt. My aunt's name is Mary, just in case you were wondering. My cousin is Brenda.

I was telling my older cousin about school and friends. Afterward, I talked to my cousin who was the same age as me. It was awkward because I never actually talked to him. Aunt Mary showed me and my siblings our rooms.

We went to a little market called Centro Commercial Las Pulgas (Translation: Mall the fleas, technically the flea market) and bought some food and clothes that we could take back home. By the time we came back, we ate some food and watched T.V. The type of food we ate was Picadas. Then we went to sleep. The next day we went to El Salvador Turicentros. The week after that we went back home to stay at my grandma's for Christmas.

Alexandra Campos, 11
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
 Central Middle

My favorite Christmas memory is when my family and I were setting up the christmas tree and after we were done my mom and dad said, "Come to the kitchen." So we went and we didn't know why until we saw they had bought us matching outfits. The outfits were so cute with a snowman and star. We put the outfits on and took family pictures. Then we baked chocolate chip cookies. We put cookie dough on my mom's face and she got so angry. We started laughing at her but eventually gave her a hug and kiss. After baking cookies, we watched Christmas Chronicles and drank hot chocolate with marshmallows and whip cream. It was delicious! So this is my favorite Christmas memory. What's yours???

Layla Bellamy, 12
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
 Central Middle

My favorite Christmas tradition is putting up my big tree every year. My family and I go to my uncle's building and put up the tree. We drink hot chocolate and eat great food. We usually

have chicken wings and corn on the cob. For dessert we have cookies and chocolate. We do this every year and I hope we can do it this year too!!!

Will Gore, 12
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
 Central Middle

My Christmas Tradition
 On Christmas Eve we open presents with my uncle and grandparents. Grandma and grandpa come to my house and spend the night. We get up early Christmas morning and open presents from Santa and eat my granny's breakfast casserole. After we eat, I play with all the things I received. This is my family tradition and I wouldn't trade it for the world.

Luke Simmons, 11
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
 Central Middle

My favorite Christmas tradition is waking up early on Christmas morning and opening presents with my family. We eat grits, eggs, bacon, and chocolate chip muffins for breakfast. Afterwards, I go to my grandma's house and celebrate with them by eating dinner and opening more presents. That is my favorite Christmas Tradition.

Brinley Worley, 11
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
 Central Middle

One Christmas, I got to play in the snow because it was snowing that night. I built a snowman and drank hot cocoa. I decorated my own christmas tree and put presents under the tree. We made a gingerbread house with my dad. My dad and I went to the mall with my cousin where I met Santa and told him the presents I wanted for Christmas.

This Christmas is yet to come and I'll have more memories of good times.

Henry Spaulding, 11
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
 Central Middle

My Family's Christmas Tradition.

Our family tradition starts as a normal Christmas where we all wake up and open presents. Then we all get ready to go to my grandparents house where we have Christmas dinner and open more presents. We all play games and do secret Santa or white elephant. All of my cousins, aunts, uncles and so many other relatives are there to celebrate and fellowship. We also call relatives who are not able to spend Christmas with us, we spend pretty much the whole day together as a family. When it's time to go home we say goodbye and take all of our gifts home. I am so thankful for family celebrations.

Madison Yribe, 11
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
 Central Middle

My Christmas Memory
 My Christmas memory happened one morning when I was young. I woke my sister up at 4:00 in the morning. We ran down the stairs to my mom's room then

woke my brother. We ran in the living room and saw all the presents under the tree. That Christmas we received a sweet dog. We named her Coconut. But almost a year later my dad ran over her. Poor puppy.

Audrey Hill, 12
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
 Central Middle

Christmas Memory
 One of my favorite Christmas memories was when I woke up with my family. We opened presents but it wasn't about presents it was about Jesus's birth. Then after we opened presents we ate lunch and I had a basketball game. I ended up doing good and my team won. Afterwards we ate supper and I went to my grandma's house. I saw all my cousins and we had a great time playing games, talking to each other and doing other things. This is one of my favorite Christmas memories.

Logan Little, 12
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
 Central Middle

My Christmas Memory
 I remember waking up on Christmas morning and opening presents. It was so exciting and fun. Not only because of presents but for the birth of Jesus. I went to my grandma's house and we celebrated Christmas with my family by playing games with my cousin, making funny jokes and all types of fun things. We ate chicken and pastry, rice and regular chicken.

Conrad Martinez, 11
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
 Central Middle

MY CHRISTMAS MEMORY

My favorite Christmas memory is when my family and I would go to my Mema's house on Christmas Eve. We would have a feast of food like collards, cake, pork chop and cookies. We would all buy each other presents. I love Christmas time the most because I got to spend time with my family.

Briley Tedder, 12
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
 Central Middle

My Favorite Christmas Memory!

My favorite Christmas memory was in 2020 when I was eleven years old. I loved this

Christmas memory because I traveled to Orlando, Florida. Once I got to Orlando, Florida, I went to the house that my family and I were staying in for the next few days. On Christmas Eve, we played secret santa and I loved the gift I got which was an outfit. After we opened presents, I baked cookies and played games with my family. On Christmas day, I went to the mall with my family and I bought gifts for my mom. Then on the last day we cleaned and got ready to go back home.

Akeelah Baldwin, 12
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
 Central Middle

My Favorite Christmas Memory
 My favorite Christmas

memory is the year I got my first four wheeler. It was 2016 and I was seven years old. I woke up on Christmas morning and opened all my presents. Then I found a letter on the tree and it said, "Dear Yeats, This present is too big to go under the tree so I put it in the garage. From Santa." I ran to the garage and then I saw my first four-wheeler, a 125cc cam-am. I got on it, cranked it up and went for a ride. I drove it through mud holes and through fields. This is my best Christmas memory!

Yeats Inman, 12
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
 Central Middle

My Favorite Christmas Memory

My favorite memory of Christmas is when I woke up and ran down the stairs. I looked at the Christmas tree and saw so many presents. Then I ran to my mom and dad's room and woke them up and said, "Come look at all the presents." A couple of hours later we had a big Christmas gathering and we ate plenty of food. Then when the party was over we opened presents and I got an abundance of toys. After we were done, I had to go to bed. As I was lying in bed thinking about the day, I felt thankful for how much I had been blessed.

Bryce Ward, 11
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
 Central Middle

My Favorite Christmas Memory

My favorite Christmas memory was on December 25, 2017. I was 8 years old and couldn't wait until everybody woke up, so we could start opening presents. So fast forward to an hour later, we started opening presents. The third present I opened was from my older brother and he bought me a Zabuzza sword from an anime called Naruto. After I got dressed, I went outside in the cold and started playing with it.... all day long I played with that sword and that is my favorite Christmas memory.

Peyton Smith-Thomas, 12
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
 Central Middle

My favorite Christmas memory is when it FINALLY snowed one year. It was December in 2017 and I woke up, looked outside and it was snowing!

I was exuberant! So, I put on my clothes and boots and went outside. My cousin Fletcher was there too, so I said, "Fletcher let's go build a snowman!" He didn't want to do it so I had to build it myself. But, other than that, everything was great. The snowman stayed up for 2-3 more days. Then it finally melted.

My family and I had a good time and had fun that year.

But from then and on, it never snowed where I lived again. That's just rude, weather.

Samantha Ward, 11
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
 Central Middle

My favorite Christmas

memory
 My favorite Christmas memory happened when I was six or seven years old and it had snowed the night before but not much. It was enough to have a snowball fight. My brothers Gage, Grayson, Alex and I teamed up into teams of two. It was me and Gage against Grayson and Alex. We chose our spots and began the fight. It was really fun and after we finished we had hot chocolate. Then we opened our presents and played with our toys. We watched some Christmas movies and then we ate and went to bed.

Lydia White, 11
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
 Central Middle

My favorite Christmas tradition is wearing matching pajamas every year with my family. Every year we do different colors and patterns. This is my favorite Christmas memory because I feel like it brings us together.

DaNiyah McCray, 11
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
 Central Middle

My favorite Christmas meory

My favorite Christmas memory is when I was nine years old. I got my first four-wheeler which I had always wanted since I was little. I thought four-wheelers were fun and cool. On Christmas day after opening all my gifts under the Christmas tree, I had to cover my eyes and walk outside. On the count of three, I opened my eyes to see the big green four wheeler in the yard. I was so excited I screamed. My step-brother taught me how to drive it by changing the gears when I go fast. This is one of the best Christmas memories I can remember and will remember for the rest of my life.

Christmas Traditon
 On Christmas Eve, we go to my aunt's house and have a Christmas party. When my mom, sister, brother and I get home at night we go wash and put on our Christmas pajamas. We make cookies and a gingerbread house. Then my family watches a Christmas movie til we fall asleep. On Christmas, my family and I go to my grandma's house. All the kids play for about an hour and while we play grandma cooks. She cooks the best meal including macaroni, chicken, beans, deviled eggs and a bunch of desserts. When we all finish eating she sets up a big spot in the living room so we can open gifts.

Jayda Harvey, 11
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
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One of my favorite Christmas traditions is waking up on Christmas Day and going to my grandma's house in our pajamas. Our whole family as well as friends come to eat breakfast together. The breakfast feast consists of grits, eggs, casseroles, and so much more. After breakfast, we open presents as one big family. Then we go outside and play with all our new toys.

Gavin Fritze, 11
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
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My favorite Christmas memory happened when I woke up on my tenth Christmas. I ran into the living room where I saw all of my presents. This is the Christmas I received a tv, a long-board, pogostick, an arcade machine, and a whole lot of other gifts. Then eleven family members started showing up to our house. We ate a feast of a meal. When we were done eating we got to open up gifts from my family. This was one of the best Christmases I can remember.

Davis Whichard, 11
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
 Central Middle

My favorite Christmas tradition is when we decorate our tree. On Christmas Eve we open one present which is exciting. Before we go to bed, we give Santa a sundrop and a snack or two of oatmeal cookies and gingerbread houses. Then on Christmas Day we open all the presents under the tree. After we open all the presents we open the stocking.

Addison Spivey, 11
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
 Central Middle

My favorite Christmas memory happened when I was five years old. I woke up early on Christmas day and went to my parents' room to wake them up. My brother and I went to the Christmas tree to open presents. I opened so many presents and I was so happy. I went to my room and played with my new toys. Afterwards, we went to my Grandma's house. We got to open more presents and we kept playing with my toys. After leaving Grandma's house, we went home where I fell asleep from such an awesome day.

Logan Simmons, 11
 Kristy Worley, 6th grade
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My favorite Christmas Memory



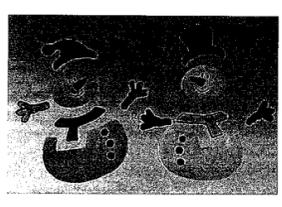
Christmas Christmas Christmas To me Christmas is a joyful holiday full of love faith and hope. With gifts cards and many more don't forget the parades and the plays about us. Don't forget about why we celebrate Christmas we celebrate the birthday of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. My favorite memory is every year isn't Christmas day it is Christmas Eve when the entire family get together and make hot chocolate and build a gingerbread house. We laugh, we sing, we watch The Polar Express.

Ms. Moore 8th Grade ELA

Cornelius Bell
Stephanie Moore's 8th grade
Central Middle

Skyler Lloyd

Christmas Story



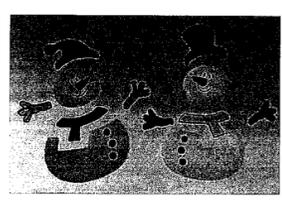
Once upon a time it was in the winter season I decided to prepare everything for Christmas day. The day before I was down stairs after washing my hands up so we could open our presents. After we opened our presents we started up and got ready for a visit to grandma's. Grandma let open presents gifts and celebrated with a cocktail.

Ms. Moore 8th Grade ELA

Skyler Lloyd
Stephanie Moore's 8th grade
Central Middle

Clayton Lowery

A Christmas Memory



My favorite Christmas memory is when I got my first snow globe. That Christmas was my favorite Christmas because I had a snow globe. My Auntie also caused a couple of nice memories. But lucky I didn't know it made my dad happy. I watched my hours run on my birthday.

Ms. Moore 8th Grade ELA

Clayton Lowery
Stephanie Moore's 8th grade
Central Middle

Taniya Gaines

The Christmas Tree Lights Up "Poem"



One bright little gold star on top of the Christmas tree,
Two little presents underneath for me,
Three silver paper twisted around the tree,
Four shining balls blowing sweet,
Oh what a sight for you to see.

Ms. Moore 8th grade ELA

Taniya Gaines
Stephanie Moore's 8th grade
Central Middle

Joshua Laceywell-Coard

My favorite Snow



One little star on top of the tree,
Two little presents underneath for me,
Three silver paper twisted around the tree,
Four shining balls blowing sweet,
Oh what a sight for you to see.

Ms. Moore 8th grade ELA

Joshua Laceywell-Coard
Stephanie Moore's 8th grade
Central Middle

Shaniya Diaz

Merry Christmas "Poem"



Christmas isn't shiny gifts or glittering decoration,
It's honoring our savior Jesus Christ.
In humble admiration,
It's taking what we have spent on things that no one needs and using it to help someone which serves and good deeds.
So lets remember Christmas about our savior's birth that's the way to happiness.

Ms. Moore 8th grade ELA

Shaniya Diaz
Stephanie Moore's 8th grade
Central Middle

Christmas Memories

My Christmas Memories
One of my favourite memories of Christmas was the time we went to New York! It was cold and snowy. I love the time when we went ice skating at the Rockefeller Center. I had much trouble even sliding on the ice and I also remember my sister falling on the ice and everybody staring at her. I would also need assistance while skating as if I didn't have any I would have fallen. Skating was a great experience, but it was very hard too.
Every single Christmas Eve we put out some milk and cookies for Santa and give the reindeer some carrots and apples to eat...Always excited about tomorrow! It was one of my favourite parts of Christmas Eve! Then I go to sleep and get in bed then the next thing you know it's Christmas when I wake up. I wait for my sister to wake up since she always wakes up later. Then, we open the presents and stockings with my sister in our matching pajamas and I also remember me having a happy smile on my face.
One thing I love about the Holiday season is watching Christmas movies. I love

riding around the neighborhoods and looking at the Christmas lights people have on in their yards. I also love getting a stocking present each day and seeing what it is. I love decorating the tree with ornaments and I love pulling out the twigs and fixing them so the ornaments will stay on properly. I love at night how you can see all the Christmas trees lit up in the house. I love seeing the snowman on the door in the hall with the 25 days of Christmas countdown to one day. Christmas is an amazing time of the year and there are some memories of Christmas I will never forget.
Gus Wooten
Michael Fletcher's 7th Grade
Central Middle
The Season of Christmas, This is a wonderful season this year,
Christmas the best season of them all,
Presents and dinner of them all,
Ham, macaroni and it all. My favorite time of the year,
Specifically the dinner, I love food a lot,
Most of all the hawaiian buns.
I also love my birthday, It is on the 28th of December,

I'm a Christmas baby, I get extra presents. I most of all love my family,
They always come over to our house,
We open presents and gifts,
I also love to go to my cousins house.
The End
Gabriel McQueen
Michael Fletcher's 7th Grade
Central Middle
Christmas is a time of family and friends,
It's a time when we share love,
We eat sweets like gingerbread houses, candy canes, and yule log cakes.
We listen to Christmas music and watch Christmas movies with family,
We give and get Christmas presents from people close to us,
When you drive by neighborhoods, you see houses decorated in lights.
We decorate Christmas trees to look beautiful and joyful,
Christmas is a time of happiness,
A time of joy,
A time of love,
Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year.
Dennisha Richardson
Michael Fletcher's 7th Grade
Central Middle

The Joy on our Faces I wake up with a jolt, And remember the date. I quickly leave my bed, So as not to be late. I meet my siblings in the hallway,
We've been waiting for so long.
We go to the living room, And it was worth all the waiting we'd undergone.
The presents stacked high,
The joy on our faces! All over the world, You see this joy over many nations.
Mckenna Ware-Rudnik
Michael Fletcher's 7th Grade
Central Middle
Bethlehem
A baby was born in a stable,
His birth is so much more than a fable.
The star led the shepherds through the night,
The wise men came with gifts to see the sight.
It was a night that changed the world for every boy, and every girl.
Jesus is the greatest gift. I'm so thankful He is not a myth.
Cameron Strickland
Michael Fletcher's 7th Grade
Central Middle

My Favorite Christmas
My favorite Christmas memory was when me and my brother got a go cart. We were so happy that we drove those things all day and didn't even really care about our other presents. I had a red one and he had a black one with a roll cage on it. When we got them, we had to go to our grandparents so we took them with us and road at their house. When we were done riding we went into the house and ate some breakfast. When we finished breakfast we gathered around and read a couple scriptures in the Bible. After that we opened presents and stayed and talked for a while then we went home and went to sleep.
Jayden Todd
Michael Fletcher's 7th Grade
Central Middle
Awaken one morning to a rattling,
I open my eyes to see my sister babbling,
I sit up and she starts to shake me,
She starts bouncing and yelling "It's Christmas!"
We race to our closet and climb to the very back,
We grabbed two wrapped presents,
We sneakily rush to our

parents room and climb on their bed,
We start to jump on the bed, trying to wake them up.
Once they're awake we stop jumping and climb in between them,
I handed my gift to my mom and my sister gave our dad his,
They opened them together and when they saw what was inside,
They hugged and kissed us with lots of joy, while me and my sister just giggled.
Maddalyn Williamson
Michael Fletcher's 7th Grade
Central Middle
It was a few years ago and I was in the mountains with my grandparents. We go there every year after Christmas. This year it was snowing so my grandpa and I had a snowball fight. Then another year we stayed in a cabin for Christmas. That year for Christmas we did a lot of stuff like go to a zoo, get ice cream and much more.
This story happened a few years ago but it was Christmas night and I was walking to the bathroom and I tripped on something and fell. It turns out I fell over a bike that Santa had got me. One year we went over to my

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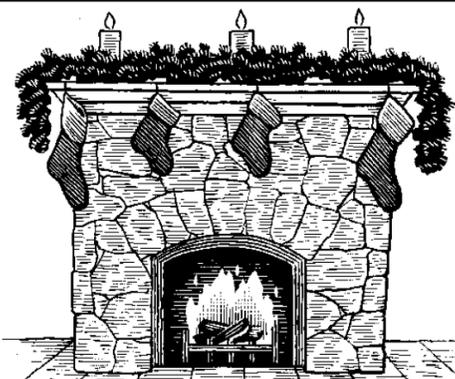


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great grandma's house for Christmas. (P.S. - She is still alive to this day.) So when we went there I got a toy guy that shot little balls.

Me and my brother were playing with the guy and he shot me with it and it hurt a lot. One year my mom and dad went with me and my grandparents to the mountains so when we went we had to get two hotel rooms, and the car was packed.

Isaac Worley
Michael Fletcher's 7th Grade
Central Middle

I have a few favorite Christmas memories that will always make me smile. They are the reason I learned the real meaning of the holiday.

First, I remember my grandmother putting an elf on the shelf and fruit in the stocking. She tried to trick me into thinking that Santa magic did it.

Also, I remember my brother helping me unwrap presents, and also helping me play with them. Like a hoverboard he scratched up.

Finally, I remember when I realized that Christmas was about being with your family to celebrate the birth of Jesus, and that's the best gift of all.

Adrian Day
Michael Fletcher's 7th Grade
Central Middle

Hot cocoa mist in the air
People walking saying,
"Santa's here!"

I love when Christmas comes around,

I love hearing the joyful sounds.

My family watching Christmas movies,

In the warm hot house,
We're baking cookies,
And having fun.

Merry Christmas!!!

Alexis Robinson
Michael Fletcher's 7th Grade
Central Middle

My favorite Christmas memory was when I was in New York with my family and lights were blooming and trees were glowing and I saw Time Square and saw pretty lights. That was a Christmas I'll never forget, simply because I spent time with my family and had fun. I enjoy and value family time so that's a big win-win.

Kymadia McAllister
Michael Fletcher's 7th Grade
Central Middle

I can't wait for Christmas 'cause I'm really in the mood,
Can't wait till Christmas Eve when I get to open the presents,

And I really can't wait to eat some of the foods,

Even on Christmas day everyone is pleasant.

Everybody will close down their business,

And the angels will began to sing,

Tomorrow we will have eleven days till christmas

And I will eat some wings

Jalyiah Livingston
Michael Fletcher's 7th Grade
Central Middle

Christmas is coming, and it's Jesus' birthday! We have a big family dinner. It's like a mini Thanksgiving. Most

of my family come and I get to see my cousins I don't see every often and we all gather at my great grandma's house. My grandma be making them good red velvet and chocolate cakes, but most of the time I be helping my grandma prep and make cakes. She mostly cooks the day before on Christmas Eve but y'all can't forget that juicy ham my grandma be having. My aunt makes the best baked mac & cheese and we open and exchange presents on my momma's side of the family. Then later on we go to my grandma's on my daddy's side to go see my peoples over there and my presents my grandma be having for me.

Jamyia Gaddy
Michael Fletcher's 7th Grade
Central Middle

Hello, my name is Ansley and this is my favorite Christmas memory.

One dark Christmas Eve I was as all kids trying to sleep tossing and turning in my bed.

And next thing I know I heard a big boom from the roof "oh my goodness" I whispered to myself, "Could that be Santa?" "OH NO," I said as the realization came into my head that I am not asleep! What if I don't get any presents? I better get to sleep now, and the next thing I know it is 7:48 am and I need to go and check that I got presents or not. After all, I didn't get to sleep until I heard Santa on the roof? As I walk as carefully as I can to the Christmas tree so as not to wake my family. sigh... "Santa did come and he left so many beautiful trinkets and toys"

Next, I check the cookies and carrots "look, they are all gone!" I exclaimed excitedly.

And then I hopped back in bed until my mom came in and woke me up that morning. And I got everything I asked for. But after that, all we did was eat and play with the new stuff we got and that was the best Christmas ever!

Thank you for reading to my favorite Christmas memory.

"Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!"

Ansley Hayes
Michael Fletcher's 7th Grade
Central Middle

DEAR SANTA

Dear Santa,
I would like an iPhone 12 for Christmas and a Laptop. Mine is old. I will be good! Can I get a popit too?

Fantasia
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I will like an ipad for Christmas and I have been really good this year. Can you fix my tablet?

Love, carson
Carson
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I would like a shirt and some pants, a ipad, a pet dog, a baby sister, and if I be good for Christmas can I get a iphone? Thank you Santa, I love you Santa you the best Santa, if I don't be good I'm sorry Santa I will be good next year.

Kaleah
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a Laptop and Mine-craft Lego set.

Grayson
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a baby sister because I take care of my baby Casan. I want Laptop because I have been so good.

Bria
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I would like a crusoe dog shirt for winter please. I told my elf Joe did he tell you? Do you think I have been good this year? If I have been bad, I am sorry. I would also like a camera. I lost it last year. I think if I had a new one I could help my uncle take pictures of you and kids at christmas.

Drake
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I would like to phone 13, Santa. And a pet dog and \$900 and toys? And have been good, Santa? I have been bad? Sorry Santa bye...

Dear Santa, I would like a card for my game, I have been a good boy. I would like a Batman plushie and a Hoverboard please. A new puppy and an iphone, the new Spider man game, a new camera, and a laptop.

Love, Kaleb
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I would like a Hoverboard because I would like to be able to ride with Traxon and Josh and Adreno. please. I have been good and when you come please fix my camera and thank you for leaving my elf home with us. It pranked us it is a good actor.

Love, Makenna
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a new forewiller and a golden key chain that is a cross sign and I want a baby german shepherd that is trained and a ps4 controller that has the galaxy on it and a ps4 controller charge!

Cade
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a cross necklace, earrings and a big shop.

Destiny
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I would like a big shop and so I can play with it and my sister can play with it too. I

want a new puppy because mine died, so I wish I had one now to play with. I want an iphone, an ipad, and a pop it too.

Nathan
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I would like a pop it notebook and a pop it ball. Can you get my sister anything cocomelon and my mom A Jack Skellington glow in the dark blanket. Can you get my cat, Sparkles, a moving cat toy? I hope you like what me, mom, Ava, and Sparkles left you.

Briley
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I would like a motor race car V8 mustang. I would like vbucks 10,000,000,000,000 and 10,000,000,000 dollars, a SX4 Winchester 20 gauge shotgun. And buckshot. 20 gauge 2 and 3 4ths. Oh by the way for the shotgun automatic. I was good at school, good grades but I think I'm good at math straight A's 100 100 100 100. That's my math grades. And I want a full choke for the 20 gauge because i Need a tight pattern. And a shop to work on the race car to put a V8 motor and for Luke to have a mansion.

Hunter
Jessica Edwards 3rd Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a Oculus because I like playing video games. I also want a 31 inch skateboard because I want learn how to skate. Can I please get some robux cards. I want a rc car/truck pick one for me. I want a wild cat sniper rifle also a throwing knife kit and a bow and arrow. i want a bullet trap target for my rifle. Santa i have been good at school and i really like reading im very good at it too. I would like a cool keyboard for my iPad because i want to play roblox on keyboard. i want some vbucks cards too so i can get some skins. santa can i get the game astronereer. I want it because i want some new games for my ps4. i want avocado toss game too so i can play a game with my family and just pick some more boars games out that you think i would like also some ps4 games that i would like and I want a rifle stand for my wild cat rifle. oh and one more thing i want spoke pellets for my rifle.

Luke
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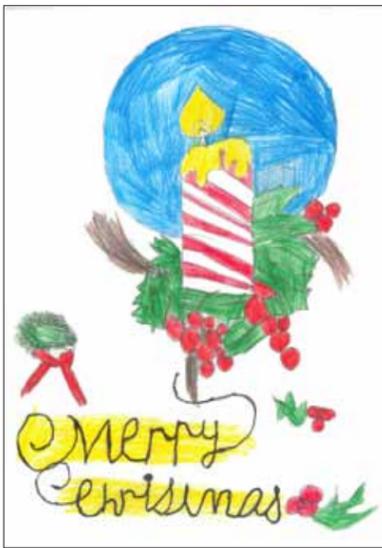
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Robin Gore's 13th Grade
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Christmas Joy
By Morgan Benson

The Flickering lights
gleaming through the
night.
Bells ringing in the streets
and songs playing on re-
peat.
Angel tears flowing
through God's calling.
The joy of giving
and Jesus's first begin-
ning.

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My Elf - Japanese Tanka
I got up one day
Then I looked around my house
For my crazy elf
I find him somewhere bizarre
Then laugh at him the whole day.

Emma McCleney
Mary Waddell's 5th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Christmas Eve- Japanese Tanka
We bake lots of treats
I bake cookies for Santa
I watch Christmas stuff
I can barely sleep tonight
I can't stop tracking Santa.

Brisa Matheson
Mary Waddell's 5th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Christmas- Japanese Tanka
As we go to sleep
Santa soars over the world
As kids sleep soundly
Teddy bears, trains, dolls and more
To make kids happy world-wide.

Emma Berry
Mary Waddell's 5th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Christmas Day - Japanese Tanka
When Christmas day came
One kid was so excited
For the jolly man.
Mainly for his brand new bike
But who knows what could happen?

Cameron English
Mary Waddell's 5th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Christmas Night - Japanese Tanka
One night Santa came
To Emma on Christmas Eve.
He gave her presents!
She opened them the next day
She really, really loved them!

Hayden Nance
Mary Waddell's 5th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Christmas Tree - Japanese Tanka
Guess what time it is
Time to put up the tree now
We have the tree lights FINALLY!
Pretty lit tree. The tree is perfect to me.

Brinkley Turbeville
Mary Waddell's 5th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Christmas Carol- Japanese Tanka
It's time to carol
The people gather to sing
We sing together
After we go eat cookies
It has been a great Christmas.

Garrison Bullard
Mary Waddell's 5th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Christmas- Japanese Tanka
One night as we play
We see Santa's sleigh flying.
We run inside fast.
We act like we are asleep
And we catch big Santa Clause.

Maggie Williamson
Mary Waddell's 5th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

The Christmas Tree- Japanese Tanka
On Christmas Eve we decorate the Christmas tree
We put the lights on
Then put the ornaments on
Last, we put the big star

on.
Jaida Jenkins
Mary Waddell's 5th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Elves - Japanese Tanka
Elves are full of joy
They are so generous too.
Elves love Christmas time.

They love Santa Clause a lot.
They leave your house on Christmas.

Levi Williams
Mary Waddell's 5th Grade
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Christmas Time is here
It's my favorite time of year.
Gonna spread some cheer.
Gonna spread some happiness
And not be mad, sad, or bad.

Ezra Rogers
Mary Waddell's 5th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

The Christmas Tree- Japanese Tanka
The Christmas tree lights
Are bright like Jesus.
He is the Star on everyone's Tree.
The ornaments show his Specialness.
We love Jesus.

Ella Hayes
Mary Waddell's 5th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Joy - Japanese Tanka
Joy is the season.
Kids waking up to see the gifts.
Eating their breakfast.
The parents are smiling down.
Today is all about joy.

Hunter Greene
Mary Waddell's 5th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

I can't wait Santa,
It's your time of year
To bring kids' presents
And bad ones lots of coal!
Bye Santa! We left cookies.

Brionna Holmes
Mary Waddell's 5th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Christmas Joy- Japanese Tanka
I love Christmas joy
It fills me with excitement
To unwrap presents
And spend time with family
That's why I love Christmas joy.

Cooper Hinson
Mary Waddell's 5th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Christmas- Japanese Tanka
Oh my, Christmas tree,
Oh my! What a sight to see!
Is my elf coming?
Because I really miss him!
I do hope he comes tonight!

Channing Williamson
Mary Waddell's 5th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
Please don't come this year.
The reason I don't want you to come is because you can kind of say I've already had a Christmas.
When I went to Disney World I got some pretty expensive stuff.
Instead of coming to my house to deliver, take the gifts to other people.

Your friend, Carson
Carson Jones
Mary Waddell's 4th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
Please don't come this year.
The reason I don't want you to come this year is

because I already have everything I need.
So this year I think you should give to the people who don't have much.
These people don't have food, water, or even people to take care of them when they're sick.
They might not be able to write notes because they might not have paper or a pencil.
They might not be able to go to school to learn how to write.
So, instead of coming to me, I want you to take these people gifts this Christmas.

Sincerely,
Ella
Ella Revels
Mary Waddell's 4th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
Please don't come this year.
The reason I don't want you to come is because I have enough toys already.
So instead you can give homeless people food, water, shelter, and money.

Sincerely,
Wyatt
Wyatt Hart
Mary Waddell's 4th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
Please don't come this year.
The reason I don't want you to come is because I have lots of presents.
What I want you to do instead is to give my presents to kids who need them more than me.

Love,
Kaylie
Kaylie Weatherford
Mary Waddell's 4th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
Please don't come this year.
The reason I don't want you to come is because there are boys and girls that don't have anything.
I want you to take them toys instead of me.
They need them more than I do.
Also, please take food to the ones that don't have any.
Thank you for doing this.
It is the right thing to do.

Sincerely,
Bentlee
Bentley Thompson
Mary Waddell's 4th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
Please don't come this year.
The reason I don't want you to come is because you already bring the stuff I ask for,
so I want you to take gifts to people that have no homes.
I want you to bring happiness to those people.
The reason I want you to do that is because those people might live on the streets.
They will be happy with their gifts.

Love,
Lathan
Lathan Nobles
Mary Waddell's 4th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
Please don't come this year.
The reason I don't want you to come is because I would like you to give the homeless people some clothes.
I have everything I have from last year and I don't need anything this year.

Love,
Greyana
Greyanna Powell
Mary Waddell's 4th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
Please don't come this year.
The reason I don't want you to come is because I know there are kids that want toys and don't have the chance to get them.
So when you visit them, take them some toys along with some sweets and cocoa.
Just make them feel good.
Also, thank you because you probably never thought about it.

Thank you,
Rivers
Rivers Whitehead
Mary Waddell's 4th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
Please don't come this year.
The reason I don't want you to come is so you can help the children who don't have toys.
Some only eat at school.
Please help the children who don't have presents or are not able to spend Christmas with their parents.
Help ones who are sick or hospitalized to get better.

Sincerely,
Ashlyn
Ashlynn Hinson
Mary Waddell's 4th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
Please don't come this year.
Can you please save some animals?
Some don't have food and some don't have shelter.
Please, also give kids who don't get presents some.

Have a Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Jy'Rell
Jy'Rell Harmon
Mary Waddell's 4th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
Please don't come this year.
The reason I don't want you to come is because I want you to rest and drink coffee.
Have a good day and relax.
Enjoy not going on

the sleigh.
Your friend,
Josie Cribb
Josie Cribb
Mary Waddell's 4th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
Please don't come this year.
The reason I don't want you to come is because I have too much and other people don't have anything to eat or drink.
Can you please help them grow and give them a house and someone to take care of them.
Also, give them something to eat and drink.
They also need a pet and toys to play with.
They also need lots of people that love them.
The only thing I want this year is for others to be happy.

In kindness,
Emily
Emily Powell
Mary Waddell's 4th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
Please don't come this year.
The reason I don't want you to come is because I have enough.
Help other people.
Some people don't have presents.
Some are homeless.
Please help them and give them a house.

Love,
Matthew
Matthew Pinyan
Mary Waddell's 4th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
Please don't come this year.
The reason I don't want you to come is that there are other kids out there who don't have food or water and shelter.
People don't have money to buy toys, cars, or houses.
So help those who are blind and sick.
Also, help those that need God.

Love,
Jayce
Jayce Ford
Mary Waddell's 4th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
Please don't come this year.
The reason I don't want you to come is because I want you to feed the homeless and help the sick kids and parents who don't have homes.
Give the poor dogs who don't have any homes or food a good place to live.
Please give to sick babies.
Help parents who are losing their jobs and homes.

Please don't give me any presents because what really matters is the people who don't have food, money, or homes.

Merry Christmas!
Sincerely,
Saniyah
Saniyah Davis
Mary Waddell's 4th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
Please don't come this year.
The reason why I don't want you to come is because I have a lot.
A lot of people do not have homes, or somewhere warm to sleep.
Some people stay on sidewalks of cities and try to get some money.
Some people need food and water.
Please help them.

Your friend,
Collin
Collin Andrews
Mary Waddell's 4th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa,
Please don't come this year.
Don't come this year because you never deliver to dogs.
Think about it... all the little puppies that never see light.
So you should deliver gifts to puppies instead.

Love,
Nate
Nate Watts
Mary Waddell's 4th Grade
Cerro Gordo Elementary

*Thinking of you
at Christmastime*

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*May your heart and home be filled with
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Alex Benton
Jeff Rudnik's class
East Columbus Jr./Sr. High

The Best Thing

The Best Thing About December

December is cold. Sometimes it snows. Christmas is December 25. It is Jesus's birthday. We have a big Christmas tree. Santa brings gifts.

Kevin Trinidad
Selena Gore-ESL-3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

The Best Thing About December

December is a special month because Christmas is on December 25. We spend time with our family and bake goodies. We get to put up a Christmas tree and get gifts. We have 2 weeks of school break. December 25 is Jesus's birthday.

Valeria Cardenas
Selena Gore-ESL-3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

The Best Thing About December

The best thing about December is Christmas. You get presents and it is Jesus's birthday. I spend time with my family. We get 2 weeks off from school. We bring our Christmas tree out and set it up.

Baltazar Rodriguez
Selena Gore-ESL-3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

The Best Thing About December

December is a special month because it is Jesus's birthday. Christmas is my favorite holiday. I open my presents on Christmas morning. We put lights on our tree. I spend time with my family.

Bryan Lopez-Lopez
Selena Gore-ESL-3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

The Best Thing About December

December is a special month because we get a 2 week break from school! It is also Christmas. It is fun and we spend time with our family. We decorate our Christmas tree with ornaments and lights.

Bryan Hernandez-Villafuerte
Selena Gore-ESL-3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

The Best Thing About December

December is a special month because it is Jesus's birthday. We watch Christmas movies and make hot chocolate. We put up the tree and open gifts. I put the lights on the Christmas tree. We have 2 weeks off of school. We have a lot of time to spend with family members.

Karina Perez
Selena Gore-ESL-3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

The Best Thing About December

The best thing about December is that it is Jesus's birthday. We spend time with our family and have fun. We watch movies and have a break from school. We also put the Christmas tree up.

Jeferson Paguada
Selena Gore-ESL-4th grade
Edgewood Elementary

The Best Thing About December

The best thing about December is Christmas. It is on December 25. We put up a Christmas tree and lights around the house. It is fun and pretty. We also get presents. This is what makes De-

December special. December 17 is my birthday.

Phoenix Perez
Selena Gore-ESL-5th grade
Edgewood Elementary

The Best Thing About December

December is a special month because I get to spend time with my family. It is Christmas! I get to open my presents. I make Christmas cookies and a gingerbread house. I get to watch movies with my family.

Javier Hernandez-Mexicano
Selena Gore-ESL-3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

The Best Thing About December

The best thing about December is you can spend time with your family. It is my birthday and it is the best month! You can bake with your family.

Diana Castillo Hernandez
Selena Gore-ESL-3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

The Best Thing About December

The best thing about De-

December is Christmas and getting to see my family. We bake cookies with our family and set up the Christmas tree. We watch Christmas movies and drink hot chocolate.

Marlen Castillo-Perez
Selena Gore-ESL-4th grade
Edgewood Elementary

The Best Thing About December

The best thing about December is it is Jesus's birthday. We celebrate Christmas by getting presents. We drink hot chocolate. We hang up Christmas lights and decorate our Christmas tree. The best thing about Christmas is I spend time with my family. I also get a break from school!

Erwin Villagrana-Ciprian
Selena Gore-ESL-4th grade
Edgewood Elementary

The Best Thing About December

December is special to me because I get to spend time with my family. We get presents and drink hot chocolate by the fire. We

watch Christmas movies. It is Jesus's birthday.

Keanna Ocana-Lopez
Selena Gore-ESL-5th grade
Edgewood Elementary

The Best Thing About December

December is a special month because we decorate the tree. We put lights on the tree and around the house. Santa comes on December 25. He has presents for us. It is fun.

Gael Baltazar
Selena Gore-ESL-3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

The Best Thing About December

The best thing about December is we get a school break for 2 weeks. It is the best thing because I can spend time with my family and celebrate Christmas. We put the Christmas tree together and decorate it. This is what makes December special to me.

Estevan Gonzales Jaimes
Selena Gore-ESL-4th grade
Edgewood Elementary

The Best Thing About December

The best thing about December is Christmas presents. We get visited by the Elf on the shelf. We make gingerbread houses. We decorate the Christmas tree with ornaments and lights. We also drink hot coco.

Eleanna Osorio Hernandez
Selena Gore-ESL-4th grade
Edgewood Elementary

The Best Thing About December

December is a special month because Christmas is on December 25. We put up our tree and decorate it with white and red lights. We put out cookies for Santa. I celebrate Jesus's birthday. After December we begin a new year.

Bairon Martinez Nunez
Selena Gore-ESL-3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

The Best Thing About December

The best thing about December is Christmas. It is on December 25. My family puts up a Christmas tree and we put lights on it. My Elf also comes to see if I've been good or bad. My family and I watch some Christmas

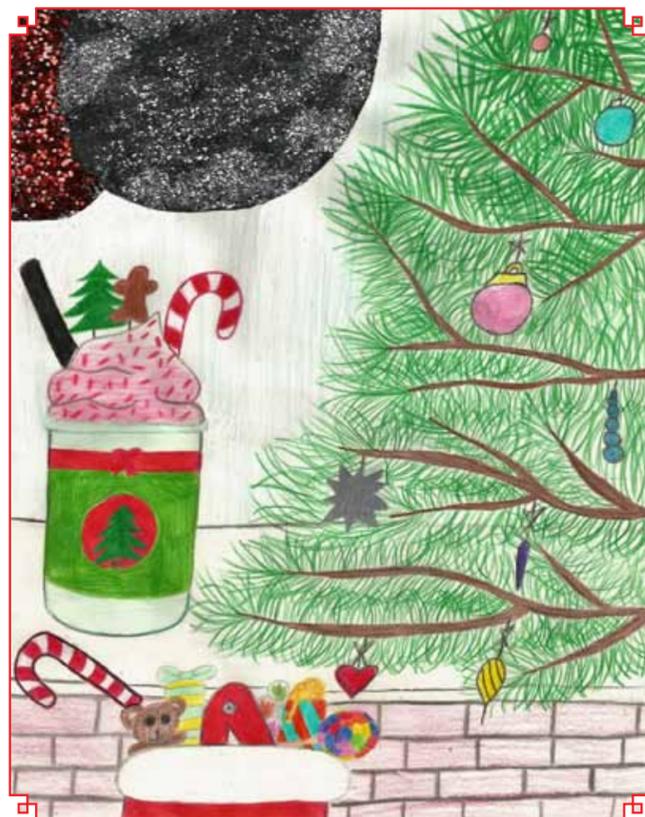
movies.

Jazmine Arellano Herrera
Selena Gore-ESL-4th grade
Edgewood Elementary

The Best Thing About December

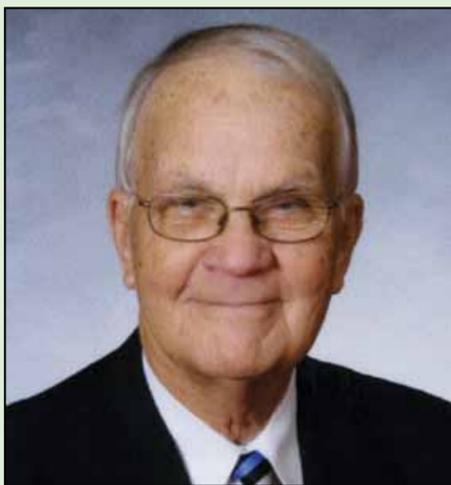
December is a special month because we get a two week break from school. It is Christmas. We get presents. It is fun spending time with my family.

Ryan Saucedo-Maldonado
Selena Gore-ESL-3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary



Rachel Prentice
Princess Grantham's 8th grade
Tabor City Middle

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Bryssa Simmons
Sandra Richardson's 11th grade
West Columbus High

My Christmas Wish List
For Christmas I want a laser tag set, a vr headset, and an iphone. Also, I would like to get a new pair of shoes. Spiderman silly string would be a great gift to get and clothes too.

Jacob Nealey, 8
Stephanie Sellers and LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Santa
Santa wears a red and white suit
Always delivers presents to kids

Never late for Christmas
Tasty cookies are his favorite
A sleigh of toys he delivers

Graydon McPherson, 8
Stephanie Sellers and LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Christmas
I love Christmas! I love to put up decorations. My family puts up a tree each year and we put ornaments and other decorations on it. My family makes cookies together every year for Santa. My brothers, sister, and I can't wait to see what Santa brings us each year.

Christopher Miller, 8
Stephanie Sellers and LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Christmas Cheer

Christmas is the time of year

to spread joy and cheer for all to hear.

Three wisemen came from afar following the big bright star.

Jesus was born on Christmas day and the angels came out to play.

Now, we celebrate all day.
Bentley Ward, 8
Stephanie Sellers and LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Lul Mil Vineyard
My favorite Christmas memory was when I went to LuMil Vineyard. I loved seeing the Christmas lights. I had a lot of fun at the Candy Store. I bought my papa ranch and cheddar cheese flavored dried crickets as a prank gift. I loved spending time with my family and making good Christmas memories.

Grayson Clark, 8
Stephanie Sellers and LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

The Christmas Lights Went Out

The Christmas lights went out. The one's dad just suspended. He took all day to hang them, but their gleaming promptly ended. I wondered how he'll take it when he steps out in the snow to marvel at his handy work, but he's missed the

show. The Christmas lights went out and all's dark on our lawn in one, fleeting, fizzling moment - his masterpiece is gone. I think I'll step inside now to avoid how he reacts when he finds one broken bulb in the middle of my tracks.

Zariah Morrison, 8
Stephanie Sellers and LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I want Covid-19 to be over so we do not have to wear masks anymore. I really want people to get along with each other. I want people to know that Christmas is not about some jolly, chunky dude in a red suit, who eats all of my cookies, slides down chimneys, and leaves gifts under the tree. Sorry Santa! Christmas is about Jesus' birthday. He is the greatest gift ever!

Bryson Coleman, 8
Stephanie Sellers and LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

A Wish Come True

A favorite Christmas memory for me is the time I wished for a brother and a sister. Guess what? That wish came true, I got both a brother and sister.

Kyleigh Hewett, 8
Stephanie Sellers and LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

The Best Christmas Ever
My favorite Christmas memory is from last year. It started out bad because my dad was in quarantine and could not even watch us open gifts in person. We had to video chat with him. Well two hours after we got done opening our gifts my mom's phone started ringing. It was the doctor stating that my dad's Covid-19 test came back negative. We were all so excited. My sister and I ran in the room where my dad was and gave him the biggest hug ever and of course his gifts. It turned out to be the best Christmas ever.

Bentley Mancio, 8
Stephanie Sellers and LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Snowball Fight
On Christmas night I had a snowball fight with....

a
REINDEER!!!
He tried with all his might to win the snowball fight.

Alec Dudney, 8
Stephanie Sellers and LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Branch

Once Christmas I got to pick either to go skiing in the mountains or to go to the Outer Banks. I picked the mountains. That was lots of fun, but the best thing that Christmas was in a box that had the word Branch written on it. On Christmas day I opened that box that had the word Branch and inside was a dog and that is how I got my dog that I named Branch.

Dylan Gore, 8
Stephanie Sellers and LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Science & Christmas

One of my favorite Christmas memories is when my two elves gave me a science experiment. There were skittles on a plate and a cup of water. I poured the water into the plate of skittles and it made a rainbow.

Abbigale Inman, 8
Stephanie Sellers and LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

This Time of Year
Candy canes are sweet this time of the year.

Christmas is coming filled with lots of cheer.

Better behave because Santa is watching you.

On Christmas Eve he will make his debut.

The lights are bright this time of year.

Christmas is coming filled with lots of cheer.

Makayla Nealy, 8
Stephanie Sellers and LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Christmas Day

On Christmas day my brothers and I wake up early in the morning. We wake our dad and ask if it is time to open presents. He says, YES!

We open our presents. I love Christmas!

Dozier Spivey, 8
Stephanie Sellers and LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

I love HUNTING!

One of my favorite Christmas memories is when I got my shotgun. I could shoot not only ducks when hunting, but I could do more hunting with the shotgun like rabbit and dove hunting. My shotgun was a 410. It helps out a lot when I am hunting.

Bentley Fowler 8
Stephanie Sellers and LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Christmas at Papa's House

My favorite Christmas memory is from last Christmas. We didn't have a big Christmas party. We went to my papa's house and opened presents and ate together with my family. I LOVED it!!!! It was so much fun!!!

What's yours???

Bella Canipe, 8
Stephanie Sellers and LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Christmas

Christmas is the best time of year.

It is filled with so much cheer.

Let's remember the baby boy,

Who came to bring us so much joy.

Maddie McPherson, 8
Stephanie Sellers and LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

A Day With No Snow

I woke up on Christmas hoping there was snow. So, I told my brother we got to go. I went outside and there was only some frost. I just wanted some snow. How much would that cost? A leg, an arm, a bird, an eye, a brain, a head, a dog, a fly?

So don't even say "You'll get it one day" because that's not possible, not in a single way.

Louis Langdon, 8
Stephanie Sellers and LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa,

I want to come see you one day. For Christmas I want a football, coloring book, and some coloring pencils. Also, I want my mom to not work so HARD because she takes really good care of my family.

Izaac Morales, 8
Stephanie Sellers and LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Christmas Tree
Oh Christmas Tree you give me glee

as long as you don't fall on me.

With all the pretty ornaments

you stand out to me.

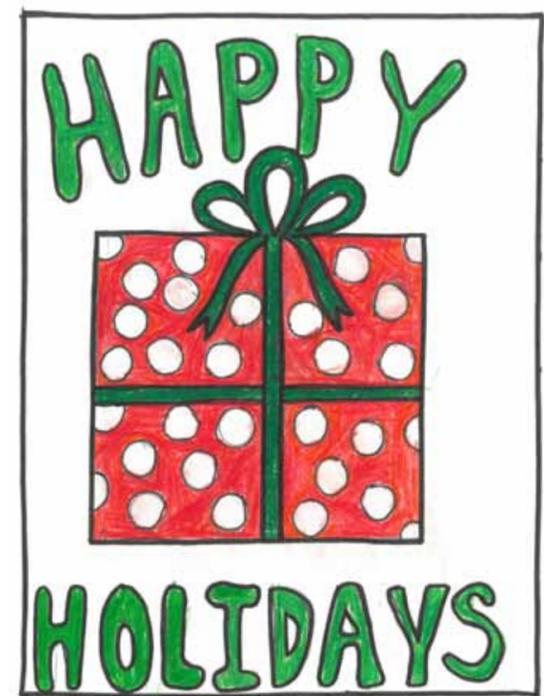
Oh Christmas tree you are so special to me.

Kasen Watts, 8
Stephanie Sellers and LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Twinkle Stars

Hi, I'm Bria and my favorite Christmas memory was when I got my first elf. My elf was named Twinkle Stars. I can touch Twinkle Stars. I got Twinkle Stars because when I wrote my Christmas list I wanted an elf and with my list I wrote a note about how I would take care of Twinkle Stars. So, we sent my note to the North Pole. Then, Christmas day I woke up with an elf and a note that I would get another elf next year. However, the most important thing about Christmas to me is Jesus.

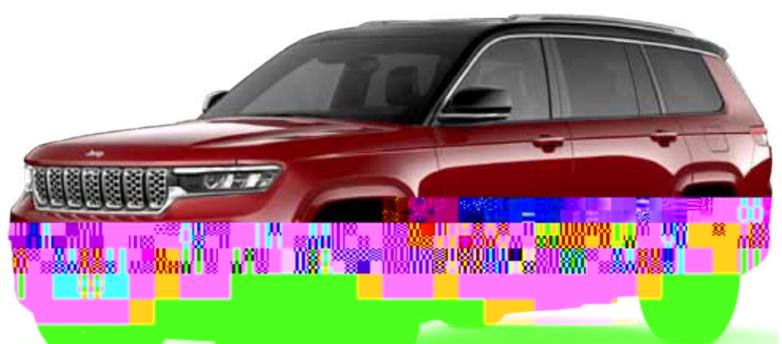
Bria Lewis, 8
Stephanie Sellers and LeighAnn McPherson,
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Williams Township Elementary



Melanie Jamison
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Carter Lee
Cheryl Cartrett 11th Grade
South Columbus High

My Favorite Part of Christmas

My favorite part of Christmas is being with my family. After we wake up on Christmas morning we open up presents. Then, I help my mom cook breakfast and we enjoy it together. We spend all Christmas day together with each other. I love spending Christmas with my family.

Jamie Lynn Ward, 8
Stephanie Sellers and
LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa,
I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas this year. I really want a bike, some shoes, and clothes for Christmas. Make sure to bring my sister something too. We both have been very good this year. I will make sure to leave you some milk and cookies out.

Jo'Siyah Cribb, 8
Stephanie Sellers and
LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

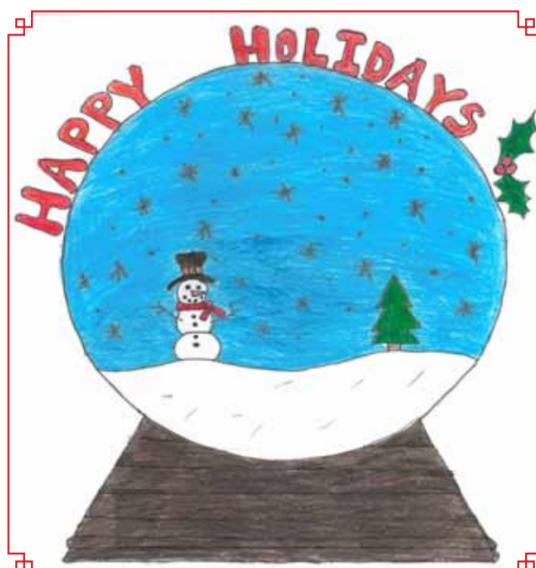
The True Gift
To me Christmas is more than just the presents, it is about celebrating Jesus' birthday. Last year, I played as Joseph in our church play. At Christmas we celebrate his birthday, but we should not forget that when he was older he died on the cross for everyone. Jesus is the true gift of Christmas.

Carter Hughes, 8
Stephanie Sellers and
LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa,
I am going to tell you what I would like for Christmas this year. I would like to get an iPad, a horse barn, and some toy horses. Make sure to bring my sister something also. We have both been very good this year. We will leave milk and cookies out on Christmas eve for you as a snack. Have a safe flight.

Adisyn McPherson, 8
Stephanie Sellers and
LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa,



Kamden Hill
Dian Roland 6th Grade
Nakina Middle

I am going to tell you what I would like for Christmas this year. I would like to get a X Box 1 game, a bike, and a Tar Heel Jordan Jersey. I have been really good this year. Hope you have a safe flight with your reindeer.

Drake Harper, 8
Stephanie Sellers and
LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

SNOWFLAKES
Snowflakes are clear and cold. Snowflakes are different shapes. Snowflakes are different sizes. Snowflakes are not the same. Snowflakes are pretty. Snowflakes fall from the sky.

Yasmin Gharam, 8
Stephanie Sellers and
LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa,
I am going to tell you what I would like for Christmas. I would like to get some games for my Nintendo Switch, some Batman toys, and maybe a bike. I have been really good this year.

Kadien Spivey, 8
3rd Grade - S. Sellers & L. McPherson
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa,
I am going to tell you what I would like for Christmas. I would like to get some pop-its, make-up, clothes, and toys. I have been really good this year.

Ky"Ja McCray, 8
Stephanie Sellers and
LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Jingles
I have an elf and her name is Jingles. Last Christmas she put up a zip line in my house and used a candy cane to ride across it. My sister accidentally touched Jingles, but she luckily did not lose her magic. I like my elf named Jingles.

Piper Burroughs, 8
Stephanie Sellers and
LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary



Annsey Norris
Kathy Trost's 5th Grade
Williams Township

Christmas

Christmas is fun because Santa brings toys for kids under the Christmas tree. My brother Chris and I are twins. We are 8 years old and can't wait to see the presents Santa leaves under the tree. I love celebrating Christmas!

Cameron Miller, 8
Stephanie Sellers and
LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas can you get me a gaming setup? I want it pink themed with pink cat headphones. Could you also get me some sugar free candy? I really need some. Can you give us some snow this year so I can make snowmen? I want a snow cone machine with sugar free syrup so I can make snow cones for my family. I hope you have a magnificent Christmas!

Bailey Price, 8
Stephanie Sellers and
LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a farming 22 RC airplane, targets to shoot, hunting shells, theHunter: Bloodhound Call of the Wild Headphones, and a Green Bay Packer hoodie.

Jace Wayne Garrell, 8
Stephanie Sellers and
LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Christmas
Christmas is a holiday when we celebrate Jesus' birthday. We have plays at my church and we sing songs about him. It is too hard to choose my favorite song, there are so many that I like. However, one of the songs I like is Silent Night. For 3 years in a row I have been a shepherd in our church play. I love celebrating Jesus'

birthday at church with my family.

Zander Godwin, 8
Stephanie Sellers and
LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa,
I am writing to tell you what I would like for Christmas this year. I would like to get some new clothes, an animal bean bag chair, and a tablet. Please make sure to bring my sisters and brother something for Christmas also. We will put a snack of milk and cookies out for you. Hope you have a safe flight.

Peyton Matheson, 8
Stephanie Sellers and
LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Dear Santa,
I am writing to tell you what I would like for Christmas. I would like a hoverboard, a four wheeler, and a pool for the Summer. Please make sure to bring my sister something too please.

Cason Todd, 8
Stephanie Sellers and
LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary

Christmas Morning
I love spending Christmas morning with my family. First, I wake up at my house. My sister and I open up our Christmas presents that Santa leaves us. Then, we go across the street to my mimi's house. Before we open more presents my poppy reads the Christmas story from the Bible. Then, we get to open more Christmas presents with the rest of my family. We spend Christmas together as a family. I love Christmas and my family.

Braxson Conner, 8
Stephanie Sellers and
LeighAnn McPherson,
3rd grade
Williams Township Elementary



Alana Nichols
Karla Nobles 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas Tradition

Christmas night is a wonderful time. You get to do a lot of fun things with family. We make cookies, play games, and make gingerbread houses.

The cookies are so good because we make them. We make Christmas tree cookies. We put icing on the cookies and we put sprinkles on them too. We put them in the oven to bake. While they are baking we talk and take pictures.

The game is so much fun. First, you wrap the stuff you want in it. Then you start trying to unwrap it. You give the dice to the person next to you and if they get double numbers like 5 and 5, you get to start unwrapping it and so on. Lastly, you get to open the little gifts.

Gingerbread houses are so much fun to make. You get to make them pretty, put them together and all sorts of things. First, you build the sides. Next, you put icing on

it. Last, you put candy on it. I love Christmas. It is the best time. It is fun to do all these things. I love getting presents but my favorite thing is spending time with my family for Christmas. I would be just fine with my family!

Addison Grant Jordan
Amy Green'a 4th Grade Edge-wood Elementary



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Mary Bullard Williamson



Santa loves milk and cookies.

Also known as Saint Nicholas
Never be naughty, Santa won't come.

Toys get stuffed into your stocking.

Angels are in the Christmas story.

Call in your present.

Lay down in your sleigh. Also eats a lot

"Ungifting" if you are naughty

So be good

Camryn Geathers and Tanner Parker

Georgiana Sealey's 5th grade Edgewood Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when I went to bed on Christmas Eve and the tree was off. I left milk and cookies out. When I went into the living room the next morning it was Christmas, the tree was glowing, the cookies and milk were gone and presents were opened and the stockings were full! Where my stuff was there was a ginormous, bigger than me, grizzly bear. When I saw it, I dragged it into my room and laid down with it.

Chloe Thompson

Georgiana Sealey's 5th grade Edgewood Elementary

When I was four, my family and I went to my aunt's house to celebrate Christmas with my little cousin. He was one year old then, but now he is seven years old. That day my brother and I started to show my little cousin how to talk. He said my name and was so happy he kept saying it all night until he went to sleep. We went to open presents at midnight and I got so many presents and in the morning, I got more!

Isabel Coria-Lopez

Georgiana Sealey's 5th grade Edgewood Elementary

Ornaments
Reindeer are cut
North Pole
Apple pie
Merry
Elves

North Pole is where Santa's workshop is located.

Trees are hard to decorate.

Santa is coming!

Caleb Thompson

Georgiana Sealey's 5th grade Edgewood Elementary

Christmas is the best holiday.

Ornaments are not my favorite part of Christmas.

Kids run to the tree to the presents, but I get there first.

Eat all the candy canes on the tree.

Jordan Waddell

Georgiana Sealey's 5th grade Edgewood Elementary

My best Christmas memory is that every Christmas Eve we go to my Grandma and Grandad's. One year she sent us on a hunt for our stockings, but my favorite part of that day was when we opened presents and my Grandad got shoes. My Dad told him to walk down the hall and see if they fit. When he did, my brother was at the end of the hall and scared

my Grandad.

Emma Cribb

Georgiana Sealey's 5th grade Edgewood Elementary

My favorite Christmas was when I got a four-wheeler. They surprised me because I didn't know and then when they told me to go outside they showed it to me. I was so happy because it was my first one. That afternoon I rode it. It was fast and I rode it for a long time. It was so fast and it felt good to ride and I still felt surprised. I let my family ride for just a little while.

Tykeen Vereen

Georgiana Sealey's 5th grade Edgewood Elementary

My favorite Christmas was when I woke up late and then I opened one of my presents. It was a thing that would fly in the air. It hovered and fell and broke a little. Then I tried to fly it some more and it broke into a lot of pieces because it was made of plastic. Next, I opened a toy dragon. It gave me nightmares and now I don't like stuffed dragons.

Anna Grace Williamson

Georgiana Sealey's 5th grade Edgewood Elementary

On my tenth Christmas, the best thing that ever happened to me was when I got my phone. I was begging my mom to get me the newest most popular phone and she told me, "No!" I was so sad. Then on Christmas, my Mom snuck into our house and put a phone under our tree. I was so happy! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Zorayah Maulsby

Georgiana Sealey's 5th grade Edgewood Elementary

My favorite Christmas was the year I got my drumset, a new phone, a Gucci belt and my Burberry scarf. I was happy all day!

Trason Hunter

Georgiana Sealey's 5th grade Edgewood Elementary

The funniest Christmas I have ever had would be when my family and I pranked my mom by putting confetti in her present. When she opened it, it exploded in her face.

Malachi Cribb

Georgiana Sealey's 5th grade Edgewood Elementary

Last Christmas was the best Christmas ever and here's why. I woke up and went to open presents in the living room. My siblings and I got handed our presents. That is normal, just like we always do. After that, we went to all our families' houses and got to open presents from them, too. We got to see people we had not seen in a long time since we had Covid last year.

Jadon Nicholson

Georgiana Sealey's 5th grade Edgewood Elementary

My favorite holiday is Christmas because we can spend time with our family. We can open presents and on December 1st some people get their elves.

Brenton George
Georgiana Sealey's 5th grade Edgewood Elementary

It is Christmas Eve and a girl loves to play basketball. She is going to go to a basketball game. She thought she was going to lose, but she won. When she went outside she saw a reindeer in the night sky and she wanted to follow it, but it disappeared. As they drove home, she saw it in the woods and she knew it was magical as it flew and glittered. Her eyes followed it and she began dreaming of a place where there is cotton candy everywhere. Just when she thought it couldn't get any better, Santa Claus and more reindeer came. He introduced himself and they sat around drinking hot chocolate. What a wonderful dream to have on a wonderful night.

Natalie Ventura

Tedder-Hill's 5th grade Edgewood Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when I was two years old and got a toddler camera that took real pictures. I screamed, "I love it, yeah!" That year I made a gingerbread house and it was one of my first Christmas memories.

Eleanna Osorio

Tedder-Hill's 4th grade Edgewood Elementary

I like Christmas because it is just my favorite holiday to do things like cozy up and watch the candle light. I like watching movies and eating popcorn or going shopping. Sometimes if it is cold, I like to play with my cousins and drink hot cocoa with marshmallows. It is so good. I love to see the ornaments and the light, too. The most exciting thing this year, I think, will be my dad buying me a hamster.

Madaleen Baca-Reyes

5th grade Edgewood Elementary

I remember that we were having a Christmas party and some things we do at the Christmas party is decorate cookies. Then we watch Christmas movies. My tree is green and we put up our tree after Thanksgiving. We put on ornaments and make new ornaments. That is always fun. We do things together during Christmas and this time of the year, I love spending time with my family.

Pharah Jacobs

McPherson's 3rd grade Edgewood Elementary

I love Christmas. It is the most fun time of the year. I love to open presents and every year we open presents. We love to decorate the Christmas tree we have and the Elf on the Shelf comes early. We love to look at the stuff we get in our stockings. Christmas is the best time of the year.

Addie Batten

McPherson's 3rd grade Edgewood Elementary

I love Christmas so much. I go to the mountains every year because my daddy loves to see the Christmas lights.

I love Christmas lights, too. It takes us four hours to get to the mountains. I love seeing my elves. Every year they put toilet paper on my Christmas tree! My sister and I have an elf named, Trixy and my brother has an elf named, Buster. I love making cookies for Santa.

Paisley Batten

McPherson's 3rd grade Edgewood Elementary

I remember one Christmas there was a little bit of snow. That was my best Christmas ever. It was a little funny too because I fell. The only part that was boring that Christmas was when I got socks.

Jamarri Baldwin

McPherson's 3rd grade Edgewood Elementary

A Christmas memory that I have is when I saw real snow. A fact about snow is that it is formed by dew and the dew comes up to the clouds and passes them. It freezes and falls to the ground as snow.

Blaine Soles

McPherson's 3rd grade Edgewood Elementary

My tree is big. I have a lot of ornaments on my tree. I got a lot of lights, too. We have a lot of presents.

Ariyana Mitchell

McPherson's 3rd grade Edgewood Elementary

My Christmas tree is white and green. It has lots of ornaments on it. When you turn on the first light it turns white, but when you turn on the other light it turns green. I like it a lot because it is really big and lots of presents can go under it.

Skyra Strickland

McPherson's 3rd grade Edgewood Elementary

My favorite thing to do on Christmas is to put on ornaments. Some people like to open presents because it is like you have two birthdays. I also like to spend time with my family and friends. Another great thing to do on Christmas is to eat.

Ariyana King

McPherson's 3rd grade Edgewood Elementary

Winter is a cold season.

In winter it sometimes snows.

New snowfall looks so bright and white.

The wintertime is my favorite time of the year.

Earth spins to seasons like winter.

Ribbons represent winter, too.

Cameron Jackson

H. Hinson, 4th grade Edgewood Elementary

Caroling
Holiday

Rest until next year

I get presents.

Santa
Tree

My people like to celebrate.

A dirt bike

Sleeping on Christmas
Eve

Ethan Hayes

H. Hinson, 4th grade Edgewood Elementary

Putting up decorations
Reason for a tradition
Earning presents
Snow
Early wrapping
Nice, new things
Tradition

Zhyllir Wright

H. Hinson, 4th grade Edgewood Elementary

Snow is cold
Acting
Nice

Tradition

A good Christmas

Xzavion Simmons

H. Hinson, 4th grade Edgewood Elementary

Snow is cold.
Not a lot here

Only cold, cold places all the time

Will melt in your hand.

Bryson Rich

H. Hinson, 4th grade Edgewood Elementary

Christmas is my favorite holiday.

Have you ever seen snow on Christmas Day?

R-Wreaths are cool when you decorate them.

Ice is sometimes found in snow.

Santa comes down the chimney every year.

The trees every Christmas have to be decorated.

Many decorations go outside of your house.

All the gifts go under the tree.

Snow is cold when you touch it.

Zamani Mason

H. Hinson, 4th grade Edgewood Elementary

I remember when I got my first Nerf gun on Christmas and I got a new game. We ate crab legs, shrimp, and crawfish. We jumped on a trampoline with my family and friends. We played basketball and football, which was perfect for my family and friends to celebrate Christmas.

Damarion Frink

H. Hinson, 4th grade Edgewood Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory is when my brother and I were going outside and we saw snow on our trampoline. We jumped and jumped on it. I fell in the snow and I was so cold.

Keri Glison

H. Hinson, 4th grade Edgewood Elementary

Every year I decorate my tree with two colors. Sometimes green and red and then there are times that we used gold and silver. If we are lucky, we get early presents. This year it is going to be different, but still fun.

Jadah Moore

H. Hinson, 4th grade Edgewood Elementary

My Christmas tradition is Christmas breakfast. It is passed down from generation to generation. My Grandma Lee was the first person to start it. It is where we eat breakfast together and then open presents.

Anna Arp

H. Hinson, 4th grade Edgewood Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory was in 2019 because it was also the funniest year. First, my sister got her first phone ever. She was carrying it around the whole house. My brother got the 2K game he wanted and he went crazy. I got my favorite game. I ran outside and did a double back. Then we watched the Christmas Chronicles.

Jydiel Smith

H. Hinson, 4th grade Edgewood Elementary

Snowmen are made of balls of snow.

Noses are always pointy.

Oval noses look kinda silly.

Wet snow doesn't do as well.

Emory Clarida

H. Hinson, 4th grade Edgewood Elementary

Last Christmas was great. I got toys, games and I played. It was so much fun. We gave toys to kids we didn't even know. We played tag, hide and seek, and I had so much fun.

Leivin Medina

H. Hinson, 4th grade Edgewood Elementary

Snowflakes are specks in the sky.

Noses can get so cold.

Oh, such a variety of shapes.

Winter is the coldest season.

Xavier Spaulding

H. Hinson, 4th grade Edgewood Elementary

Christmas time 2020 I woke up at 8am and woke my little brother up. The first thing he heard was, "It's Christmas!"

We got up when our first clue was waiting for us and our Mom read it for us, "The first present is under where you rest your head."

Bryson and I rushed to our room and found an Xbox controller and the second clue. Present after present clue after clue until we found all of the presents. We found socks, toy cars, an Xbox, and then we built a gingerbread house. Now, I wonder what will be under the tree this year.

H. Hinson, 4th grade Edgewood Elementary

Stocking stuffers are delicious.

To Santa to fill it up

Out they come in the morning

Children eat the candy out.

Kids love stockings on Christmas.

I love them too, like all.

No stockings, no Christmas.

Go, go in the morning where they hang.

Ashton Hall

H. Hinson, 4th grade Edgewood Elementary

My favorite thing about Christmas is when it snows, presents, Santa and spending time with my family.

Jin'Dyah Smith

Walters 3rd grade Edgewood Elementary

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The best thing about Christmas is opening presents and going to Christmas lights.

Jaylen Sandoval
Walters 3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

The best thing about Christmas is opening presents and going out with family and friends.

Elle White
Walters 3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

Every Christmas, my Dad cuts down a tree for us to put into our home. I start opening presents, help baking cookies, cakes, and banana pudding. We collect wood for the fireplace. Some of my family comes over and helps us out with decorating. More family members play games and the adults make food for Christmas Day.

Kaiman Gray
Walters 3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

Surprises in presents. Always have fun. Nice every day of December

Time goes by so fast. At Christmas time, we have fun!

Emma Miller
Walters 3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

Surprises are cool. Trimming the tree is so much fun with the family. All the things that you get you have to be grateful.

Right now is the best time of the year because it's Jesus' birthday.

So much celebration
Cullen McPherson
Walters 3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

At Christmas vacation time, I love to play in the snow, get presents and drink hot chocolate with marshmallows. I think about skiing at the top of the mountain and all of the time I can spend with my friends and family. It is a great day to have a Christmas vacation.

Kevin Wright
Walters 3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

Stars can be gold or silver. A cookie for Santa
New hairbows
Treats for Christmas
Art for Christmas

Tieran Fritz
Walters 3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

Cookies
Hot Cocoa
Real and pretend stars
I like Christmas trees.
Stars
Mistletoe
An exciting present
Santa

Kelby Bowen
Walters 3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

My favorite Christmas tradition is to put up the Christmas tree with all of its ornaments and decorations. On our front porch we put up the stockings and put stuff in there. We put gifts under our regular tree and open them up on Christmas Day.

Persania Jacobs

Browns 3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

My favorite Christmas is when we played in the snow and put up the Christmas tree. We put on the decorations and ornaments. It was beautiful. I love Christmas.

Zyana Parker
Browns 3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

Last Christmas I opened so many presents that it took like fifteen minutes to clean up all of the trash. It was very cold when I took all of the wrapping paper outside.

Aiden Mitchell
Browns 3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

Christmas is a fun holiday. You get presents and you get to give someone presents. Santa will give you presents. I put up the Christmas tree, too.

Baltazar Rodriguez
Browns 3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

The temperature outside is cold and sometimes snow is what makes it cold. When the temperature drops it gets colder. Christmas is my favorite holiday because we get presents and to have fun with family traditions.

Ezekiel Baldwin
Browns 3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

Tradition
Really fun to put up
Every year I put up the tree.

Every year I put tinsel on our tree.

Santa puts gifts under the tree.

Nevaeh McKinnis
Browns 3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

Stay happy on Christmas. A Christmas present is always good.

No being naughty.
Tell Santa what you want.
An elf is a good Christmas tradition.

Aiden Everette
Browns 3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

Soft, cold, white snow
At home with family
Nice or naughty
To having a great time
A time to make amazing gifts

M'Chia Lewis
Browns 3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

My favorite Christmas was when I gave my Daddy a hunting knife that said, "I love you, Daddy." That Christmas I got a blue four-wheeler. I got to spend a lot of time with my family and that was the best.

Khloe Meggs
Browns 3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

Santa is coming to town
A Christmas celebration is always good.

No staying up...Santa is coming.

Tell Santa you will see him next year.

An ornament or two would be great.

Austin Eli Memory
Browns 3rd grade

Edgewood Elementary

Sparkling lights
Naughty or nice
Ornaments

With my Nana, Mrs. Waters

London Powell
Browns 3rd grade
Edgewood Elementary

From here to there we feast in peace and decorate. Your house, your tree, your bed, your wreath.

We sleep and Santa brings presents under the tree.

Ny'ema McCullough
Tedder-Hill 4th grade
Edgewood Elementary

What I love about Christmas is that I can celebrate it and I can spend time with my family. We can put up pretty lights and trees with decorations, but the best of all we can get presents! For Christmas, I want a four wheeler, 10 bags of blue Takis, a trampoline, \$80 Ubucks on a card, LED lights, a PS4, a phone case that fits my phone, and \$20.

Ruben Ramos
Tedder-Hill 4th grade
Edgewood Elementary

For Christmas, I want an iPhone 13 ProMax, Mini-Brands, slime, nails and an iPad. I wanted to tell Santa all of these things and when I woke up there was an elf on my bed. The cookies I baked were gone and there were presents around the tree. The elf got stuck in my tree and we had to leave something for Santa. Santa called my mom that Christmas, too. My mom talked to him and after that we heard Santa trying to come down our chimney. When I woke up that morning there were presents under the tree and I was so surprised.

Armani Johnson
Tedder-Hill 4th grade
Edgewood Elementary

My favorite part of Christmas was on Christmas Eve. I was leaving my Grandma's church as usual, but I looked up at the midnight sky and saw something I would never forget. I saw Santa and his reindeer flying across the moon just like I had always imagined. I will never forget this Christmas Eve.

Porter Grace Richardson
Tedder-Hill 4th grade
Edgewood Elementary

On my eighth Christmas, I loved it because this was when I got my favorite gaming console, an xBox One. I said excitedly how much I loved it. My first game I played on it was Minecraft. Then I thought to myself, "Hey, people play Planets vs. Zombies!" So I played it, too.

After a few months Charlotte, Grace, Dad and I moved to my Papa's house. I saw a new game called Fortnite, "I heard and saw this game," I said to myself. So I downloaded the game, I loved it. I played it and played it because I loved it so much.

Joseph Jernigan
Tedder-Hill 4th grade
Edgewood Elementary

The best Christmas for me was when I got my new

iPhone and I got some LOL dolls. I went to my aunt's house for Christmas breakfast and the whole family went to my house for Christmas dinner. We ate a lot of food and desserts. We drank sodas and we went to the store and got some candy. We got lots of other candy and other stuff in the stockings. This was in 2019 and I was seven or eight years old. That was the best Christmas ever.

Laura McInnis-Davis
Tedder-Hill 4th grade
Edgewood Elementary

Santa loves Christmas. At Christmas Santa gives us presents

Nice or bad
They must be good to get presents.

At home Santa comes down the chimney

Kendrick McAllister
Tedder-Hill 4th grade
Edgewood Elementary

My funniest memory was when one year my brother and I really wanted a golf cart, but our parents kept telling us, "No!"

But one day my brother went on the Life360 app and saw my mom and my dad were at a golf cart store! So we told our oldest brother, he told us they were at a gun store for him. We were so upset, but it was Christmas Day and we were so scared. Then my Dad said there was one last present. We were so scared we kept giving each other that look. He went out and brought back in with a gun for my youngest brother (note: My brother hates hunting.) My brother said, "It is fine, you can have it."

Then my mom said "what's that he opened it then...my mom said, the note said.. 'have fun in the garage'."

Just like that we got a new golf cart!

Spencer Margaret Soles
Tedder-Hill 4th grade
Edgewood Elementary

On Christmas morning, my mom makes us breakfast and then my parents hide the presents.

When we finish breakfast, my brother, sister and I look for presents. When we find all of the presents, we open them in the living room.

Next, we go to our aunt house and make cookies. My brother and sister get the ingredients, while I use the cookie cutters. We love making cookies together.

Finally, on Christmas night we watch a movie.

We also play games. We play on a Nintendo switch so everyone can play.

Christmas is my favorite holiday because I love to get presents and bake cookies!

Bryan Munn
Amy Greene's 4th grade
Edgewood Elementary

Every Christmas, we go to my family's house. We get to eat and open presents. Then, we go to my other grandparent's house and open more presents. Later, we go home and open more presents. Finally, we get to bake Christmas cookies and



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watch a movie. Christmas is my favorite holiday.
Adalyn Mitchell
Amy Greene's 4th grade
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Merry Christmas

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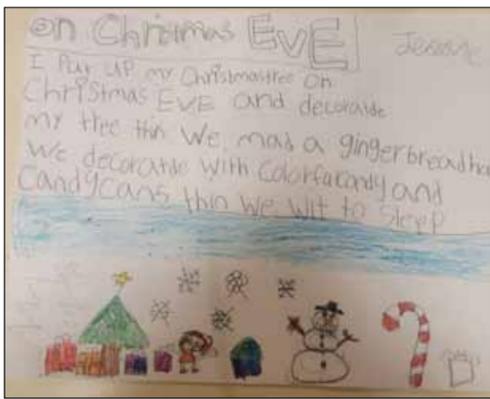
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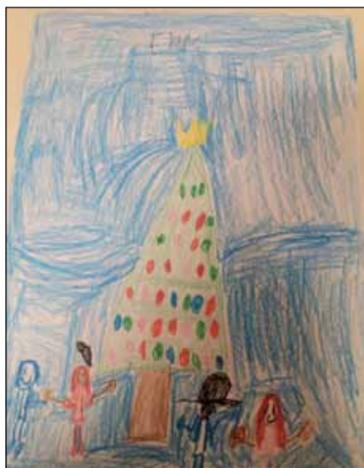
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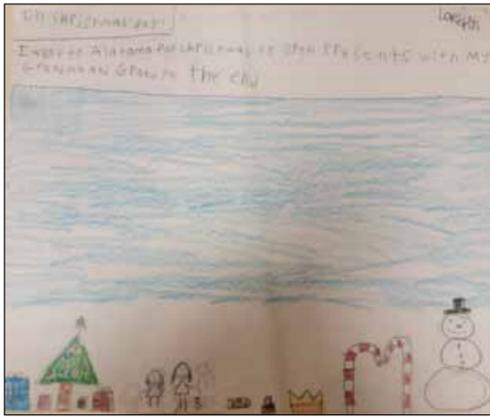
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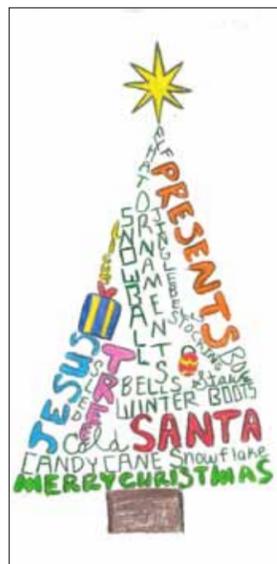
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Diana Roland 8th grade
Nakina Middle



Christmas Haikus

Cookies
Smiles spread on faces.
As an aroma enters, fresh
cookies to eat

Khadijah Currie
Sharon Zickafoose 5th Grade
Hallsboro Artesia Elementary

Christmas Gobble
Eating food at night! Gobble,
Gobble, Yum! It's so
tasty!

Kenneth Pell
Sharon Zickafoose 5th Grade
Hallsboro Artesia Elementary

Celebrate a Special Day
It's a special day
Jesus was born at Christmas
Celebrating Him!

Estrerillita Jaimes
Sharon Zickafoose 5th Grade
Hallsboro Artesia Elementary

Elf
It might be tiny.
It might be hard to find
them. But just keep looking!

Natalee Kern
Sharon Zickafoose 5th Grade
Hallsboro Artesia Elementary

Christmas Dinner
Cookies, Candy, Spice,
In a pot turkey ham and
rice. Eat all in one night

Lauryn Pickett
Sharon Zickafoose 5th Grade
Hallsboro Artesia Elementary

Christmas Cheer
Look into the sky
Behold Christmas lights
and cheer Everyone is happy

Braydon Reynolds
Sharon Zickafoose 5th Grade
Hallsboro Artesia Elementary

Christmas Joy
I wake up with Joy
With presents under the
tree Now time to open!

Kevin Cruz
Sharon Zickafoose 5th Grade
Hallsboro Artesia Elementary

Merry Christmas



*With decorated trees of pine,
poinsettias and boughs of holly,
the scene is sending out a sign,
that now's the time to be jolly!*

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In the spirit of this joyous season, we would like to join you and your family in a prayer for peace. We wish you all a happy and blessed new year.

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DEAR SANTA

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas so much!
How are your reindeers?
Christmas is the best! I
want five packs of Pokemon
cards for Christmas and ten
pop-its, too!
Thank you!!
Your friend,
Alicio Cruz

Alicio Cruz
Carrie Buffkin 2nd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa!
I really liked some of the
things you got me last year.
So since last year I didn't
write you a letter, today I am.

One of the things I really
want is a hoverboard. I've
been wanting it forever. I
really need a skateboard,
too. I used to have one, but I
couldn't find it and it broke.

I have really been want-
ing a PS5 because my Xbox
barely works. And 500 bucks
will help with the bills and
stuff.

These are some of the
things I want.
Bye, Santa!
Your friend,
Logan Hayes

Logan Hayes
Carrie Buffkin 2nd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me
toy guns. They are fun.
Thank you and thank you for
the chocolate.

Your friend,
Aiden Singletary

Aiden Singletary
Carrie Buffkin 2nd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,
I wanted to thank you for
the big doll house from last
year. How is Mrs. Claus and
how is the weather there?

How are the reindeer and
is Dasher still fast?
May I have 49 pop-its?
The reason I want 49 pop-its
is because I don't have any
pop-its. May I also have two
BIG pop-its?

Your friend,
Mariah Shaw

Mariah Shaw
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Dear Santa,
Thank you for the scooter
last Christmas.

How is the weather?
I would like a PS5 because
my Xbox is too slow. Can
I please have an iPhone 12
because my phone is broken?
Can I have 90 pop-its because
my 100 pop-its are broken.
Can I also have headphones?

Your friend,
Jonah Grice

Jonah Grice
Carrie Buffkin 2nd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the LOL
doll last year.

How is the North Pole?
How is Mrs. Claus doing?
How have you been?
How are the elves doing?
Can I have some fidgets and
some money? Can I have a
LOL doll. How many can I
have? Ten, please!

Thank you, Santa!
Your friend,
Guadalupe Mancio-
Noyola

Guadalupe Mancio-Noyola
Carrie Buffkin 2nd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,
I just wanted to say thank
you for the toy car last year.
Now I am going to tell you
what I want this year.

Ok, Santa, I want a bike
because my other bike broke.
I really want a new bike,
Santa.

I want 30 fidgets because
I only have eight pop-its. I
really want more, Santa. I
want an iPhone 12 because
my tablet broke.

Your friend,
Jiovanny Trejo

Jiovanny Trejo
Carrie Buffkin 2nd Grade
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Dear Santa,
I hope you are ok and Mrs.
Claus, too!

I like the gift you got me
last Christmas! Can I get a
snake-eye ninja gear set? I
would really like to get a lot
of Hot Wheels cars, too.

I love you!
Your friend,
Remington Long

Remington Long
Carrie Buffkin 2nd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me
my Barbie dolls last year.

How are your elves and
your reindeer? How is the
weather in the North Pole?

I would really like some
fidget toys because they are
really fun.

Next, I would really like
a toy kitchen. I would really
like a hoverboard and I want
an Apple watch. I would like
a tablet, Santa, and a pet
bunny!

I love you!
Your friend,
A'zyah Riggins

A'zyah Riggins
Carrie Buffkin 2nd Grade
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Dear Santa,
Santa, thank you for the
bike from last year.

How is the weather in the
North Pole? How is Mrs.
Claus? How have you been
doing?

Big things make me hap-
py! Something like a big
robot that can fit me in it will
be a great gift for me!

Your friend,
Debori'us Floyd

Debori'us Floyd
Carrie Buffkin 2nd Grade
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Dear Santa,
Thank you for the doll
house you rbought last year.
How have the elves been do-
ing? How about the weather?
How have the deer been do-
ing so far?

I wish I could go to the
North Pole so I could make
snowmen and snow angels.

Can I really go to the
North Pole?

Your friend,
Arianna Reynoso

Arianna Reynoso
Carrie Buffkin 2nd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,
I love the pink doll you
gave me last year! It was
cool!

What are you doing, San-
ta?

I want to ask you some-
thing. Can you please give
me a LOL OMG doll? I really
want a LOL OMG doll car,
too. I really want the LOL
OMG doll house, too. Can I
get it, Santa? Please?

I really want a big bucket
of slime and an iPhone 12
because my mom doesn't let
me text my friends on her
phone. She said I could get
one for Christmas. I also
want a hoverboard!

Your friend,
Kaitlynn Villanueva

Kaitlynn Villanueva
Carrie Buffkin 2nd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas
memory was when my friend
Carlos stayed with me for
Christmas. We enjoyed
watching Fred, my elf, each
day move. We left milk, cook-
ies, and carrots for Santa and
his reindeers. On Christmas
morning we opened a lot of
gifts and I got a dirt bike
and my brother got a truck.
Finally, we celebrated Jesus'
birthday.

Erika Farmer
Denise Cartrette (ELA)
3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

One memory I have in
my mind is hitting my little
brother with a snowball.
Then I was making snow
angels in the snow and writ-
ing my name in the snow.
Later we ate bread and pasta
for dinner. Finally, we open
presents after dinner. I am
super excited because we are
going to Arizona this year to
see my aunt and uncle for
Christmas.

Emily Carreno-Rodriguez
Denise Cartrette (ELA)
3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

One of my favorite memo-
ries was when my dad got me
a bike. Then he played with
us outside. I have so many
memories. When I open my
gifts, it makes me feel so
happy. I love spending Christ-
mas with my family.

Lizet Ramirez Garcia
Denise Cartrette (ELA)
3rd Grade
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My favorite thing to do
at Christmas is opening up
presents. I love opening pre-
sents up. It is so exciting and
cool because you never know
what you are going to get.

Kathleen Campos Rodriguez
Denise Cartrette (ELA)
3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas
was when I went to Kentucky
with my brother, mom, and
my dog. We had so much fun.

Alexander Castillo
Denise Cartrette (ELA)
3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas
Memory was going to San-
ta's Village. It was amaz-
ing. We had hot cocoa with
marshmallows. We rode on
golf carts. We heard Carol's
bells. There was snow fall-
ing and of course, Santa. It
was amazing and the best
day ever.

Alana Nichols
Denise Cartrette (ELA)
3rd Grade
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My favorite thing to do on
Christmas is opening pre-
sents. I love eating, playing,
and spending time with my
family. I love vacation time.

Braylon Tyler
Denise Cartrette (ELA)

3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

When I think about
Christmas, I think about
family spending time togeth-
er. Having a lot of fun eating
and gathering together to
open presents.

Antazia Davidson
Denise Cartrette 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas means a lot to
my family. It is a time when
my family gives everything
in their heart to make us
happy.

Sergio Zarate
Denise Cartrette (ELA)
3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

When I think of Christ-
mas, I think of family time.
It is a time when we gather
to eat turkey, fruitcake, and
a whole bunch of different
foods. Most of all we cele-
brate Jesus' birthday.

Isaac Cartrette
Denise Cartrette (ELA)
3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

What does Christmas
mean to me. It gives us the
opportunity to thank every-
one. We get to play with our
gifts and be with family.

Adrian Joseph
Denise Cartrette (ELA)
3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

What does Christmas
mean to me, everyone gath-
ers together and celebrates
Jesus' birthday. Everyone
forgets their troubles and
have lots of fun.

Addysan Turner
Denise Cartrette (ELA)
3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas
Memory was when I opened
my presents and I got a bike.
I had so much fun. They
even let me ride it inside the
house.

Vanessa Baltazar
Denise Cartrette (ELA)
3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite memory was
a long time ago in 2016. I was
playing in the snow and my
dad recorded me playing.
When we came inside, my
mommy was making hot co-
coa and cookies. I had friends
come over to play games and
sleep over.

Bridgette Delgado Perdomo
Denise Cartrette (ELA)
3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas
memory was at my MeMes.
We ate mini hot dogs, bis-
cuits and ham. I opened my
presents first. It was a guitar.
We watched "The Grinch and
the Old Grinch." We played
with our toys. It was fun. We
all danced. We had a blast.
Then Ally, Randall, and I
watch Grinch and Christmas
movies all night long.

Kealyn Beck
Denise Cartrette (ELA)
3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite thing to do at
Christmas is watching mov-
ies. I love drinking hot cocoa.
I love looking to see what is
in my stocking and opening
Christmas presents. It is so
much fun.

Nickolas Nunez
Denise Cartrette (ELA)

3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas
memory was when I went
to my big brother's house.
This is my favorite because
my nena was there. We ate
turkey, then opened our pre-
sents from nena. We received
new hoodies and a new jack-
et. We decorated the house
with her and ate cookies.

Cesar Pineda Mendez
Denise Cartrette (ELA)
3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Some of my favorite items
I got for Christmas are XBOX
1, Trampoline, new phone, a
new bike, hoverboard and a
four-wheeler.

Ayden Bellamy
Denise Cartrette (ELA)
3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

My favorite memory, one
time I woke up on Christmas
Day and there were grand-
ma, granddaddy, my sister,
mommy and dad. There were
so many presents for my sis-
ter and me, I could not count
them. We were so happy.

Xander Smith
Denise Cartrette (ELA)
3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

What does Christmas
mean to me, it means to be
very thankful for what I got,
most of all family. I get to be
with my entire family which
includes my cousins, aunts,
grandma, papa, and uncles.
We eat lots of food. Before ev-
eryone leaves we always take
a family photo and wishes
everyone a Merry Christmas.

Carlton King
Denise Cartrette 3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

What does Christmas
mean to me, it means lots of
presents and spending time
with my family. The most im-
portant thing is to remember
God and Jesus. Also, I dream
of having snow and building
snowmen.

Elijah Porter
Denise Cartrette (ELA)
3rd Grade



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What does Christmas
mean to me, spending time
with my family and friends.
We celebrate Jesus' birthday.
We open presents, play in the
snow, if we have any, and
drink lots of hot chocolate.

Bently Oliphant
Denise Cartrette (ELA)
3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas is very special
and important because we
are celebrating Jesus' birth-
day. In addition, we also get
to open our presents too.

Javier Gonzalez Diaz
Denise Cartrette (ELA)
3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas is very special
to me because I love spending
time with my family. I love
eating with my family. It is
not all about the presents. It
is about family, friends, and
loving them. It is important
because I love my family a
lot. Christmas is important
to everyone because it is
Jesus' birthday. We put orna-
ments on the Christmas tree
on that day.

Audrey Meares
Denise Cartrette (ELA)
3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas means a lot to me.
First we pray. Second, we
eat. Then, we will watch a
movie. Lastly, we open our
presents.

Layson Worrell
Denise Cartrette (ELA)
3rd Grade
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas is a gift to me.
It is a thankful day to me. I
am thankful for the gifts I
received for being good the
entire year. I wake up on
December 25, and open pre-
sents. It is so fun to unwrap
presents. Then, my family
comes and we eat and spend
the rest of the day playing.

Weston Blackburn
Denise Cartrette (ELA)
3rd Grade
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Clara Hewett
Diana Roland 7th grade
South Columbus High

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Sandra Richardson 12th grade
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Gabby Mercer
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Alexa Jackson's class
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Dear Santa Claus,
How are things at the North Pole? Santa, is it cold at the North Pole? I hope Rudolph is learning to fly. My name is Aiden. I am 8 years old. This year I have been a good boy. This year I would like for you to bring me an Iphone, a new bookbag and a new pair of shoes.
Love,
Aiden Reynoso
Aiden Reynoso
DeAnn Bullard's 2nd grade
Whiteville Primary

Dear Santa Claus,
How are things at the North Pole? Have the reindeer been practicing their flying? Are the elves making the toys? Santa, in my opinion I have been good this year. I just wanted to ask you, will you bring me an Ipad, an Iphone and a PS1. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Santa, have a safe trip. Oh I forgot to say I will leave carrots for the reindeer.
Love,
Landon Tedder
Landon Tedder
DeAnn Bullard's 2nd grade
Whiteville Primary

Dear Santa Claus,
How are things at the North Pole? Have the reindeer been practicing their flying? Are the elves making the toys? Santa, in my opinion I have been good this year. I have been dusting the furniture and helping my mom make the bed. I want a cabin and a hoverboard. I will leave you some cookies. I hope you have a good trip.
Love,
Azayah Colson
Azayah Colson
DeAnn Bullard's 2nd grade
Whiteville Primary

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? Are the reindeer good? I have been good. I've helped my mom and dad around the house. I want a blue and red layered hoodie with a dog on it. I want a sniper toy and an xbox gift card. I will leave you a snack. Have a good trip and be careful!
Love,
Camden Goins
Camden Goins
DeAnn Bullard's 2nd grade
Whiteville Primary

Dear Santa Claus,
How are things at the North Pole? Have the reindeer been practicing their flying? Are the elves making the toys? Santa, in my opinion I have been good this year. I want an Iphone 13 and a hoverboard. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Camden Trapp
Camden Trapp/DeAnn Bullard's 2nd grade
Whiteville Primary

Dear Santa Claus,
How are things at the North Pole? Have the reindeer been practicing their flying? In my opinion I have been good this year. I will leave you milk and cookies. I will leave the reindeer some carrots.

Love
Jada Pugh
Jada Pugh
DeAnn Bullard's 2nd grade
Whiteville Primary

Dear Santa Claus,
How are things going at the North Pole? Have the reindeer been practicing their flying? Are the elves good at making toys? I want a black skateboard and a PS4. My sister can make you good cookies. I will leave you some cookies.
Love,
Fernando Ramirez Jr.
Fernando Ramirez Jr.
DeAnn Bullard's 2nd grade
Whiteville Primary

Dear Santa Claus,
How are things going at the North Pole? Have the reindeer been practicing their flying? Are the elves making the toys? Santa is Mrs. Claus making cookies? Santa, in my opinion I have been good this year. I help my mom take out the trash. I wash the dishes and I make the bed. I want a skateboard, a RC car, and a basketball.
Love,
Kadin Frink
Kadin Frink
DeAnn Bullard's 2nd grade
Whiteville Primary

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you today? How is Rudolph? Has he been practicing his flying? Santa, in my opinion I have been good this year. I make my bed. I help cook supper and sweep the floor. Have a nice trip.
Love,
Marion Mullins
Marion Mullins
DeAnn Bullard's 2nd grade
Whiteville Primary

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the reindeer? Are they practicing their flying? Is Mrs. Claus making cookies? I have been good this year. I make up my bed and I wash the dishes. I want a hoverboard and a pair of skates.
Love,
Miracle Ganus
Miracle Ganus
DeAnn Bullard's 2nd grade
Whiteville Primary

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you Santa? Is Mrs. Claus baking you food? How are the reindeer? Santa, I think I've been good this year! I have plugged in the Christmas tree. I make my bed sometimes. I also do my chores. I would like a bubble gum machine, a hoverboard and sunglasses. I will leave you cookies and hot cocoa.
Love,
Molly Carroll
Molly Carroll
DeAnn Bullard's 2nd grade
Whiteville Primary

Dear Santa Claus,
How are things going at the North Pole? Have the reindeer been practicing their flying? Are the elves making the toys? I have been good this year. I make my bed every morning. I help do the

laundry. My sister and I wash the dishes for my mom. I will help my mom bake cookies for you. I will leave some carrots for the reindeer.
Love,
Kinsley Gerrald
Kinsley Gerrald
DeAnn Bullard's 2nd grade
Whiteville Primary

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? Is Rudolph ready to fly for Christmas? Will Mrs. Claus help you with the toys? Santa, in my opinion I have been good this year. This year for Christmas I would like a baby doll, pencils, crayons, and a necklace. Santa, I hope you have a good Christmas.
Love,
Quetzaly Lopez-Torres
Quetzaly Lopez-Torres
DeAnn Bullard's 2nd grade
Whiteville Primary

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I'm doing well. Are the elves okay? I make up my bed everyday. I go with my dad everywhere and it's fun! I wash the dishes. I sweep the floor for my mom. I like school. It is fun at school! For Christmas I want a book so I can read it all day everyday! Have a safe trip!
Love,
Kaelana Jenkins
Kaelana Jenkins
DeAnn Bullard's 2nd grade
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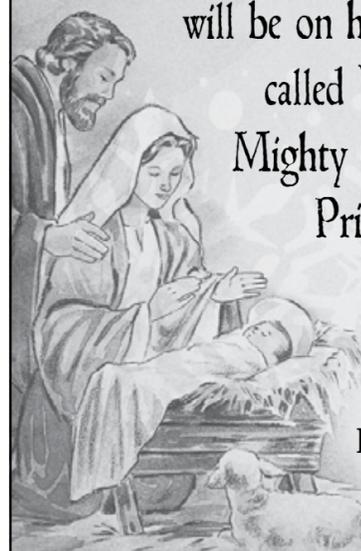
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Christmas Meaning
Christmas is my favorite time of year

Everyone is full of so much cheer

All the Christmas lights at night

Make the dark sky turn bright

The jingles in the air

Make everyone seem to care

Then there are some people under the mistletoe

While children are standing by the window

Waiting for the jolliest man I know

But it's not about what is under the tree for you and me

It's about the birth of Jesus Christ

And what He's done for thee

So that whoever believed in Him

Shall have eternal life

So remember the reason for the season

And why Christmas has begun

Because it is great to have gratitude for what you get and give

But be sure to recognize Jesus

Especially after all He has done.

Alexuz Barnes
Grade 11
South Columbus High

The Greatest Gift
Santa Claus and pretty bows

Toy stores and new clothes

Lights that light the Christmas tree

But what about the manger scene

Spending money and eating food

Everyone's in the Christmas mood

Jingle bells all the way

But what about Jesus's birthday

Merry this and merry that

But where's the Christmas meaning at

You know that star on top of the tree

Let me remind you what it really means

A baby was born in Bethlehem

To save a world full of sin

The greatest gift I've ever received

Was not underneath the Christmas tree

And since the day that I let him in

My life will never be the same again

All my sins made a crimson stain

But Jesus came a took that away

White as snow my soul rests clean

And that's the reason that I sing

Merry Christmas, Jingle Bells,

And away in a manger the story tells

Gabrielle FormyDaval
Cheryl Cartrette Grade 11
South Columbus High

Every year for our Christmas tradition we go and get a real Christmas tree. We have done this ever since I was little, but the really cool thing is that we go to the mountains to get our tree.

First, we go to the apple farm, and we go get apples. We pick them off the trees, and then we go and look at



Christmas Memories
Samuel Sibbett

One of my favorite memories of the Christmas season is when my family and I all wear matching pajamas on Christmas Eve. Ever since I was a little boy, I always remember every person in my family wearing matching pajamas. On this night my family and I bake cookies and play games. This night is filled with laughter and smiles after bonding with many different people in my family. After spending the night with my whole extended family, we wake up Christmas morning with everyone in their pajamas. Each year I reflect on the past Christmas by looking at pictures of my whole family matching. Just looking at the pictures elicit happy memories that make me smile. I hope to continue this tradition with my own family some day.

Samuel Sibbett
Cheryl Cartrette Grade 11
South Columbus High

the Christmas lights in the mountains. It is so pretty when it's all lit up; the view is just amazing. After we finish shopping and "loafing" around, we finally go get our Christmas tree. We go to the same place every year. They have other activities after we get our tree. After we finally get the perfect tree, it's time to go home.

Then, when we get home, we put it up and decorate it. We have our own Christmas tree, and the cool thing is that ours is different from everyone else's.

Hailey Ward
Cheryl Cartrette Grade 11
South Columbus High

Let's Not Forget
As Christmas comes near,
Let's not forget;
It's not just about reindeer;

Or Christmas sweaters for your pet

Let's not forget,
What this day is actually about;

It's about the birth of Jesus,

Not Santa on his gifting route

Now that we remember,
The true meaning of the season;

And it's finally December,
So let's celebrate the reason

Laci Gore
Cheryl Cartrette Grade 11
South Columbus High

Christmas Time
Christmas is the time of giving

The love and joy spreading all around

While snow starts to stick to the ground

Children making angels in the snow

The lights are blinking
While the stars are twinkling

As the Christmas songs began to play

The families began to sing in their ways

Santa's sleigh dashing through the night

Leaving presents before the morning light

Children waking up to all their wishes

And the parents receiving all the kisses

Jazmin Martinez
Jazmin Martinez
Cheryl Cartrette Grade 11
South Columbus High

My Christmas Poem
On the dawn of Christmas Day, A cold that will keep the birds away, Not an animal in sight,

But the sun was beaming bright.

The Christmas tree with lots of lights and decor, With plenty of presents, you shouldn't need more, The smell of gingerbread cookies in the air,

It will make you hungry, more than you can bear.

It's the holiday season and time to spend with family,

We all spread love and joy... giving out hugs and kisses casually, After everyone gets dressed, we go outside,

To play in the snow but plenty of secrets are destined to hide.

Making a snowman with a carrot and rocks,

Make sure to wear your gloves or your hands will be shocked, Grab some snow and make snowballs,

Start building a fort and higher the walls.

Our home is filled with warmth and love, Time to go in and be cautious not to shove, Hot cocoa and cookies are waiting on us, There's enough to share, no need to fuss.

Jonathan Fipps
Elaine Hewett 11th grade
West Columbus High

Christmas is one of the most loving holidays of the year

It is filled with lots of love and even makes some people shed a tear It's the day God was born whom which we love

But this holiday makes you spend so much

On the people you love to make them happy

But at the end of the day it's all just one big happy family.

Destinee Gause
Elaine Hewett 11th grade
West Columbus High

The fresh powder covered all over the ground A Winter Wonderland all around

The taste of hot chocolate dripping down my chin The feeling of happiness from within Finally, it snows In



Felix
Diana Roland
South Columbus High

North Carolina, I feel so gifted All thanks to my wishlist, my wish has been lifted

Sheria Graham
Elaine Hewett 11th grade
West Columbus High

A Joyful Christmas
Oh, how we love Christmas Lovely times,

Oh, how divine Remembering the times The family allies

Oh, joyful Joyous sweet family time

Oh, how we love Christmas Oh, sweet precious times

Tykia Mason
Elaine Hewett 11th grade
West Columbus High

Christmas Memories
As I wake up on Christmas day, I remember all the stories I was told while growing up; how many years ago my family really didn't receive gifts. The only gift they received was waking up and receiving what Jesus Christ has given them, what he has given us all and that's life. I realize today Christmas is about what we receive, not what we want.

Today, some people may think Christmas is all about gifts but, in today's time it's easy to lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas. The true meaning of Christmas often gets lost as the seasons go by; the shopping, the parties, and all the baking, and wrapping gifts for each holiday. But, the real meaning of Christmas Day is that God gave us the greatest gift: his own son Jesus Christ. The gift of Jesus brings joy to us all to everyone who believes in him. The real purpose of Christmas is to share this gift so the whole world will know the true meaning of Christmas and know the life our Saviour has given us.

So, this Christmas, spread the love of Jesus Christ as you gather with family. Remember Christmas isn't all about gifts. It's about Jesus Christ, the gift God has given us his own son. Remember, God gives to those who give to him.

Charla Garner
Elaine Hewett 11th grade
West Columbus High

Christmas is near, Christmas is here,

Set the cookies and milk on the counter,

Children are asleep, The tree is neat,

And now, we waiting on Santa, He didn't show!

We fell asleep while watching Netflix, Woke up

In the morning looked under the tree, There were a lot of presents!

Zymere McLeod
Elaine Hewett 11th grade
West Columbus High

All months go fast, But December is last, Christmas is here.

Where there is Christmas, there is cheer. Where there is cheer there is joy.

Oh Christmas, Oh Christmas joy Snowmans are being built,

And Snowballs are being rolled. Oh how I love the Christmas snow

Alicia Nevarez
Elaine Hewett 11th grade
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My favorite Christmas memory was when I was 10. I remember this year well. It was a special Christmas that brought my family closer together. Around Christmas time when I was ten, and a little before that my mom was working more nights and days than usual so me and my siblings didn't really get to see her that much. I knew it was so she could provide for us since she was doing it on her own and it was also to get us everything we wanted and needed so it bothered me not being able to see her, but

understood at a young age. My mom wanted to start this tradition at the beginning of December on the 1st, that everyday we do a Christmas craft as a family in a creative way where we would count the days down until Christmas, and because she really hasn't seen us much so it was a way for us as a family to spend more time together. So, everyday we did something different; the first day of December we baked sugar cookies together and frosted them to look like Santa or a reindeer. The second day of December we made different shaped ornaments and filled them with sparkles and painted the outside of them. We also watched a Christmas movie as we did the craft my mom came up with. We did something new all the way up until Christmas Eve. On Christmas Eve, my mom had one more craft she wanted to do for us and that was letting us open one present. My mom had never done this before; our Christmas presents were never under the tree until Christmas morning because my younger siblings still believed in Santa. They had their suspicions that it could've been my mom, but she still liked to make them wonder until they were too old to know Santa is not real. We were excited to get a treat like this. I didn't know it at first but my mom had a trick up her sleeve for this craft. As we walked down the stairs to look under the tree, there was only one gift. My siblings and I were confused as to why this was. When we asked, my mom had told us that this gift wasn't from Santa. It was from her that she wanted us all to have something special for her that we could share and it could be something we could use when we have family nights. We opened the box just to find another box. We repeated this seven times until we got to the gift. When we finally got the gift, we opened it to find a WillU game system. At first, we were a little confused as to what it was but then realized it was a game system that more than one person could play on. We were excited with joy and played this game all night as a family until we got sleepy. My mom carried us up the stairs one by one and put us in our beds and told she loved us and gave us a kiss on our

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forehead. When we woke up the next morning we found all our presidents under the tree with our names on them. We spent the day home with our mom playing with our toys and listening to Christmas music as she cooked dinner. This was my favorite Christmas memory because on most holidays my mom was always at work so we barely spent holidays with her. So when she made a whole month's tradition so that she could make up for lost time it felt special because even though the holiday was only one day it was an entire month for us and brought so many smiles and laughter into our hearts. It also was special because even though we didn't live around much family, my mom found a way for our family to feel fuller and bigger than it was with the way she loved us and gave us all her time that she could.

Alicia Nevarez
Elaine Hewett 11th grade
West Columbus High

I have a lot of fun Christmas memories and traditions with my family such as church, family gatherings, food, and presents. But, my favorite Christmas memory has to be this. My dad is originally from the mountains. So, one year we all talked and decided that Dad, Mom, my little brother and I should go up to the mountains for that Christmas weekend and visit with my grandparents. We woke up early that morning and drove for about six or seven hours; then finally we arrived. We all got settled in and sat down at the table, said grace and ate a big family supper together. We talked for a bit and then went to sleep. We woke up the next morning, and it had snowed! This was a rare thing for us to see because back home it never snowed and if it did it was never much. We all got up, got our breakfast and got some warm clothes on getting ready for the day. Then, we all, along with my grandpa who we call "PopPop", bundled up ran to the car and drove to the top of the mountain where dad knew all the snow would be the best. We all began to run and play throwing snowballs, playing with the ice that had frozen to a roadside, building snowmen and much more fun. Once we were all tired, we cleaned off, got back in the car, and went back home. Once we all got cleaned up, we settled down in the living room and watched a movie together as a family.

Coleen West
Elaine Hewett 11th grade
West Columbus High

On my eleventh Christmas on December 25, 2016 I woke up to my sister telling me that Santa brought us dogs for Christmas and there were bikes outside for us. I already woke up in a good mood so my sister and I decided to go outside and throw snowballs at each other. I was so happy and excited that day because the Christmas lights were out and it looked so pretty and joyful. That was back when I was filled with so much joy and happiness. I loved that day we were on top of the cars throwing snowballs at each other and it was so cold but we didn't even realize because we were playing so much. When we

finished, we took our dog in the woods to play for a little while and we almost lost our dogs. When we found them we went inside to go eat our Christmas dinner and open more presents; we had dinner and breakfast at the same time. It was really weird but I loved it and when I opened more presents I had a really giant doll house. That night, we played games and played with our dogs. After a few hours, we got more presents sent from other family members. After all of my presents, I had so many presents and me and other cousins my age had a sleepover that was also so fun. Every Christmas, we sit around the living room and say what we are thankful for. When everyone is done saying what we are thankful for, we all pray and then eat while opening presents. To me, the best thing about Christmas is the Christmas tree. I make my own pretty ornaments and put them on the tree every year, since I am the youngest. When I was shorter, my dad would pick me up so I could put it on top of the tree. Now that I think about it, that Christmas was the best Christmas that I had ever had.

Tigeria Chisholm
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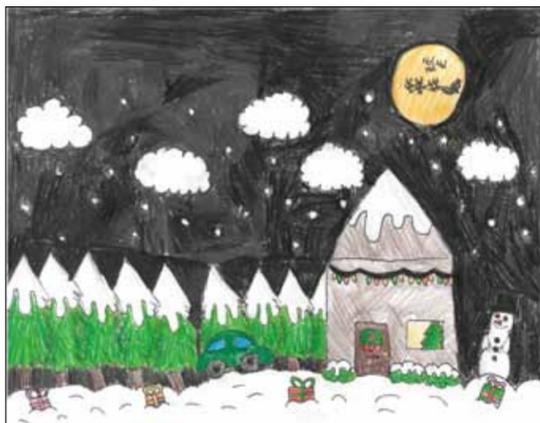
Christmas time is an amazing time when you get to spend time with family and friends, have a nice dinner, and open presents. When I was younger, Christmas time was the best throughout the month. I would watch Christmas movies like The Grinch, The Christmas Chronicles, and Saving Santa. I remember when we made cookies for Santa and left them on the table. Now I know that it was just my dad eating the cookies, but when I was younger I thought it was Santa. The time I remember most and was most special to me was when I was four years old. Santa walked into my room and woke me up and I said, "Santa!?" That was the best year of my life because I was told you would never see Santa, but I did. I would brag to all my friends and sister that I had seen Santa and they didn't. The next four years, my sister and I would go try to take a picture of Santa. We never got the photo. But, that didn't matter to me because I had seen Santa in person. The night Santa woke me up I had a dream later that I was helping him deliver presents to other houses. Now, I get to watch my little nephews have the fun I had when I was little during Christmas. I would give anything to relive my childhood during Christmas when I was younger.

I also remember a time when I was younger and still lived in New York there had been snow on the ground and I was going to ride my four wheeler and I happened to see deer tracks on the ground. I thought they were reindeer for so long. After that year, I would leave snacks outside for the reindeer. During Christmas time, I would go play outside in the snow when I lived in New York but since I have moved to North Carolina there is never any snow and when there is a little bit.

Another special time I had during Christmas time was when I met my best friend. Now I just call him

my little brother. I was riding my bike I had gotten for Christmas and I saw him walking around so I got next to him and we talked for a little while then after a bit we went to his house to get his bike and we went fishing. We used to live in a golf course neighborhood so we would go get golf balls from the water and sell them back to the golfers for 25 cents a piece or five for a dollar. We would usually make around fifteen dollars a day in the winter, so we would go to the clubhouse and get turkey cheese sandwiches and hot coco. Christmas time is the best time in the world. I wouldn't trade those memories for anything.

Liam Grainger
Elaine Hewett 11th grade
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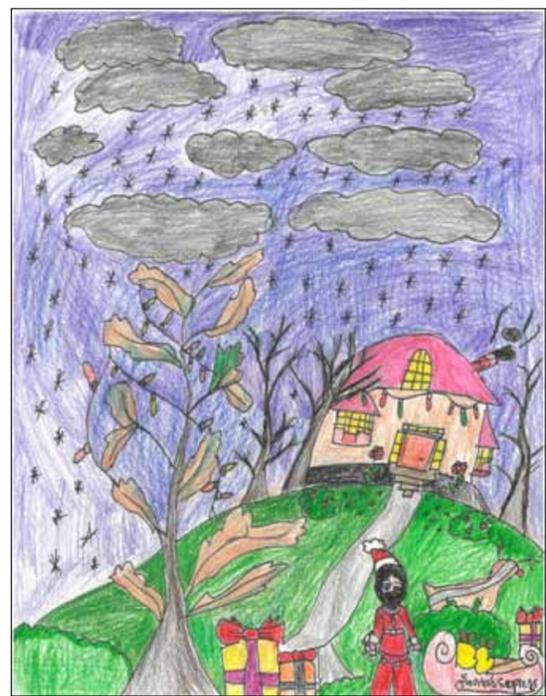


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Diana Roldan, 8th grade
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because I had thought Santa forgot about my Christmas gifts. I had decided to sit in my bed all day. My mama came into my room and got me out of bed telling me she cooked breakfast, so I went into the kitchen on the way there. I looked under the tree and there were still no presents under the tree. I ate my breakfast, drank some orange juice and went back to my room. I took another look at the tree and there were presents everywhere and it was everything I wanted. Then, my family walked in with my cousins and they had bought all their Christmas gifts from home and we played with our toys while my mother and aunt cooked for the holiday. Then I realized that my dad had

put the gifts under the tree because as I looked in the room I saw the Christmas wrapper under their bed. But, at that time I didn't care. I was just happy that I got everything I wanted for Christmas. We ended up having a big feast, shooting fireworks, and watching a Christmas movie together. That was the first time I had seen my family in a year. They come down every year to celebrate Christmas with us so we could all be together. We would all sit around a fire and talk about what we did when we were little and when all the adults were kids.

Joseph Graham IV
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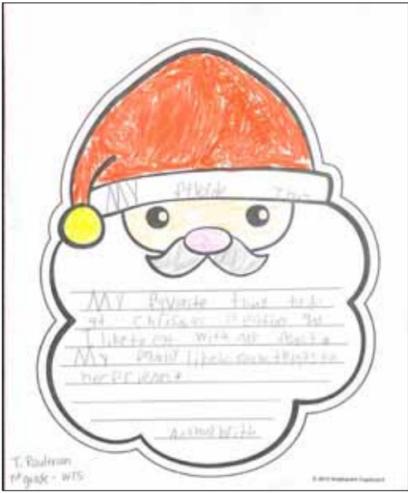
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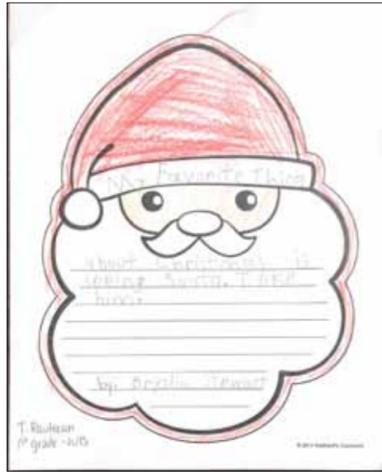
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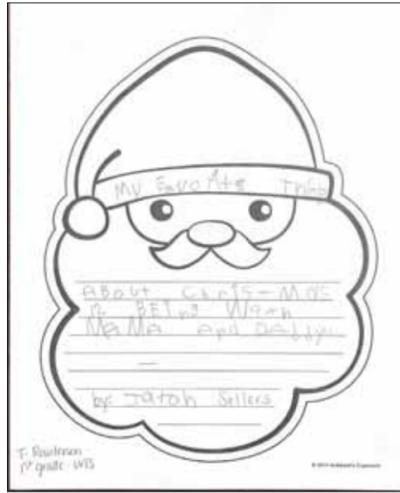
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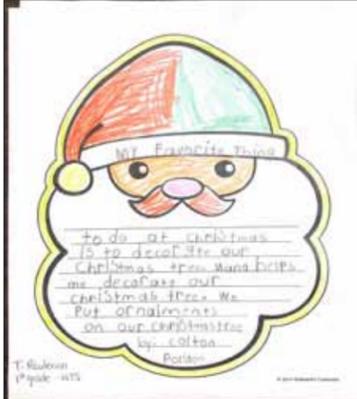
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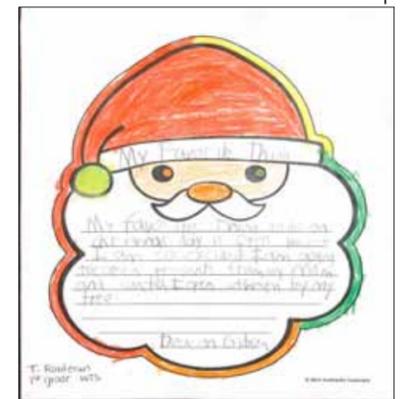
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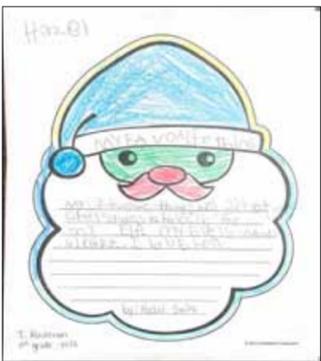
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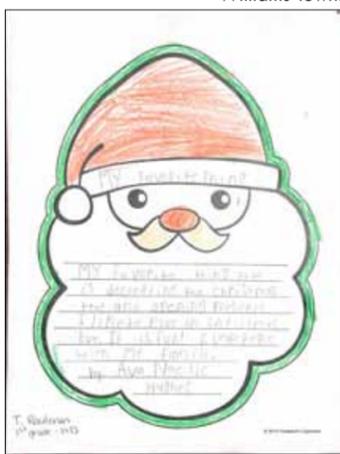
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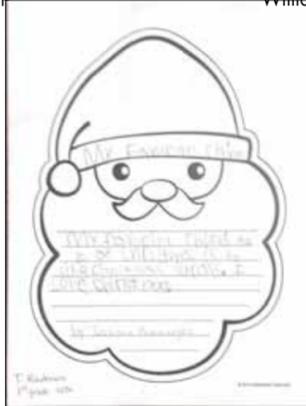
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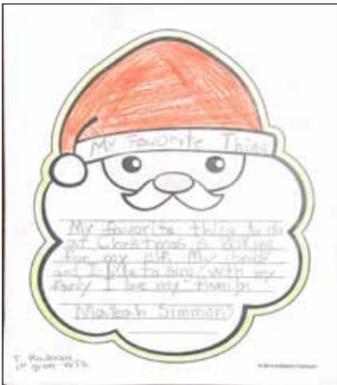
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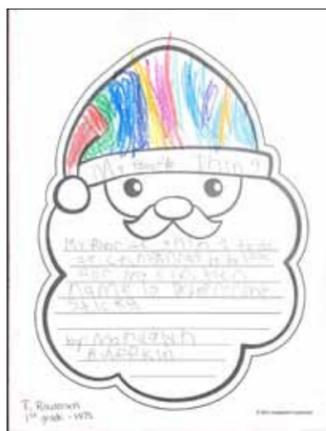
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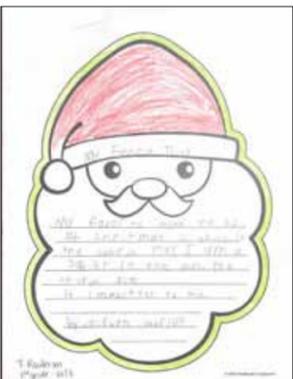
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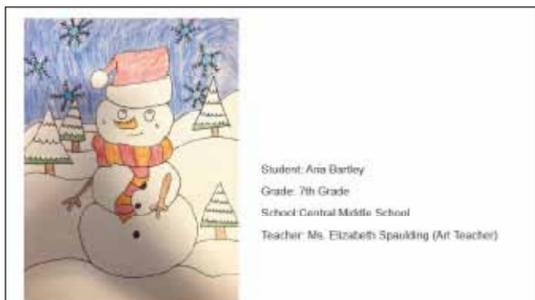
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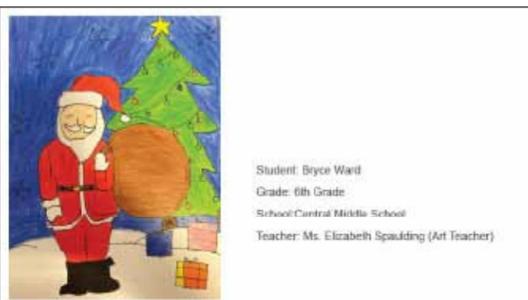
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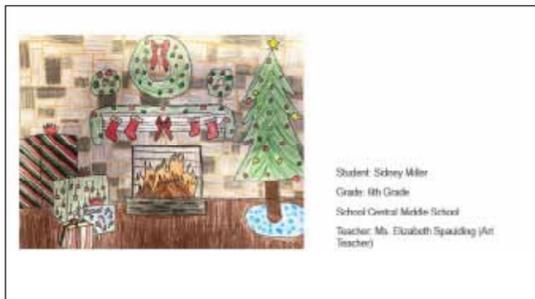
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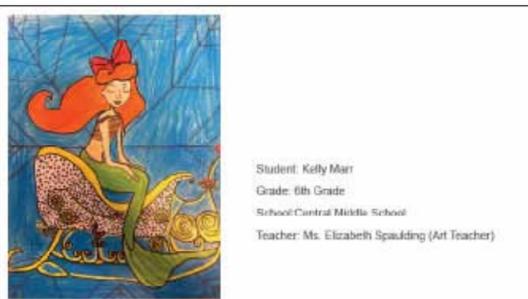
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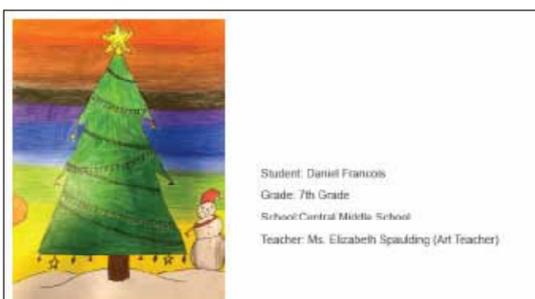
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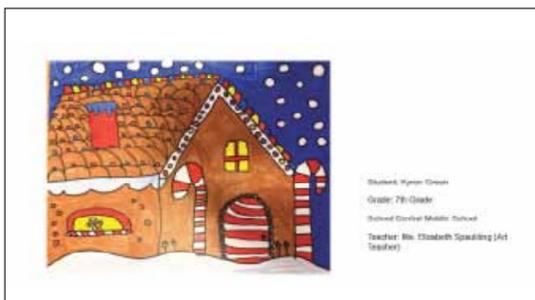
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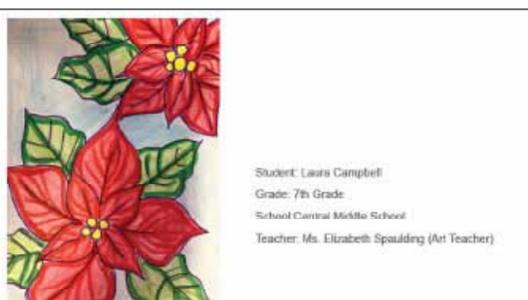
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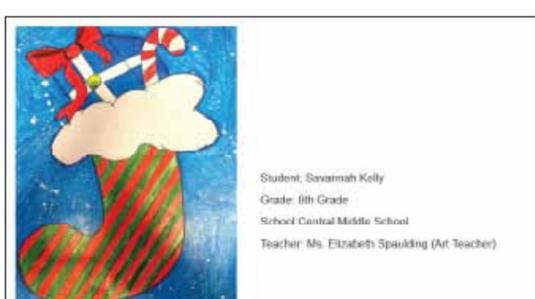
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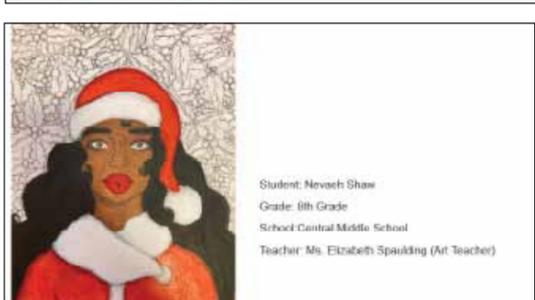
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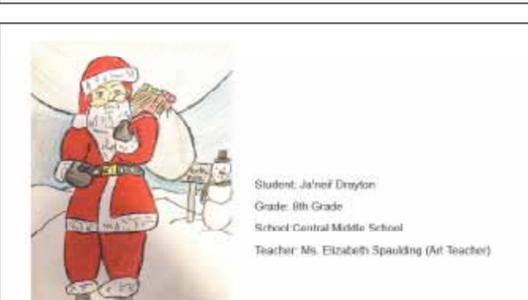
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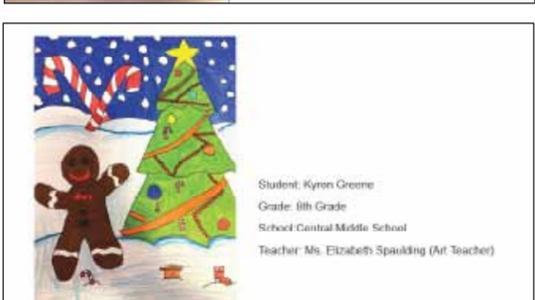
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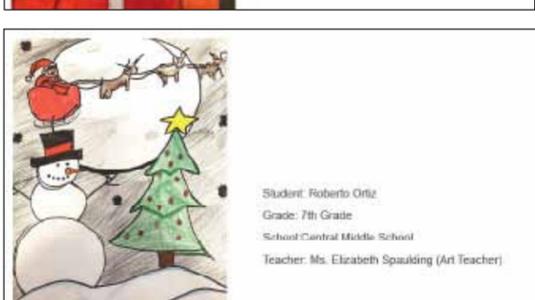
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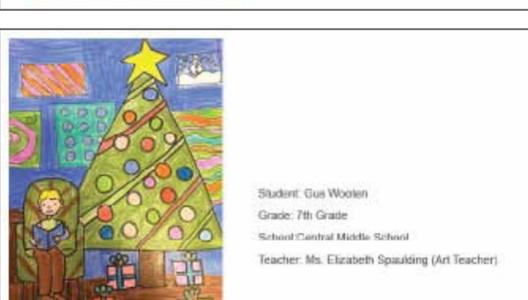
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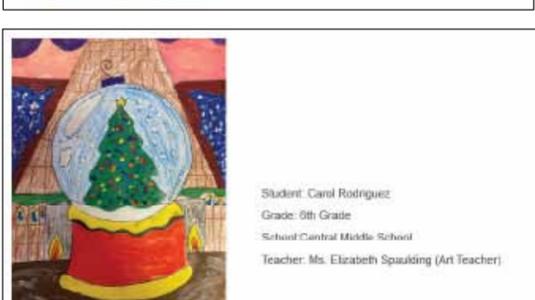
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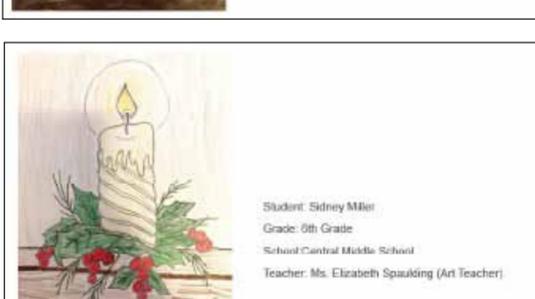
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