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CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

The News Reporter

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The cover art for *The News Reporter's Christmas Memories* was drawn by Holland Pridden.
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Edgewood Elementary School



Kylie Elizabeth Burt, 8,
Union Elementary School



Chandler White, 7,
Columbus Charter School



Briley Conner, 9,
Williams Township School

Traditions

We have many Christmas traditions in my family. We read the Bible. We listen to music.

We eat breakfast on Christmas morning. Next we open presents.

We play after that! We eat lots of candy. If it snows we get to go outside and play in the snow!

My family has lots of fun every Christmas enjoying our traditions!

Challey Ward
Julia Hardwick's Grade 4
Williams Township

Dear Santa

I love carol songs. They give me jolly Christmas spirit. My favorite one is Jingle Bells. I wish it was Christmas because I'm expecting a lot of presents. I've been really good in school. I got on the A B Honor Roll, is that good or what? Are mistletoes for children? Are you getting me that candy and stuff I want or is it just stuff you get based on behavior? I want an X-Box, a Play Station portable, Tablet Watch, real a bunny, and real a dog.

Mya
Sandy Dillard's Grade 3
Tabor City Elementary

Christmas Party

Me and my mom were planning a Christmas party and I was excited! We baked M&M cookies together. Me and my mom decorated the house for the party. My first guest came in, it was my cat! The rest of my guest came in. Me and my mom put colorful lights to make the party more fun. Mom put streamers up and tied balloon inside and outside. Then she ordered 12 pizzas and baked more sweets. Mom then put on some Christmas music for our guests to listen to. My dogs were dressed as Christmas elves and my cat was dressed as Santa Claus! My dogs and my cat gave the presents out. Then everybody ate cookies and cake and pizzas. Me and my cousin were playing the xbox. It was time for everyone to go home. I hope I can have another Christmas party sometime. It was the best Christmas party ever!

Noah Webb
Tyler Goodwin's Grade 3
Acme Delco Elementary

Morning

It was christmas morning! I woke up and looked in the living room and turned on the lights on the christmas tree and they looked beautiful. Some presents had some pretty wrapping paper. I looked and there was a lot of gifts for me. Then I looked around to see who I should wake up first. I decided to wake up my my grandma and grandpa first. Then I woke up everyone else up. Then everyone went to the living room slowly. We opened the presents and I had fun tearing apart the presents wrapping paper. Then I got a present I wanted all year long it was a tablet and I was excited. I wanted a tablet because of all the video games on it.

Dominick Stephens
Tyler Goodwin's Grade 3
Acme Delco Elementary

Hurt Reindeer

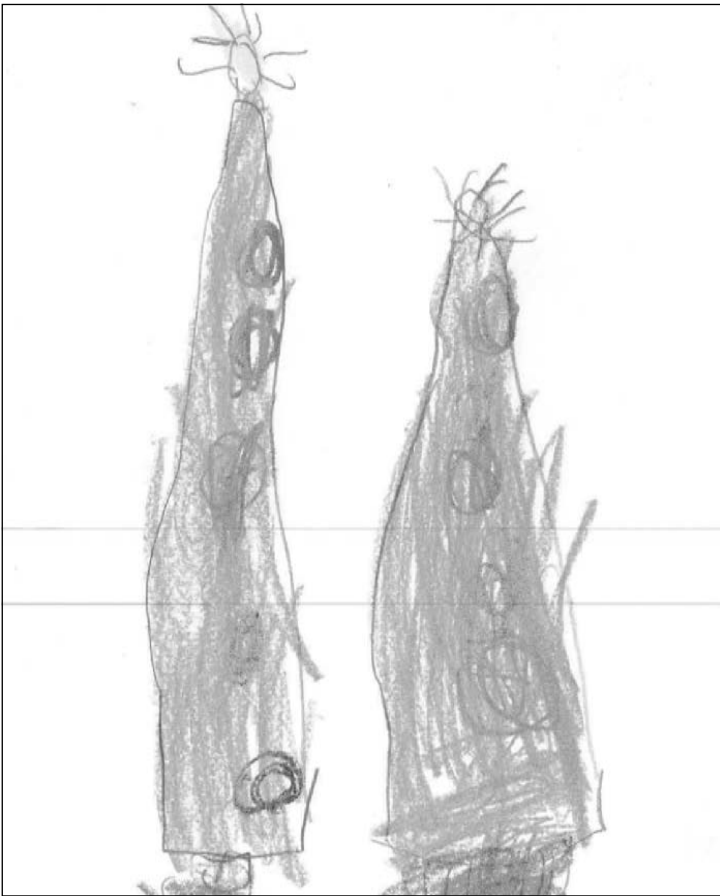
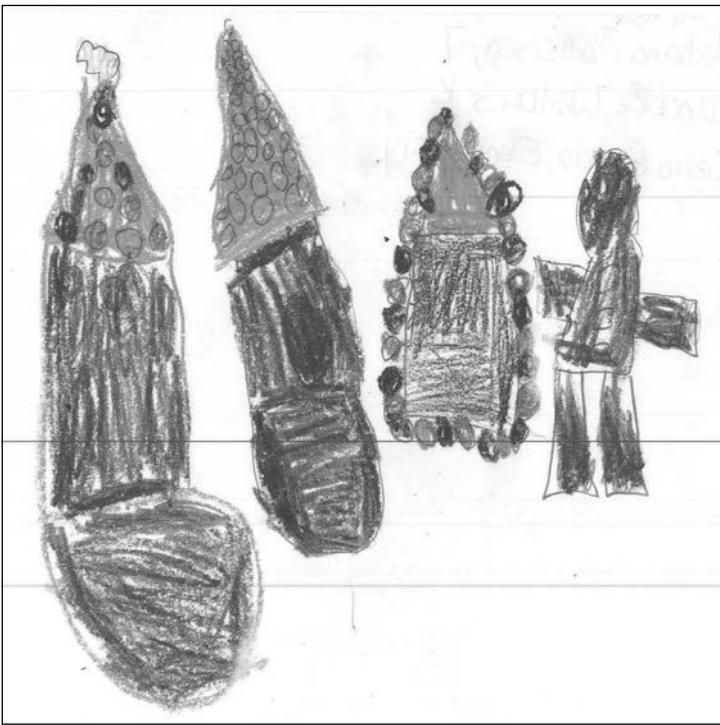
One time, Santa was getting ready for Christmas. He was ready for the reindeer to be hooked to the sleigh! But, when he got to the barn, the reindeer were hurt and sick! Mrs. Claus had water and food to take care of them. Santa didn't know what to do. Mrs. Claus had an idea! You could go by foot, she said to Santa. So, Santa went by foot and climbed into the chimneys and gave the boys and girls presents. When he was back, the reindeer were healed!

Hayden Lanier
Tracy Cox's Grade 3
Williams Township

Henry and Ducks

One time my elf, Henry sat on my mounted duck. He put a fake toy saddle on my duck. He had a stick in his hand. He had a little toy pistol of mine in his hand. He had cowboy stuff on from head to toe.

Easton McPherson
Tracy Cox's Grade 3
Williams Township



Christmas

Spending time with your family and your friends. On Christmas and having fun there are many beliefs about how Christmas came to be. Christians believe that Christmas is when Jesus was born and Christians, celebrate Christmas every year and other people think Christmas is only about getting presents from Santa and their family. And to be true I do not think Santa is real I just remembered I caught me Ma putting presents under the tree that said from Santa on them.

Logan Harmon
Lisa Lennon's Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Christmas

Grandma gives me presents. Santa Claus comes. My mom said I have to sleep.


Mia Honeycutt
Carrie Buffkin's Grade 1
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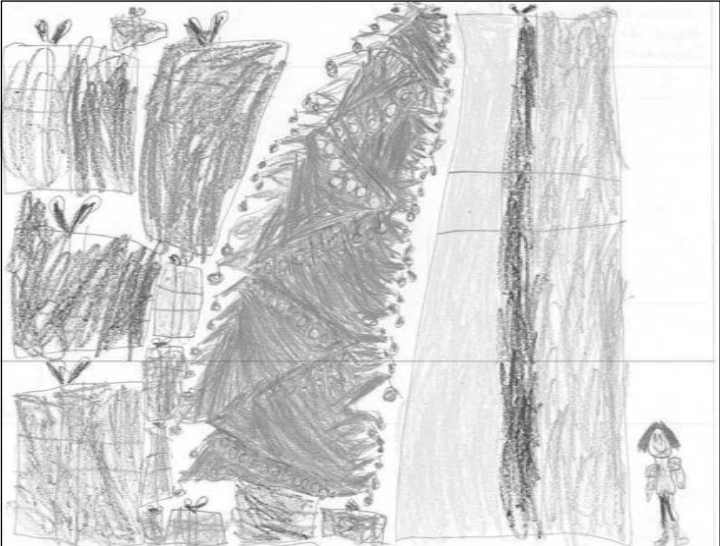
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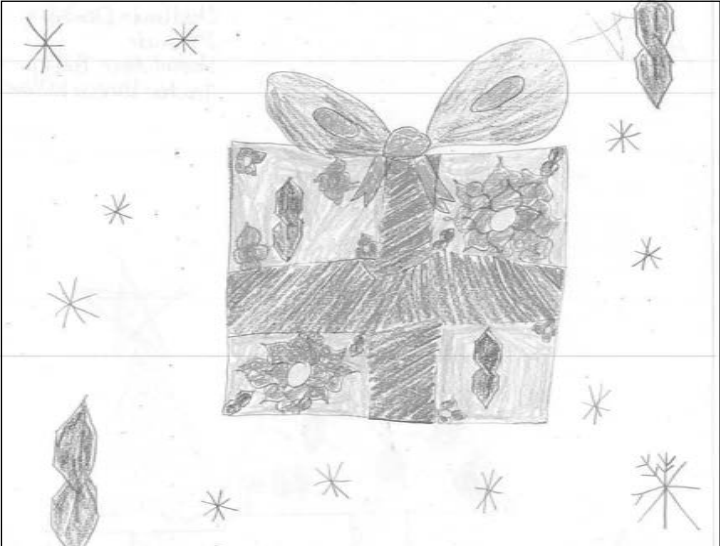
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Toilet Paper

Once my elf took toilet paper and taped it to the doorway so I could not get out. He also poured flour all over the kitchen. It took 1 hour to clean it up. My mom was not happy about that. My elf does a lot of tricks.

Wyatt Strickland
Tracy Cox's Grade 3
Williams Township

Santa Story

Once upon a time when Santa was coming to town, he ate a lot of cookies on the sleigh. So, every house fixed him cookies and milk. So, he ate more cookies and more cookies. The last house he went to had carrots with a little not saying: Dear Santa, we got carrots because you need to eat healthy stuff because you eat cookies a lot. When Santa got home Christmas night, Mrs. Claus baked turkey, chicken, baked potatoes, steak and string beans. So, Santa did not hardly eat anything because he was full of cookies and carrots but, he thought maybe I was supposed to give some to the reindeer. So, he worked on the next batch of presents for next year.

Macelyn Cribb
Tracy Cox's Grade 3
Williams Township

Christmas Story

On Christmas eve, my cousins, Layla and Madison Ayers, and I went to a big hill with a lot of snow and then we brought out the sleds. Madison rode down the hill first. Then, Layla rode second. Then, I rode last. Then, we decided to have a race. The one who rode down the hill first got to open the first present and the race began. I pushed myself so fast down the hill. So fast, I could not stop pushing myself and then I won the race! I got to open the first present and then I started to tear the paper. Then I unwrapped it fast. Then, I saw the present, it was a brand new shot gun! It was a 20 gauge shot gun. I was so surprised I almost passed out. My brother wished he had it. I loved the new gift. I said thank you and then that was it.

Isaac Hinson
Tracy Cox's Grade 3
Williams Township

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Christmas in Ohio

My last Christmas started with my family and I getting all of our Christmas decorations out. We were Christmas fanatics like we had so much Christmas stuff it was unbelievable. We had a leg lamp from the movie Christmas story. Our house the dancing corner was wrapped with enough lights to go down at least three blocks! My old house was on the corner of my street and we had lights that would dance an elegant dance to music that would play on a loop. It wasn't always the same song no but eventually it would loop to the same song (my favorite was the siberian orchestra that would play oh man it was great). We had a FAKE person standing next to this pole and people would think it was a real kid who had gotten his tongue stuck to the poll. He was also from the Christmas story that i talked about earlier

We would line the streets not just with family but with random strangers who just wanted to see the lights dance upon the snow gently falling down upon the already snow covered ground. That was just the outside on the inside we had a giant tree in our dining room stockings hanging over our fireplace right next to our long wood table dressed in a beautiful red Christmas cloth with christmas candle. (they were never lit but we still put them out every year) In every room we had at least one Christmas tree. I had a medium sized tree that was bright white with blue lights and Christmas tree decoration everything was either blue or white. It sat at a window in our computer room staring out into the distance of the magnificence nights that were covered with blankets of snow. We even had a tree in the kitchen, but enough about trees we had an annual Christmas party with family and friends. Those were after we went to family like my grandpa and grandma to visit and get like 20 dollars as a christmas gift.

The most magical time was when we would wake up Christmas morning. I have three relatives, Kimberly, my sister ,and my two brothers, Cody and Brandon. So there were quite a bit of presents and of course I was like "There all for me!". I still got a lot of presents and even then we went to my brothers Brandon and he had more presents for us. That was my last Christmas in Ohio.

Jackson Philabaum
Lisa Lennon's Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Baby Sister

My favorite Christmas memory was in December 2009 when I got a baby sister! My baby sister's name was Samantha. She was born on December 22, 2009 in Whiteville hospital, she weighed 9 pounds and 3 ounces.

Samantha didn't come home until December 25, 2009, or Christmas day, because the nurse sucked her stomach instead of her lungs. Samantha had to be transported to New Hanover NICU. What made that situation even worse is that the my Mom couldn't find her shoes because someone stole them at the hospital, so after she left the hospital, my Dad went to Walmart to buy my Mom another pair of shoes! They still have the receipt in Samantha's photo album from when she was a baby. I was so excited whenever I found out that I had a baby sister! My mom was hoping for a boy, but she said that if she got a girl she would love the baby either way. If Samantha were a boy, then her name would have been Samuel and if she was a girl, it would have been Samantha, her nickname would have been Sam either way.

Whenever Samantha came home I couldn't even touch her! For the longest time I thought that she was born on Christmas! I used to be jealous of Samantha because I thought she got to have the same birthday as Jesus did. Once I started to think about it, I realized that I wasn't the baby of the family anymore. So in a way it was the worst and best Christmas ever at the same time

Alyssa Strickland
Lisa Lennon's Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Daddy

My favorite Christmas memory is when my daddy came. That's when I got some boots I wanted. Before that I liked when we set the Christmas tree up. After we set the Christmas up, the best part is when we put the angel on top of the Christmas tree. That was the best Christmas memory ever!

Azyriah Bush
Tracy Cox's Grade 3
Williams Township

Dirt Bike

I had fun on my dirt bike the first time I rode it! I felt thankful to finally get one. Have you ever rode a dirt bike? When I rode the first time I felt even better because my daddy showed me how to ride. It felt good!! It was Christmas and my family was there. I was at my grandma's house in a big field. I go there every year. I went to a trailer with my granddaddy and he said "help me lift the trailer door". We opened the trailer. I saw a blue cover. My granddaddy told me to pick up the blue cover. I saw a dirt bike! He picked up a big box and gave it to me. I opened the presents inside like he told me to. The box had dirt bike boots, visors, chest pads, gloves, knee pads, and a helmet. I was excited because my dirt bike was fast. I was surprised that day! I rode and stopped it felt like I had peace and quiet then I kept riding again. I even learned how to do a burnout!

Zay'Vaun Hines
Haylea Sullivan's Grade 3
Acme Delco Elementary

Ornaments

I have a lot of ornaments on my tree. My mom and I like to shop a lot. I like to open my presents on Christmas morning. My mom, Kattie, cooks the best food ever!! She likes to cook. I love Christmas!

Jaycie Hammond
Carrie Buffkin's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary

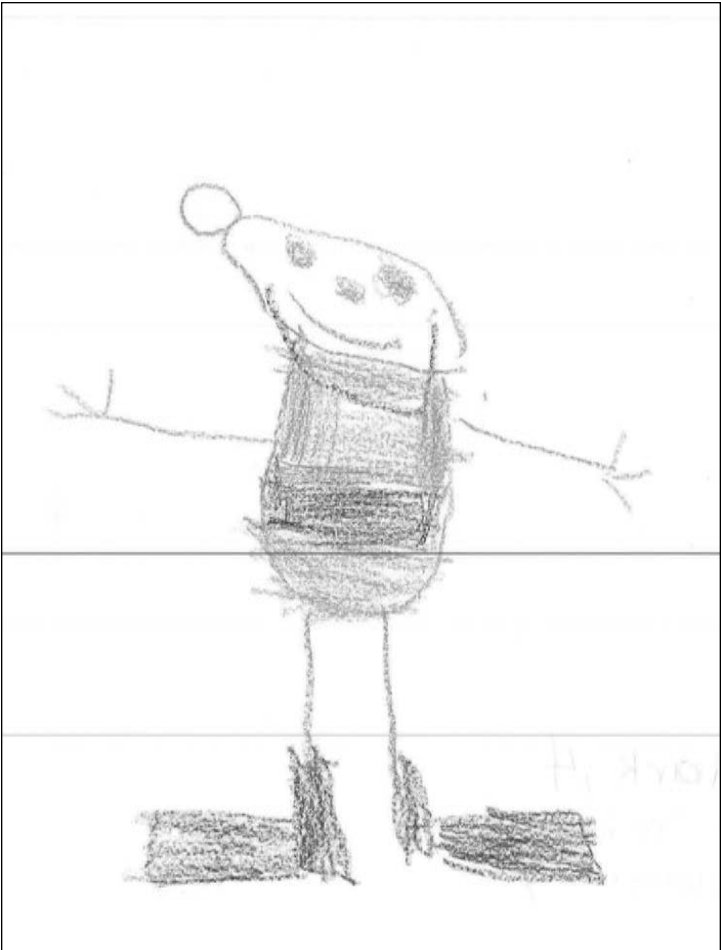


Cameron Strickland
Kristi Greene's Grade 2
Whiteville Primary

Worst Christmas Ever!

Once upon a time, there was Santa and three elves. One of the elves hated Christmas. The other two elves loved Christmas. Charley (who was Santa), needed the three elves. Charley told one elf to get the sleigh. He told the other two to get the reindeer. When the first elf got the sleigh, he took out his knife and cut the string. That meant that the other reindeer couldn't help drive the sleigh! When he came back with the sleigh, they put the reindeer on the sleigh and took off and went to take the presents to the children of the world. But, when they got so high, the reindeer came off and Charley crashed into a tree! When he got up out of his seat, the sleigh fell out of the tree and Santa was stuck in the tree! The reindeer came to help! When they came, Charley got on one of the reindeer and brought Charley back to the ground.

Briar Salling-Chestnut
Tracy Cox's Grade 3
Williams Township



Kaleb Clark
Pamela Cook's Pre-Kindergarten
Old Dock Elementary

My House

I love Christmas at my house! My Christmas tree has elf legs that stick out. I go shopping right before Christmas Eve. My stocking has a dog on it and the color of my stocking is green—light green. My family goes shopping and we look for presents.

I love Christmas at my house!!

Timothy Milligan
Carrie Buffkin's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary

Owl Stocking

I love Christmas at my house! I have a small Christmas tree. I have lots of ornaments on my Christmas tree. I go shopping with my mom. I like opening presents. My stocking has an owl on it. It is sparkly and pretty. It is pink, white, and purple. I get four presents. My brother gets four, too, because it is fair for me and because our mom said so.

Mallory Gore
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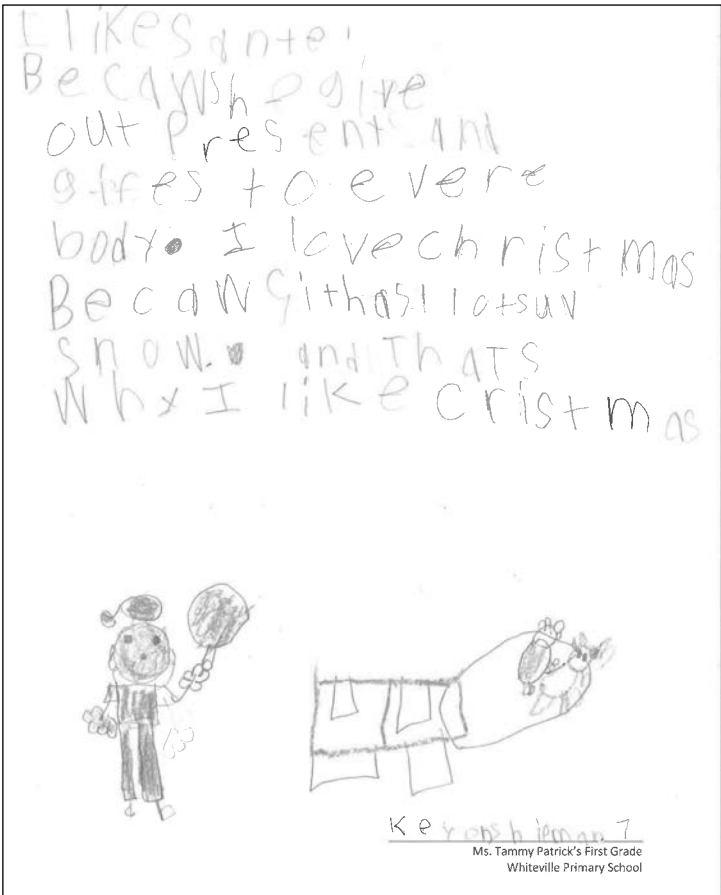
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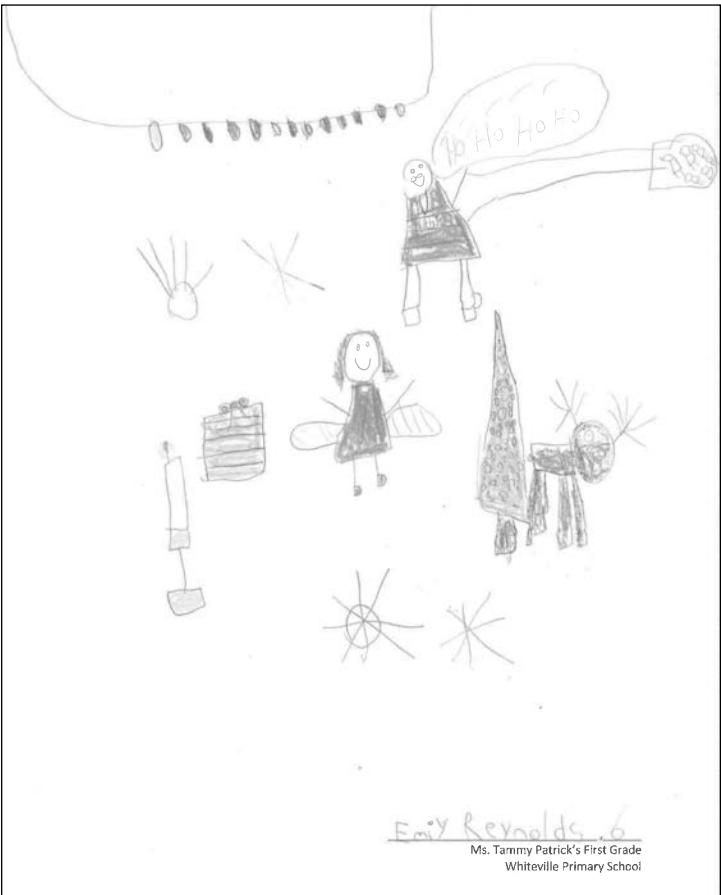
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Emily Reynolds
Tammy Patrick's Grade 1
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Kalen Johnston
Tammy Patrick's Grade 1
Whiteville Primary

Camouflage

Last Christmas my tree was decorated in camo. It had camo ornaments all over it. We had to get the ornaments out of the attic and put them on the tree. When Santa came I got a lot of presents.

Case Simmons
Sabrina Ward's Grade 2
Old Dock Elementary

Good Christmas

Have you ever had a good Christmas morning? Well I have .As soon as I got up I ran to the Christmas tree. I looked then I ran and jumped on mama's and daddy's bed. Then I ran back to the tree. I grabbed the biggest present I could find.

So I was about to open my presents with my sister. Andi didn't know which was which or what was what. And I started to rip the raping paper. Me and my sister were very excited with what we got. She got a phone for Christmas .And I got a iPod.

I got a bar and a beam for Christmas. It was the best thing I got that year. And I play on it. As soon as I get home I play with it. I love playing on it. On my beam I do flips on it.

Kaylee Dale
Haylea Sullivan's Grade 3
Acme Delco Elementary

Family

Would you like to hear about Christmas at my house? My Christmas tree is short and pretty and it has a big star on the top. It has lots of ornaments, too. I go shopping with my mom and I go shopping with my family. We buy some presents and put them under the Christmas tree. Also we celebrate Christmas at my cousin's house. We have a great time at my cousin's house. I love my family and I love Christmas at my house!

Greydys Andres
Carrie Buffkin's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary

My House

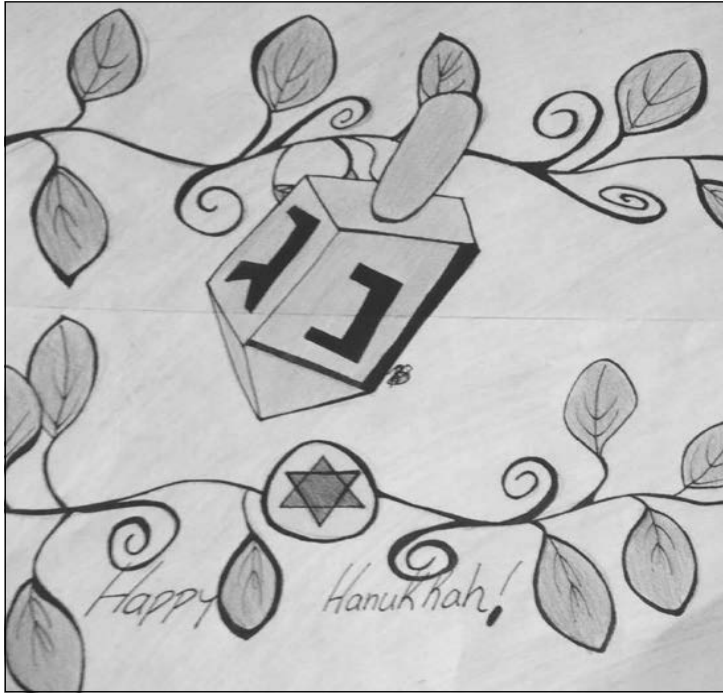
Would you like to hear about Christmas at my house? My brother rides in the car to what he is going to get me. My Christmas tree is skinny and little. My mom puts the star on the tree. I look for my presents. I eat a lot of food during the day on Christmas and my mom gives me lots of hugs.

Victoria Sanchez
Carrie Buffkin's Grade 1
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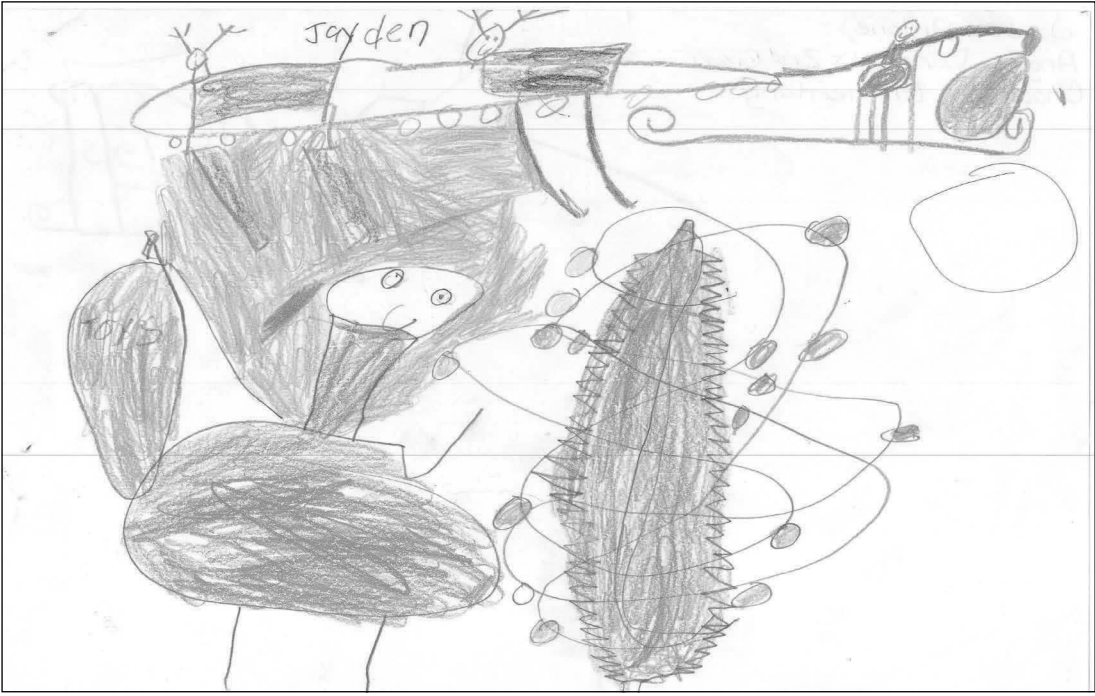
My Elf

My elf has been so funny. I will tell you some things about my elf. First, he got one of my toys and was sitting on the self with it. Next, my elf got a roll of toilet paper and strung it all over the kitchen. It was real messy. Last, he got my shirt and he put stuff all over it. Also, his name is Chris. I love Chris!

Eben Harrelson
Tracy Cox's Grade 3
Williams Township



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My Christmas Memory

My christmas memory was when me and my sister went to wake up my mom and dad. They wanted to stay in the bed some and my sister had to get her out of the bed. Me and my sister wanted to open the presents Santa brought us.

He brought me some barbie dolls and I love them. Then my grandma came to see what we got. When everybody gets there we open presents that my grandma got us.

Then when everybody is finished opening presents we play a game. The game was where you pick a number and whoever has the matching number they trade their presents with each other.

When they are done the kids play. After everybody has their presents we go to my other grandmas house to open the presents she got. Then we go home and played with all of the presents that everybody gave us.

That was my favorite christmas memory.

Reagan Bullard
Tyler Goodwin's Grade 3
Acme Delco Elementary

Fred the Elf

I remember the day I got Fred, my elf. He was always doing something like parachuting from a cabinet. I remember one day before I went to school Fred had hung stockings on our doors. He put toys in mine. Alex and Hailey got weird girl stuff! I wonder why Fred leaves around Christmas. I wish he could stay all the time.

Cole Chestnutt
Sabrina Ward's Grade 2
Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa

I want the Nerf Rapid Strike and some treats for my cat, Tate. I have my own tree. I want you to put my presents under my tree. My favorite ornament is Dale Jr. How is Rudolph? I want a Nerf Jolt and a 30 round clip for my Nerf Rapid Strike. I love you Santa. Have a good Christmas!

Blake Stocks
Sabrina Ward's Grade 2
Old Dock Elementary

Presents

One Christmas morning ready to open my presents I woke up my parents. Mom and dad kept saying to "stop" jumping on their bed. In their bed was my little sister Ella. She was just sound asleep and did not wake up. A little later on mom woke Ella up. So once Ella was up we went downstairs open presents from our parents and Santa.

Each present was a surprise or something we actually wanted for Christmas. Once we were finished opening presents mom cooked us some breakfast. Our breakfast was pancakes and eggs. Our drinks were chocolate milk. Then once we were finished with our breakfast we got dressed and headed to our grandma's. Only when we got to grandma's we had to hang out and wait for the rest of the family.

Now the rest of the family has arrived. Our grandma said," Now they were here we could start opening presents, but first we looked in our stockings. We got all types of goodies. Then we each opened one or two presents. So then we ate lunch. Once we finished lunch we opened the rest of the presents. Last when we finished opening presents we ate dinner thanked everyone and went home to go to sleep.

Kate Clifton
Haylea Sullivan's Grade 3
Acme Delco Elementary

My House

I love Christmas at my house! I have a little Christmas tree. I have a star on top of my tree. My mom and I go shopping, and we buy some food. My brother and I and my sister open the presents from Santa. I feel happy after I open my presents. I love Christmas at my house!

Deisy Ramirez
Carrie Buffkin's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas

Christmas is fun! I have a big, fat tree in my house. I have a lot of ornaments on my tree. I have a big star on top of my tree. My mom and sister go shopping. My mom makes food at my house. I hang the stockings. My family and I open the presents at my house.

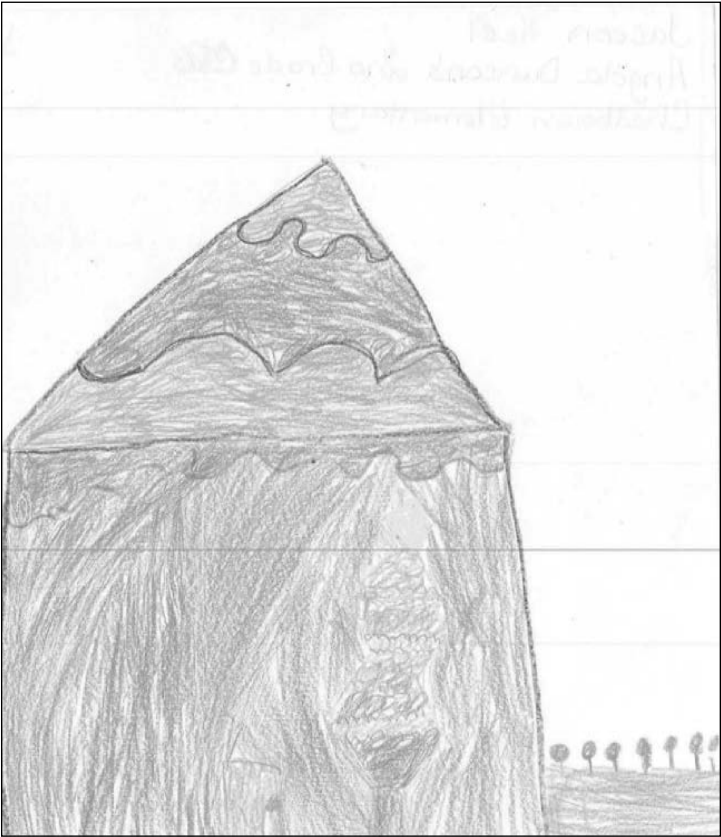
Brandon Oxendine
Carrie Buffkin's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas

On Christmas Eve in 2008 I was with my dad. My parents had been divorced for a year so it was me, my dad, my brother, and my grandparents. We went to my great aunt and uncle's house for dinner and gifts. All of my family members on my dad's side were there. After we all ate and talked for a little we started opening gifts. I helped pass them out. I didn't open mine until almost everyone had theres. We left and went home but when we got there Santa had came. Me and my brother Jordan was so excited and I beat him to the living room. After we open and put up our presents we loaded up to go to my mom's. At that time she lived in a double wide trailer. It was small but it was home. She made sure we were happy. I was happy because me and Jordan was across the hall from each other. I hugged and kissed my dad bye then went inside.

Me and Jordan got ready for bed but when I got to the living room I saw a doll house almost my height with some new barbies. My mom video me jumping up and down. Sadly I couldn't play with it because I had to go to bed. That morning when I got up I woke up my mom and my Jordan and told them Santa had came. My dog little man was excited to. My mom cooked a breakfast casserole. While my mom finished eating me and Jordan opened our presents and digged in our stockings. We put everything up and got ready. First we went to my great grandma's then we went to my Mema's. During Christmas me and Jordan got along and we don't drive everyone crazy. That night we all snuggle up on the couch and watched a movie. Even little man laid with us. Sadly Jordan hogged all the cover. I love Christmas and I wish it could last longer but I'm blessed plus happiness is the best present ever.

Carla V. Rogers
Lisa Lennon's Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary



Jaceon Keel
Angela Davis's Grade 2
Chadbourn Elementary

Christmas Tree

Last year I helped put up our Christmas tree. First, we straightened the limbs. Then we put so many layers of lights on it. It was time to put on the ornaments. This was the most fun! Last we celebrated Christmas. Christmas is really fun and exciting!

Grace Overby
Sabrina Ward's Grade 2
Old Dock Elementary

Santa Claus

One Christmas morning I got a four wheeler. This Christmas I want a four wheeler like my dad's. I wish my elf would come back this Christmas. I want Christmas to come because I hope it will snow. I love Christmas because Santa Claus comes on Christmas Eve night. He gives us presents. If kids see Santa, he will lose his magic. I hope he doesn't lose his magic


Hunter Ward
Sabrina Ward's Grade 2
Old Dock Elementary



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Whiteville Primary



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Dear Santa

For Christmas I want an X-Box 1, Madden 17, and NBA 2K17. Even you know some people don't believe in Santa Claus, but its okay.

Kash

Sandy Dillard's Grade 3
Tabor City Elementary

Forgive Me

I love you very, very much. I have been a little on the bad side but can you forgive me, please? Christmas is not about gifts. It is about Jesus' birthday. Anyways, I would also love some Converse tennis shoes. The ones I really want have white high tops. I would like a phone case. By the way, I have a \$\$. I would love it if you gave me a Smart TV.

Teemirah

Sandy Dillard's Grade 3
Tabor City Elementary

Christmas

Have you ever open presents and had dinner at church? The day came for Christmas. I woke up so excited, my mom made us breakfast. When we were done we got on the car and went to church. I saw all of my family there. My parents, sisters, cousins, uncles, and me. I was so happy because all my family was there and came safely.

It was time to receive our presents. I got my presents and said thank you. I got clothes, sweaters, Legos, and coloring books. But I couldn't find my doll. I was sad because I didn't get my doll. Everyone got what they wanted, but i didn't. Everyone was thankful for what they got. After I was done opening my presents we went to have dinner.

I went to sit down with my family. I saw all the delicious food on the table. I could not wait to eat, but the first thing we had to do is say what we are thankful for. I said I was thankful for me, my family, food, god, shelter, friends, presents, and church. We started to eat it was good. When I was done I went to play with my cousins and friends.

Anahi Martinez-Hernandez
Haylea Sullivan's Grade 3
Acme Delco Elementary

Cooking

Did you ever had a cooking machine before? It is something that you cook and the oven and you will have a set of food and you can warm it and the oven! The year I got a cooking machine. The people who with me was me, my mom, my dad, my God, my Jesus, my brother and Christmas evening and I was at my mom house.

I feel excited because it was Christmas. I am happy because I cook on the oven. I am thankful that I cook for my God and my mom and brother and my dad. I am happy that open my presents.

I see the cooking machine when I get ready I hear the oven ding when it was ready. I touch the handles of the oven to open it. I taste the brownies when it was down to make sure that it is done. I smell the brownies when it was done because it smelled good.

La'Miya Brown
Haylea Sullivan's Grade 3
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Christmas

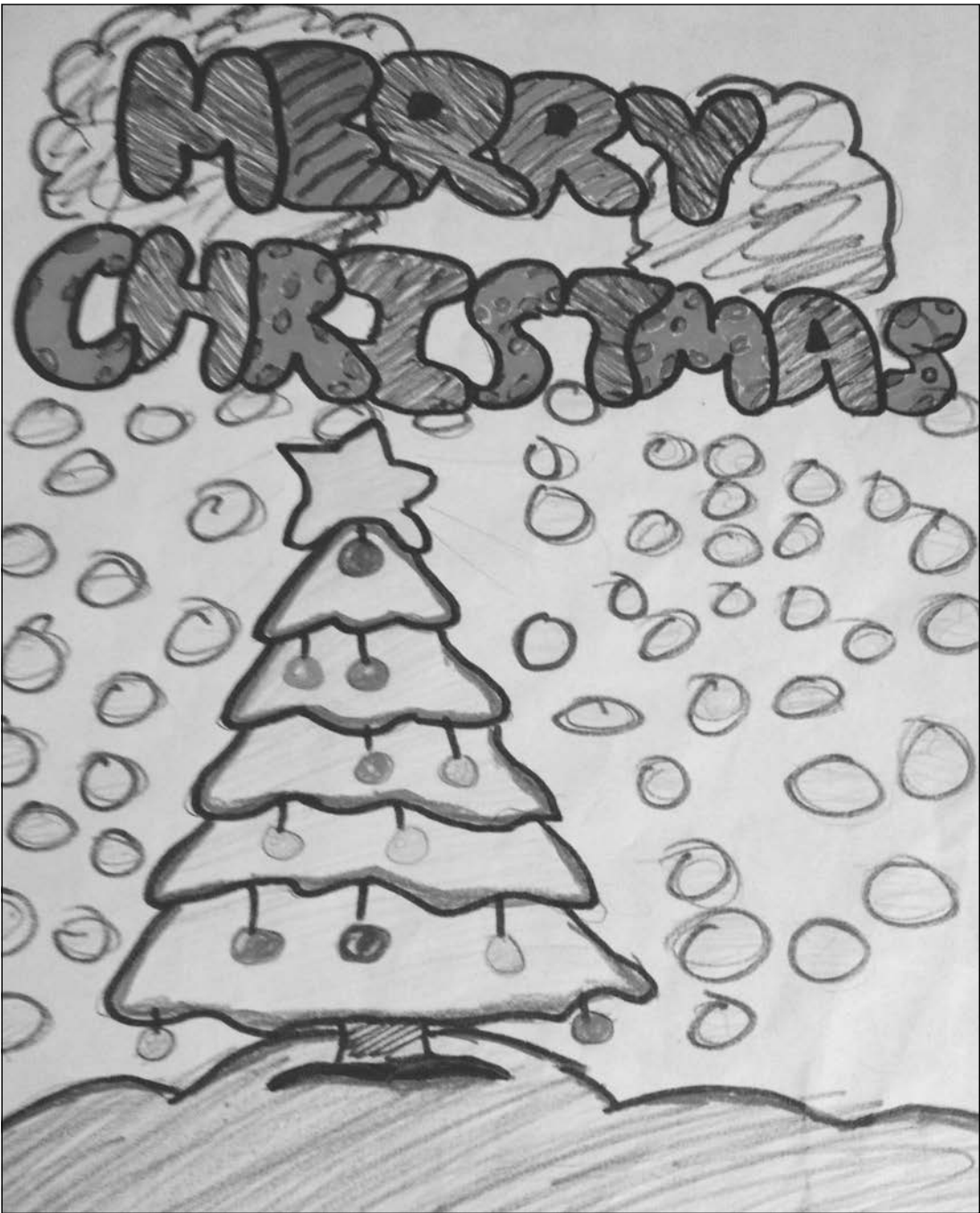
I like Christmas at my house. I have a bow on my tree. I love to go shopping at Food Lion. I love some ham my dad cooks. I love all my family. I love my horse because he is nice.

Brynley Sasser
Carrie Buffkin's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary

What I Got

Last Christmas, I got a PS4 and I play a lot of games on it. My mom and I play some games on it and my dad and I play some games on it, too. My mom saw Santa and she showed me. Now I play with my PS4 and my elf, Mr. Jingle. That was last Christmas and that is what I got last Christmas. I saw something in the sky and I think I saw a reindeer.


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My Christmas Memory

My Christmas Memory is back two years ago in Beaufort, NC. It was Christmas Eve around three o'clock in the afternoon. Me and my three younger brothers were outside playing in the snow when my mom came outside and said we are going to the mall to see Santa and get three presents of your own choosing. While we were there I went to the coffee shop and got me a drink so I could be warm instead of cold. When I got back my brothers were looking a presents to pick one had a xbox the others got ps3 and a tablet when we got home we had like fifty presents stacked in my room from the ground up to my bed. I woke my mom up and told her that they were in there. The next day I had to keep my brothers from getting the presents so I would hit them if they went near it. By ten o'clock my mom would be making breakfast while we eat my mom will be in my room counting them all to make sure they are all there when she came out she had four presents she said open one now and wait until twelve o'clock or open them all right now we all said open one up right now and wait what we all got was a new pair of air jordans I was so happy to get some more new shoes again.

When it hit twelve o'clock we all ran in the living room and asked mom if we can open the presents she said yes but bring them to me so I can make sure that the one you get is your's when she was done she counted to three on three we all opened our presents when my brother jonathan opened his he had a toy remote control car, when my other brother malachi opened his he had a nerf gun, when wesley opened his he had a tablet, when I opened my present i got me an xbox three sixty with one controller and three games call of duty advanced warfare, black ops ii, and mortal kombat nine. After all of us opened all our presents we had a room full of toys nerf guns and tablets. When we all got done we had some chores to do but my mom made a bet by the time she got back the dishes the clothes and the rooms better be cleaned when all that happens you will get twenty-five bucks each. When she got back we had everything else was cleaned and spotless she said that you all get a bonus of three buck so now we all got paid twenty-eight dollars.

At ten o'clock my mom woke us up at around three in the morning saying we have to go somewhere for a while (like a few hours) so we did when we got back everything was gone my xbox my phone, ipad, and my nerf guns all gone from where i had them all there was where our tv our furniture and our tables and almost everything was gone my mom dropped everything and called the cops when they got there they had found that the thieves where walking down the road so like a few hours the cops came back and returned all our stuff we were so happy when we got it all back.

Cameron
Lisa Lennon's Grade 7
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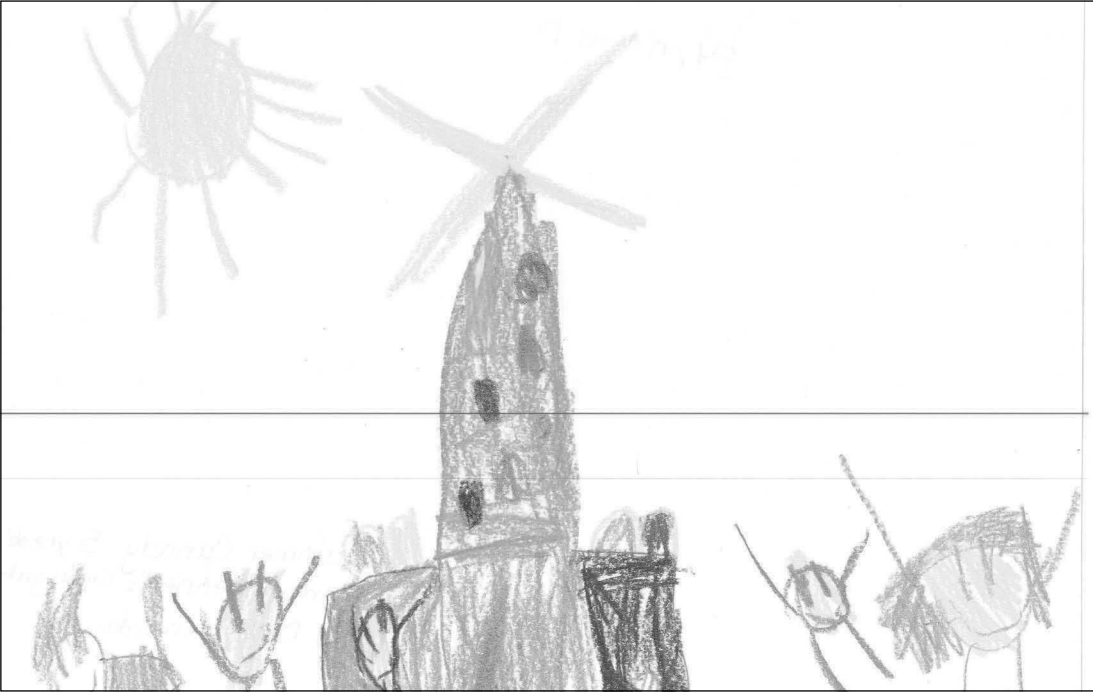
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Christmas Story

One year it was me and my cousins khisa we had went to our aunt’s Shelle’s house and help wrap the christ-mas gift and we had seen 2 iPhones 4s and me and her had open the box and started calling our friends and then when our aunt lee said she was missing some-thing we had took some more wrapping paper and wrap it real good. Then I had got a lot of shoes and clothes coats jackets then I had got a tablet ipod5 for christmas.

Then we rode our bikes her mama had called us in the house to go eat some turkey,ham,bake chicken,bake macion, dressing,and other good food so we post had went back outside and ride the bikes but we had went to sleep but when we heard somebody come get yall cake me and my cousin khisa had got up and ate our cake then we had went to our friends house to gave them there chirstmas gift on day i had a battery four wheeler in the backyard my mother had forget to put it in the house under the christmas tree I was playing on my tablet look up in seen the four wheeler I run in the house and said my four wheeler is out side my sister Shaquaisa said that’s not yours and i said you can’t fit it. my brother Tyquan said Kezhia look at your four wheeler I said thank god.

This Christmas i’m getting a baby alive and a tablet and i’m going to my aunt’s house to eat a Christmas dinner and that all of my mother kids going on her grave to put her a present for her because that we can’t see her no more but she can see us but why she had to leave us and that christmas is here she can’t get us nothing but it is alright because i got my daddy and my step mom and my brother and sister.

I wish that I can get a picture of my mama for christmas for I can see her every single day because that I miss her so much and it hurt me when I can’t see her for special holidays nun of her children or her 3 grandkids can’t get nothing from her for christmas.

I like to sell break christmas because that it is my best thing ever cause you get to have fun with your family and friends you get to do anything with them have fun and play with people stay in the house and take pictures for they can send it people and show them what i got for christmas.her feet then her big toe.

When next christmas come i’m getting a ford Explorer and that before I drive it my sister La’shoney going to put hello kitty all over it in the inside on the back window she going put the lovely hello kitty girl.

I wish that christmas was every single day that’s how much I love christmas and Jesus birthday is on I think that’s why we celebrate christmas on Jesus birthday. Why can’t Donald Trump can’t say that christmas can be November 25th and December 25th and January 25th because i will like to have chirstmas those days. our baby dolls or whatever you got for christmas and a lot of

Year for last I had got a hannah montana backpack and a pocketbook and that had I got a battery car it was a explore truck and I did not now how to drive at all and I had ran over Shaquaisa because that I was not looking where I was going I had ran over days because it will help me remember things about my Mother what happened those days I wish that i can see her on these special days because that’s when specially need her like on our birthdays christmas.

I wish that i can help the people who don’t get nothing for christmas or don’t celebrate it because that make me feel sad for them because they parents did not go shopping.

Some people don’t believe in Santa i’m one of them i did not believe in him since 5th grade because that i had seen people dress up like him and that i seen my Mother and and step daddy wrap my presents.

Ta’kara Frink
Lisa Lennon’s Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Memories

Is when I got to see my cousins that I haven’t seen in a long time it was about 6 years ago and we were at our grandparents house for four days and we would leave the day after Christmas, and they don’t get a lot of snow but, we still had fun rolling down the hill that’s next to their dock, then that night it snowed!

And when we got up in the morning we rolled down the hill that is next to their dock again and again and again, then that night we went to there firepit and roasted marsh-mallows and hotdogs, and played games that we would usually play in the dark.

The time went by fast and before we knew it, it was Christmas and when we got up that morning, me and my cousins and my sister ran upstairs and our family followed, we would give everybody their gifts

From under the tree, then we would get our gifts and before we opened them we took family pictures. My cousins got remote controlled drones and would spy on the people across the water way. Me and my sister got under armour hoodies and I got a basketball goal. This is my favorite Christmas Memory.

Emma Paige Ward
Lisa Lennon’s Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Christmas Story

My favorite Christmas memory is when my mom and dad bought me a puppy. It was about two years ago and all that Christmas all I wanted was a puppy. All the month of December I would talk about what kind of puppy I wanted and what kind of puppy I was going to get. I would sometimes catch myself daydreaming about my puppy! I had seen owners walking their dogs and I wanted one of my own. All on my wish list that Christmas was just a puppy. So one night me and my mom and dad were talking and I asked them could I get a puppy for Christmas. They unfortunately said no that I couldn’t get a puppy because we didn’t have room for any animals so I wasn’t excited about Christmas anymore I was just ready for it to be over. Finally Christmas morning came and I was still sad about not getting a puppy so when I woke up my mom and dad were already up and they were making breakfast. When I walked in my kitchen I couldn’t believe what I saw. A puppy ran up to me! I was so happy that I had gotten what I wanted for Christmas! The whole day I just played with my puppy. I finally decided a name for my puppy and it was lucky. I named her lucky because I was certainly lucky I had got her! She is a fun and loving dog! I still have her and she is a great dog.

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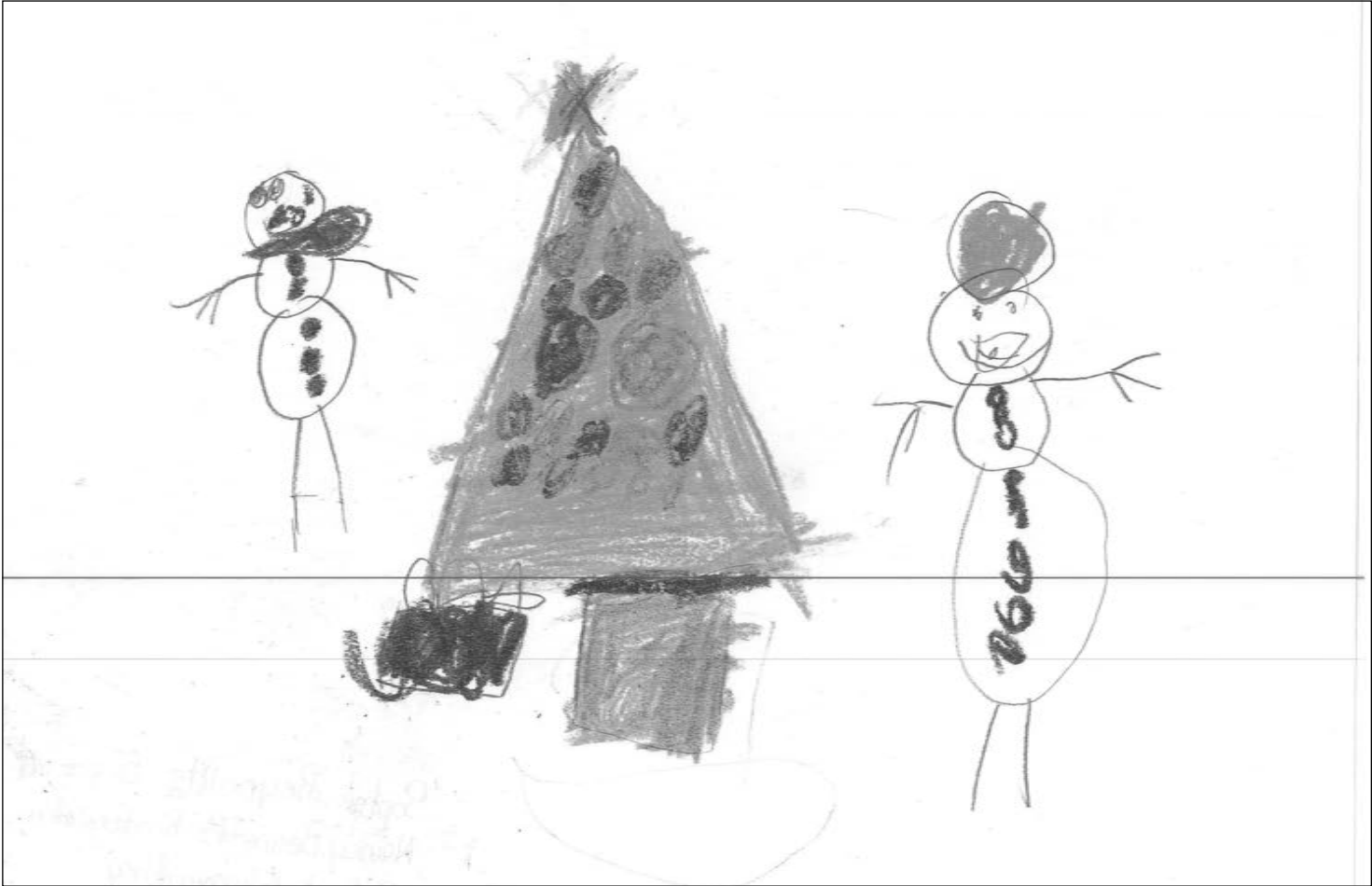
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The Best Christmas Ever

It was early in the morning and I could not wait to open my gifts. The wrapping was so pretty and so colorful. Before I did I woke up my brother and we started to open our gifts. When my grandma woke up she saw paper all over the floor. We had to clean up and she was very upset and mad at us because there was paper all over and we opened the gifts without her. You should have seen her face. After we played with our toys we had a silly spray battle. It was fun. I had silly spray, candy, computer, shoes and more. Me and my brother were very happy. I think that was the best part!!!!

Then we had to get dressed and ate breakfast. For breakfast we had cookies. It was my favorite kind, chocolate chip. It was so good and sweet and we had some warm milk. Then we went to my Nana and Papa's house to open gifts there to. She got me a big battery scooter. It is gray because the pink one was too small. When I got on it and rode it, it was going so fast I fell off, but I had a helmet and knee pads. It was so fun!!!!

When I got home I WAS SO TIRED, because of all of the things and toys I got and played with, so I got ready for bed. After I looked at the tree one last time before I went to bed I saw a little pink box. It had my name on it. When I opened it there was money inside. It was \$25 dollars. I was so happy!!! I did not know who put it there. I was so sleepy I didn't care and then I went to sleep.

Anna Jones
Tyler Goodwin's Grade 3
Acme Delco Elementary

Christmas Memories

I wake up and I'm so excited because it's Christmas morning!!! When me and my sister wake my mom and dad they have a big smile on their face and then I say, "Merry Christmas!" Then me and my family went to the living room and we saw that sparkly tree and a lot of presents.

Me and my sister went closer to the presents. We got down on the ground and my parents sat down on the couch. Me and my sister shook the presents and then we guessed what it was. Then we opened our presents and we were so excited. I got a bike and clothes. My favorite thing was the doll babies because I like to play with them and do their hair. Then me and my sister had made our parents a present and they had a big OOOHH smile on their faces.

Next we went outside and took a family picture. Then we went inside and drank hot coco. We were tired, so the whole family went to sleep. It was the best Christmas ever!!!!

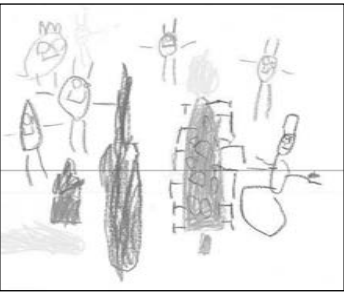
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Christmas Day

The day before Christmas we put up the Christmas tree. Then we put ornaments on it. Christmas Day we open presents. Then we go to my nana's house. We open more presents and read the Bible. After that we eat. Then we go home and play with our toys.

Ciara Hewett
Sabrina Ward's Grade 2
Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa

It's Kaylee Reaves. Can you fix my elf please? That way he can be there with me, keep me safe, watch me, and see if I'm being good! I don't know how it happened. I miss him so much. I can't stop thinking about him. Please bring him back this year.

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Christmas Story

What I would like for Christmas is a Play Station and “Minecraft” game. Can I have one more thing? It is a Smart TV. I love Christmas. Christmas is a blast! My Christmas always starts on Christmas Eve when we go to my grandmother’s house and we all eat as a family.

Then, we all get caught up on what we have missed out on as a family so we talk. Also, we bring gifts to her house so after we talk and eat we exchange gifts together. Then, after all of that we all tell each other goodbye and that we love them and leave so we can go home and get the presents out of the car.

Once we get the gifts out the car we but them in our room. Next, we take showers and get in our pajamas and wait for Santa. When we wake up in the morning we all get together and go in the den. After we are in the den me and Charles open gifts together. Then, our mom and dad open their gifts. Next, we always look on the dining room table and look for the letter that Santa has left us and we read it.

When we read the letter there is usually a p.s. and it usually says I hope you like the golf cart I got you. I remember one year when I wished for a four wheeler but the was no p.s. I was so upset then I realized that I am so thankful for what I have. But Charles had just received a new tennis racket and his tennis balls were in his car he asked where his car was and when I looked in the garage there was a four wheeler I was so happy I cried.

After all of that my dad cooks all of us a HUGE pancake, sausage, bacon, and we eat some fruit with all of that.

After, all of that we get ready for the day and we usually put on our new clothes that we have just received. Next, we put all of our gifts that we got on Christmas Eve and the stuff that we have just received. Then, our grandparents come to the house and look at all the things that we have received.

Then, we go to my Aunt Carolyn house and celebrate my cousin’s birthday and we celebrate Christmas. Once we get to her house we pray then we eat the food that she has prepared. Once we eat we sit down and talk, watch tv, and play with her dogs. My Aunt Carolyn has two dogs one of the dog’s name CeCe and the other dog’s name is Tessia!

After, that we go sing Happy Birthday to my cousin’s then we eat cake! Next, we go back to their den and we watch tv, talk, and play with the dog’s. Then, the gifts that we have brought them for their Birthday the open them. After, that we go home and it is about 4ish and we admonish the gifts that we have received all over again.

At the end of the day my dad cooks us supper and we eat chicken, baked potatoes, corn on the cob, stream beans, and eat dinner rolls.

After, we eat we clean the table, wash dishes, and take showers. At the end of the day we go in the den and talk about our day and we know that we are so thankful for everything and happy that we are together as a family then we watch tv and fall asleep and then we wake up and go to our bedrooms because of our dad’s obnoxious snoring.

Merry Christmas!!

Katherine Edward
Lisa Lennon’s Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa

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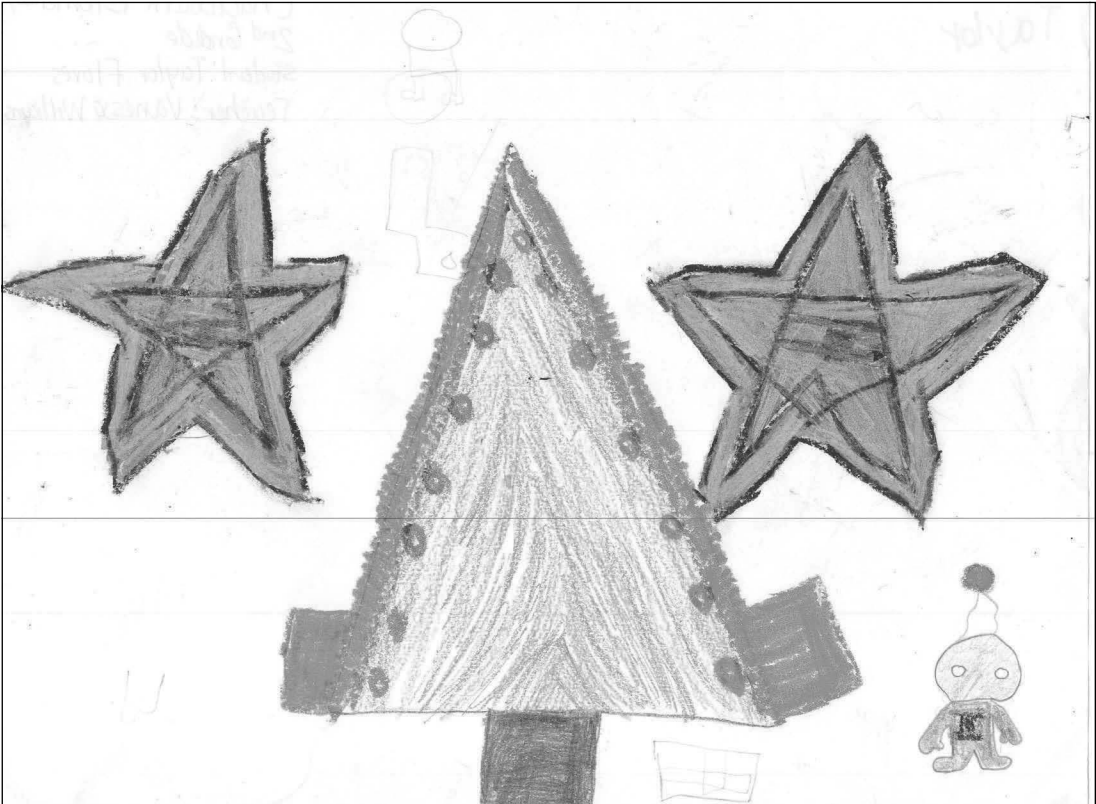
True Elf Story

On Christmas, my elf named Emma got string, tape and toilet paper. Emma taped the toilet paper and the string to the ceiling fan. The next day, me, Breanna, Katie and Chloe woke up and saw it. So, we went to go wake up our mom and dad and they got angry with the elf. The elf taped herself up there.

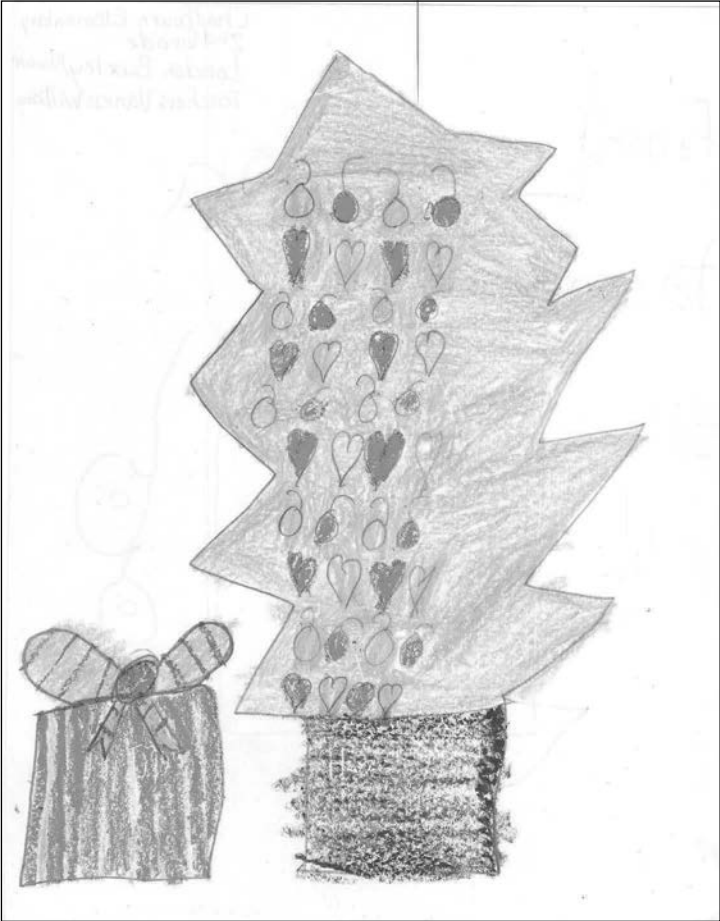
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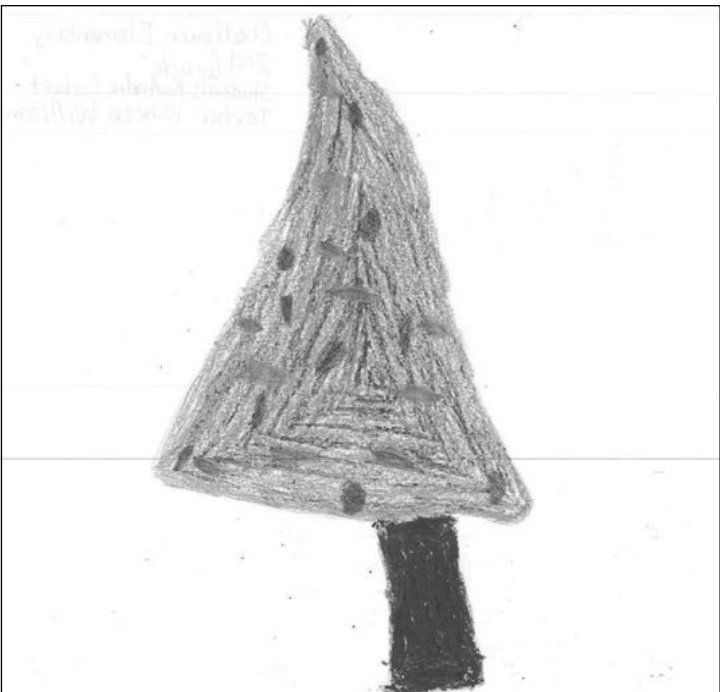
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R.C. Car

One christmas I wanted a rc car that was strong and fast so that it could be drove outside and not mess up. It was something that I had always wanted ever since I was little I always liked rc cars but all mine where terrible.

So I went to the store and bought one that was strong and fast and I couldn’t wait until christmas but I was going to wait so that when I get it I will take good care of it.

And on christmas day I woke up and ate my breakfast and watched tv and ate christmas dinner and that night. I opened it and drove it until bedtime and when I woke up the next morning I drove it until the battery died.

I loved that thing it was the most best christmas present I have ever got. I also got some clothes and toys it was a good time and that is the christmas memory I would like to share. And a Merry Christmas to all.

Colby Turbeville
Lisa Lennon’s Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Christmas Story

My favorite christmas memory is when my mom and my dad wake up on christmas eve knowing that I like to sleep in and. They would start cooking for tomorrow and we would sit around then later that day me my mom and sister would start making christmas cookies for my sister so she can give them to santa.

Every year my papa would tell the story of how baby jesus was born. We would get around and sing christmas carols while my cousin tried to play on the piano. We have this tradition that we can only open one gift on christmas Eve. Right before all go to bed we would all eat some cookies and milk then we all would go home and hit the hay.

The next morning my sister and my mom would look outside and it was snowing and they went and jump on my bed to wake me and was yelling Merry Christmas, we went and played in the snow and that’s when we all would get up and get dress and was going back to my grandma and grandpa house we all went into the house and got my cousin and we stared open the gifts that was the year that i had got my first phone.

I was so happy my mom said she wish my dad would have never bought. That whole day I was doing nothing but playing with my phone. I did not bother messing with my other gifts until my mom said come finish opening the rest of your gifts. I had shoes, and dress and other stuff.

here was one gift left and my papa and my dad we went into the barn to get in and it was a four wheeler I rode it all day. We were all playing outside until my uncle tried to play and had slipped on the snow he had went head first into the snow and when he had got up his face was covered with snow and he kind looked like santa claus and we all started

laughing and that’s when he started throwing snowball and we begin to have a snowball flight. We all were so cold and that’s when my mom said that the food was ready and that’s when my grandpa who was a preacher started to bless the food. After that my Uncle had yelled out “Let’s eat” we all stared to laughing.

We all started to eat then we saw a big a big poof of smoke and my mom forgot to cut the turkey off land it was black it was so black and so heard you probably could break a tooth. My mom had tried to make a cake for the first time and she had ask us if it was good we ate a peace of it at the same time and we had told here yes even thought we still had it in our mouth and we she turned around we feed it to the dogs and she said we ate it fast and thats.

When my mom had saw the dog eaten and she was so made at us that she was chasing us out she slipped in the snow and she was even madder. This was my favorite memory because it is the year that my uncle had came home because we have not seen him since he left for the arm and that’s when he came home and told us that he was retiring from the army. My whole family was so happy we all danced and sing and we had whole talent show that night until my aunt trided to sing silent night and she was all off key it was bad but we did not tell here that.

At the end of the talent show me and my sister sing hark the harold it was fun. And when it was time to go my uncle said he was hungry again it had been and hour after he ate we had to go back and fix him another plate to take with him so hima and his wife could stared going to texas. We had all went to bed I was still up playing with my phone and that’s why this was a christmas memory that I would never forget.


Ta’kara Frink
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Jesus

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Christmas is a great holiday because it is Jesus’ birthday! Christmas is about family too . . . putting up a tree, eating together and opening presents.

Jesus’ birthday and my daddy’s birthday are both in December. Jesus’ birthday is the 25th. My daddy’s birthday is December 5th.

I will always love Jesus and I will always love my daddy for my whole life.

Ralynn Sellers
Julia Hardwick’s Grade 4
Williams Township

Macaroni

On Christmas my family and I get together every year. Christmas is my favorite time of the year! We get shoes and other presents for Christmas. My favorite part is when we play games! I help Mom in the kitchen. I cook the rice and macaroni and cheese! Yum! My family always sings a song or two! At the end we say “Happy birthday Jesus!”. Merry Christmas!

Jalero Odom
Julia Hardwick’s Grade 4
Williams Township

Christmas

A baby was born at Christmas. His name was Jesus. He made you and He made me. His birthday is Christmas. He died for you and for me because He cares so much for you and me!

Nate Tew
Julia Hardwick’s Grade 4
Williams Township

King of Kings

There was once a baby in a manger. Everybody was sleeping and out in the fields the shepherds were keeping watch. At the manger the angels sang, “Hallelujah, the King is here!” Merry Christmas!

Ryan Chambers
Julia Hardwick’s Grade 4
Williams Township

Return to Sender

Have you ever wanted to send your Christmas present back to Santa or the North Pole? Well I did one year. That year my mom tricked me and my sister so we had to spend the day at my aunt and uncle’s house. We had to stay there on Christmas Eve. So when my mom tricked us, she didn’t say she was going to be gone for the whole day! Then when she got back, she came in the door with a really, really small puppy in her hands.

So, the next day after I got the puppy, it was Christmas day! I got out of bed really early and seen what I got for Christmas and after we looked in our stockings and opened our presents, we named the puppy. Guess what we named her? We named her Lacey Shea Smith. For my families names we have a little name that ourselves now. We are named the KRAGS.

The reason why we call ourselves the KRAGS is because my dad is the oldest and his name is Kenny. Then it’s my mom and she is next. Her name is Robin. Then my sister is next. Her name is Aubree. Then finally it’s me. My name is Grayson. The S on KRAGS is our last name, Smith. But now we got Lacey so we’re going to have to add an L to the KRAGS. That is my Christmas story, and what I got for Christmas. All about me!

Grayson Smith
Haylea Sullivan’s Grade 3
Acme Delco Elementary

Crazy Elf

One time my elf, Charlie, sat on my brother’s mounted deer. He took on of my baby dolls and put it on his deer. I wanted to play with it and I could not even play with it because Charlie had it. That elf messes up my house but, I still love him

Alyssa Keene
Tracy Cox’s Grade 3
Williams Township



Shaley Howard
Elizabeth Spaulding’s Grade 6
Acme Delco Middle

Gifts

Christmas is not always about gifts and presents. It is about family and friends and how you show you care for other people. This Christmas all I really want is my big whole family because what will the earth be without family? It doesn’t matter if I don’t get any presents as long as I have them.

Shalea Jenrette
Julia Hardwick’s Grade 4
Williams Township



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Joy Fowler's Grade 10
South Columbus High



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Whiteville Primary

Skiing

A few years ago around Christmas me and my family and my church went to go ski at West Virginia. When we first got there we all had to get our stuff and put it in our rooms. The coolest part about the place was across the street there was a place that had a swimming pool and a hot tub. That night we went over there and we played in the pool and got in the hot tub. After we all finished we went home and went to bed.

For the next few days we went to a place that allowed adults and teenagers go ski down a little mountain. For the kids however we either got to stay inside or go learn how to ski. The first two days I decided to learn how to ski. At first it was hard but the more I slide down the little hill the better I got at it. After the second day I decided to stay inside and play with everyone else that was my age.

The last day we were there,Christmas eve, I was ready to go home and open the presents I was going to get for Christmas. Before we my dad, the youth pastor before we moved to Cerro Gordo,NC, he started to teach me the real meaning of christmas. He said the real reason for christmas was Jesus. He told me that he was born on christmas in a manger. After that we went home and went to bed to find Christmas presents under the Christmas tree.

Gabriel Strickland
Lisa Lennon's Grade 8
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa

For Christmas I would like you to deliver toys to the homeless.

And one more thing can I have a Ipad, two watches ,and a couple of hot wheel cars and a computer so I can play abcya.com.

Also a golf cart and a four wheeler and a train and a American flag for our jeep and a kitty and a puppy dog.

Jaylin
Jessica Edwards' Grade 3
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Jolly Christmas

On Christmas Santa got be a BB gun. Also a TV and a Dango Lightening McQueen. I also got a Mario and Yoshi race-track and racecar pack. One day at school he gave us an elf. Then we had a party.

Alex Fowler
Tracy Cox's Grade 3
Williams Township

A Disney Christmas

Every year I love spending time with my family at Christmas... from decorating the tree to putting up the nativity. I do love Christmas because I get presents, but it's most important to me because it celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ.

One of my favorite Christmas memories is the year my family spent Christmas at Disney World. When I was four-years-old, I spent the holiday at Disney with my family - my sister, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and even cousins!

I was excited about being in the happiest place on earth, but one thing worried me. If I wasn't home for Christmas, how would Santa ever find me? Mom and Dad assured me that Santa would know just where to deliver my presents, but I still wasn't sure. A few nights before Christmas Eve, all my doubts disappeared!

As we arrived back at our hotel after a long day in the parks, we found a surprise in the lobby. There sat Santa by the big fireplace, and with him was the cutest little elf!

I got a chance to sit on Santa's knee and have a nice little chat. Then Santa's elf took me aside and showed my sister and me a special key.

The elf held it in her hand and asked us to wave our hands over the key as she said some magic words. She explained that now Santa would know exactly which room to visit and deliver our presents.

It's funny that I can hardly remember what Santa brought me that year. The memories I have of that Christmas are more about family - the smiles and laughter we shared are what I'll cherish for a lifetime.

Sarah Faulk
Lisa Lennon's Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary

A Christmas to Remember

I was awake at the crack of dawn when Christmas came. When i woke my family they were sound asleep. They were tired sure but they were very excited we had to wait for the other to but i didn't matter. I didn't believe in Santa Claus not one bit but i was not going to ruin it for the others. Then we started to open gifts and celebrate our lord and savior Jesus Christ.

My brother did not believe in Santa either but we had fun with it. That Christmas we got an xbox 360 and 3 or 4 games to go with it. A SEGA GENESIS with 120 games built in it. Money and gift cards and a remote

controlled helicopter. And when we had the Christmas dinner it was so good that you could a entire live off a year from it. There was delicious ham/turkey/corn/dressing/desserts and my most favorite dessert the entire world a sweet potato pie. Then after dinner we watched some holiday classics on the flat screen tv.

Then played with our presents and were very happy. Then that night when i went to sleep i said to myself and not my families opinion that was the best Christmas ever. Then after Christmas i and my family enjoyed the rest of our winter vacation.

Austin Hunter Blackwell
Lisa Lennon's Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Memories

My last Christmas was the best because i got every thing that I asked for Christmas and each year it's kind of like our little family tradition that we do on every Christmas we wake up at 12:00.

and we open one present and sometimes more than that it all depends on how tired we are and how. we are and you already know how dads are they always be like girl

i don't care if y'all open all of them they are yalls present but moms aren't the. same so they say open just one save the rest of them until the morning and then when she sees our faces see says ok y'all can open all of them and that is my Christmas Memory.

Nigeria George
Lisa Lennon's Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa

Me and Emma are sorry for fighting a lot every year so thank you for bringing us all the things we asked for Christmas. My mom and stepdad are very tired, please help them and bring them the things they want .Also I really wanted a Samsung galaxy S7 Edge phone. I also wanted to ask you to get my sister a red hoverboard.I want to have a new phone because I don't want to have another hammy down phone. I want to get my sister a hoverboard because she really wants one. I was going to ask you for a new crib and high chair for my baby dolls. And I want to get my mom some perfume. And get Emily and Abigail a troll doll. And I want an easel to play school with Emma, Emily and Abigail.

Taylor
Jessica Edwards' Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary

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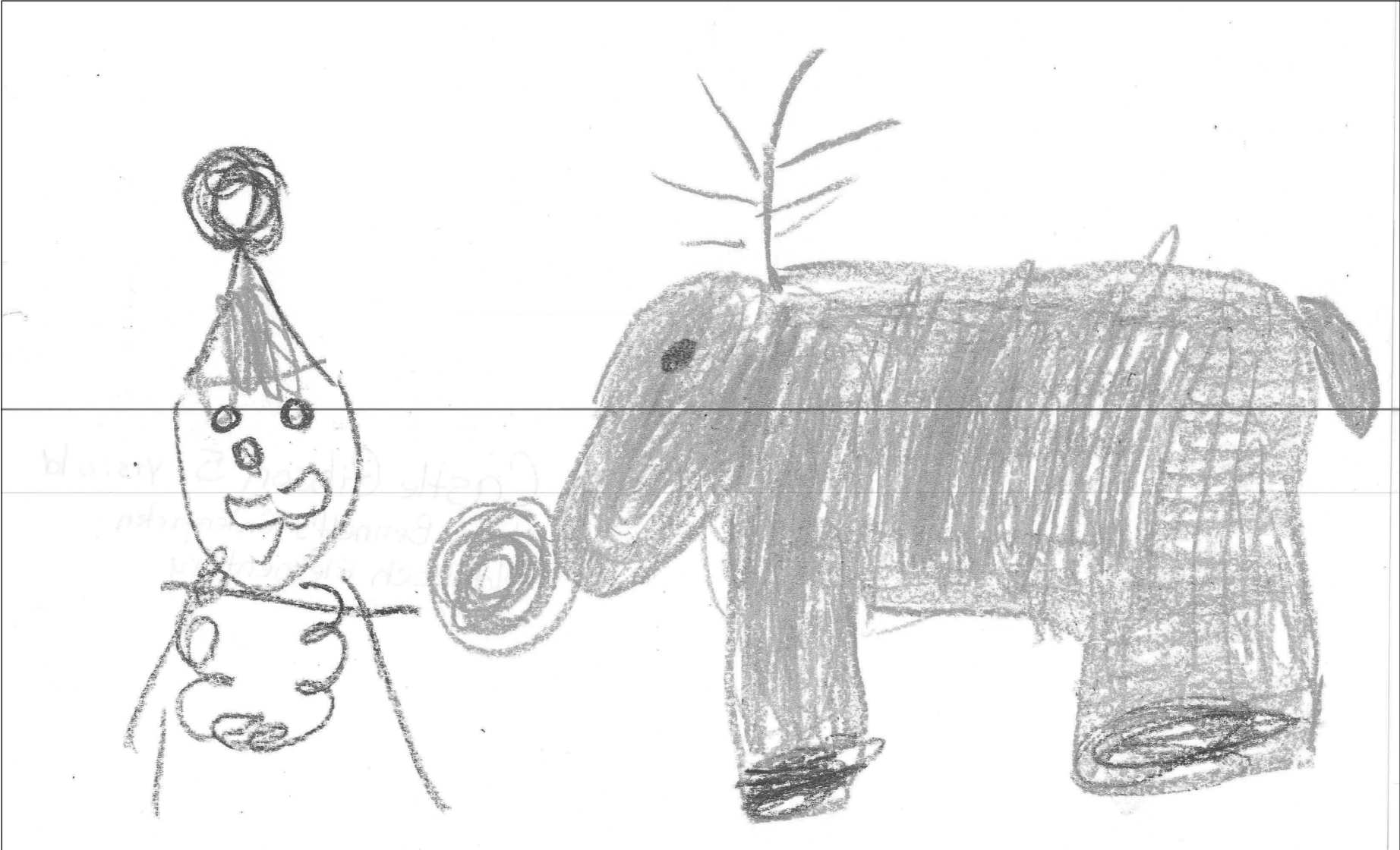
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Memories

The night before christmas for santa i cook him cookies. On christmas eve I have a triditishion that me and my family do we have a christmas eve dinner and after dinner we always make open one present that was under the tree I always opened the biggest one. One year my older brother and I we got a Wii the bad thing that happened was i got sick but I still played with him. One christmas when I was little I asked for this little jeep and we had to go outside to get them it was really cold.

I wish we could have a white Christmas but it would be bad if the power goes out I think that my parents had a white Christmas. My favorite thing about Christmas is my elves they come every year at thanksgiving we have three of them we have two boys and one girl the first one is named Jack the other boy is Joy and the girl is named is Believe they do all kinds of crazy things last year they toilet papered the whole living room. I hope that my cousin can come this year she moved to tennessee last summer.

Kaylyn Shelley
Lisa Lennon's Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary



My Christmas

My best Christmas was when my whole family all had all went to a wonderful theme park on Christmas Eve. My family and I had a wonderful time. Then we went to my aunt's house for the night and we spent the whole night talking as a family. I like that get to wait til midnight to open ours present.

I love how I get to spend the night at my aunts and then go the my house in the day. All we do is a normal daily based thing but it more special. For the other days we don't do thing together as a family but for this just one day in every year we do everything together. I love how we do that just for that one day in every year. I also like how Christmas come almost at the end of the year.

Really we try to make that one day really special for everybody we can't have all the things we want on Christmas. I love that because I really want to always have that one thing I dream for every night and that what push me to be the nice person and that not why I be nice for present. I'm nice because I was raised that way to be the nicest person I can be. The present is a way to push myself to be a nice person.

Another thing I love about Christmas is the wait for it. I said it before that I open my present at midnight on Christmas Eve. While waiting for christmas my cousin Eric and I play video games. When it is christmas the first thing I we do is huge everyone we love and care and then we get to open our present. Well that is it. That is the way my family celebrate christmas.

Rene Nicolas
Lisa Lennon's Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary



Travis Gaskins
Candace Walker's Kindergarten
Cerro Gordo Elementary



Gracelyn Johnson
Candace Walker's Kindergarten
Cerro Gordo Elementary



Rayden Ward
Pamela Cook's Pre-Kindergarten
Old Dock Elementary

Traditions

Every year my family goes to my grandparents house and open presents from the youngest to the oldest, we eat a lot, have a lot of fun, and one of the adults reads the christmas story and when they get done we all say something that we are thankful for. Christmas Eve night the children will get on the front porch while the adults get everything set up and we sing christmas songs and play around. We will also say what we think what we're going to get we also get some games and play them. I'm so thankful for my family and what they do for me.

Anna Ty Ivey
Tracy Cox's Grade 3
Williams Township

Last Christmas

Last Christmas, I got a lot of stuffed animals. My favorite one was my soft, little owl. Well, it isn't little. It's just cute, really, really cute. Last Christmas I got this cute dog and it had a button on it. When I pushed it, it did wheelies. It was really funny. Last Christmas, I was so happy! I got my first ever makeup and there was some lipstick. I put it on really fast!

Autumn Leslie
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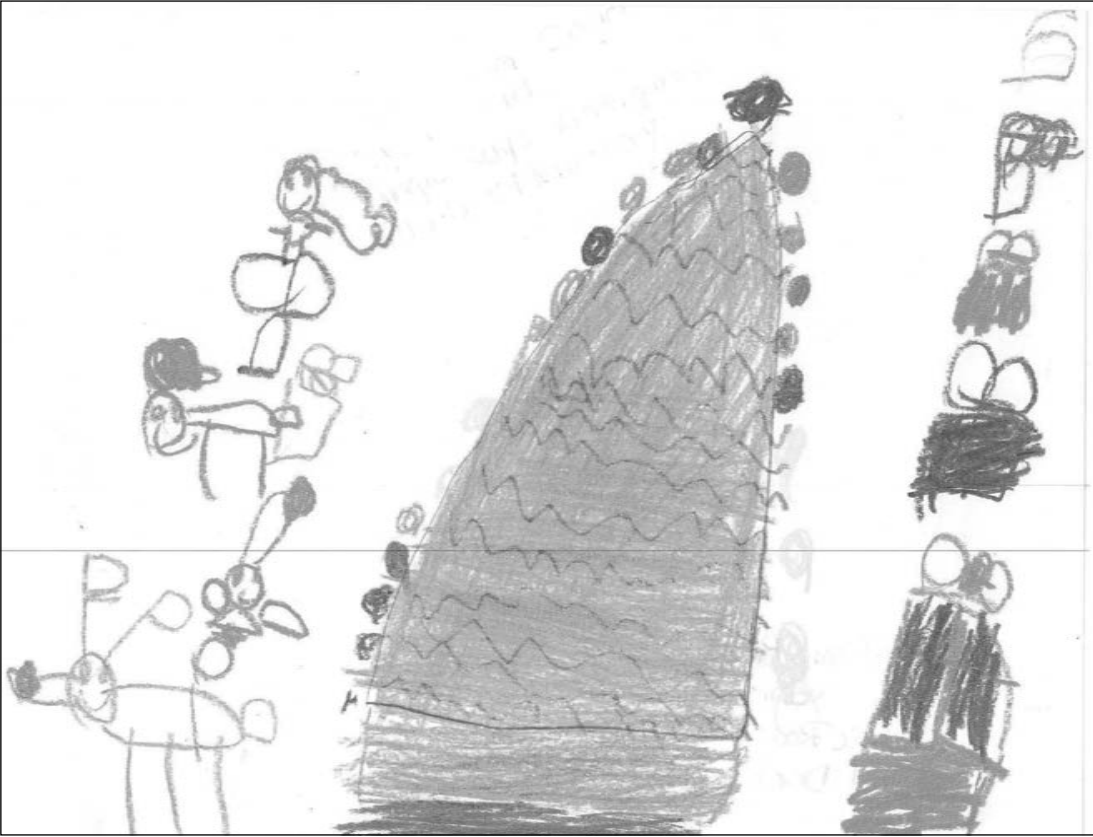
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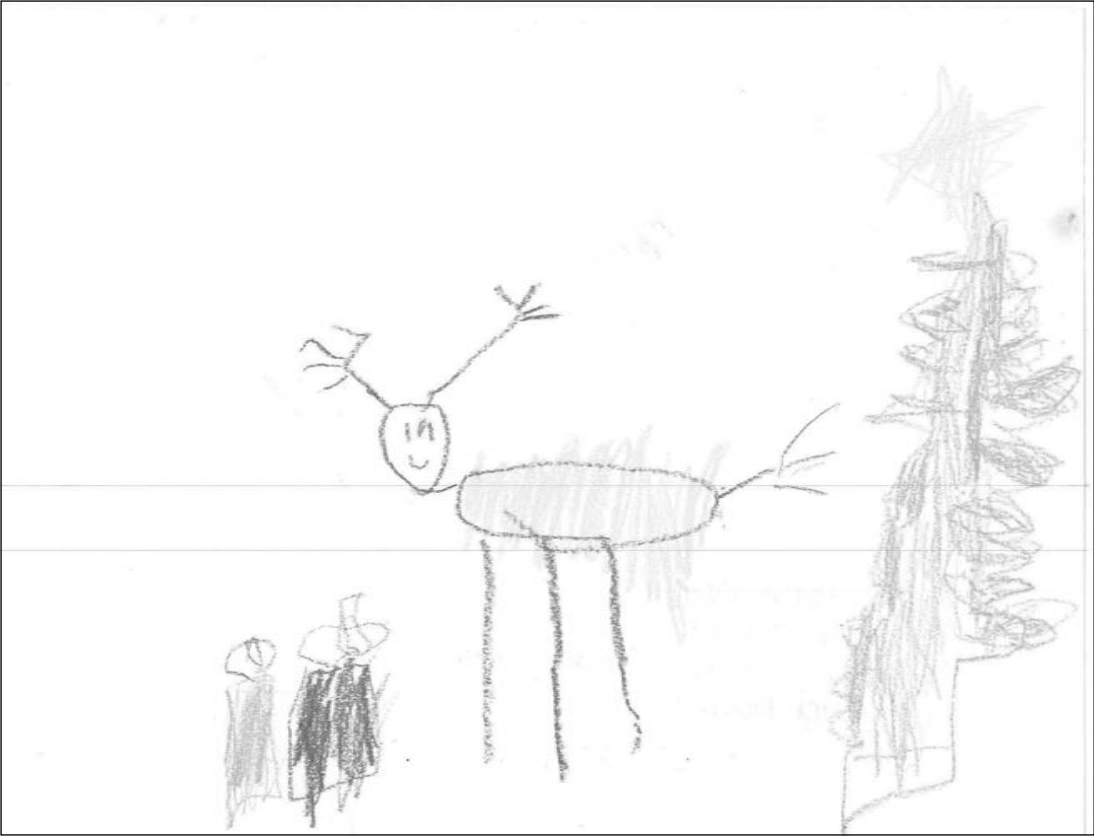
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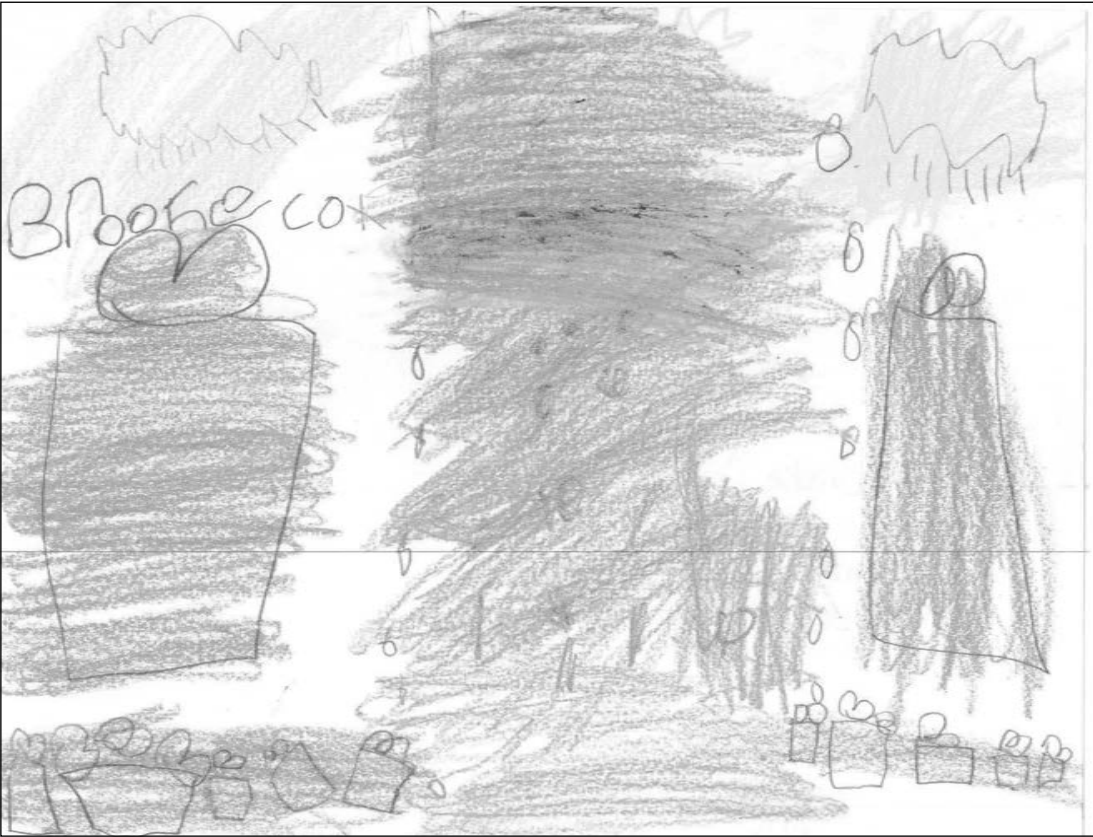
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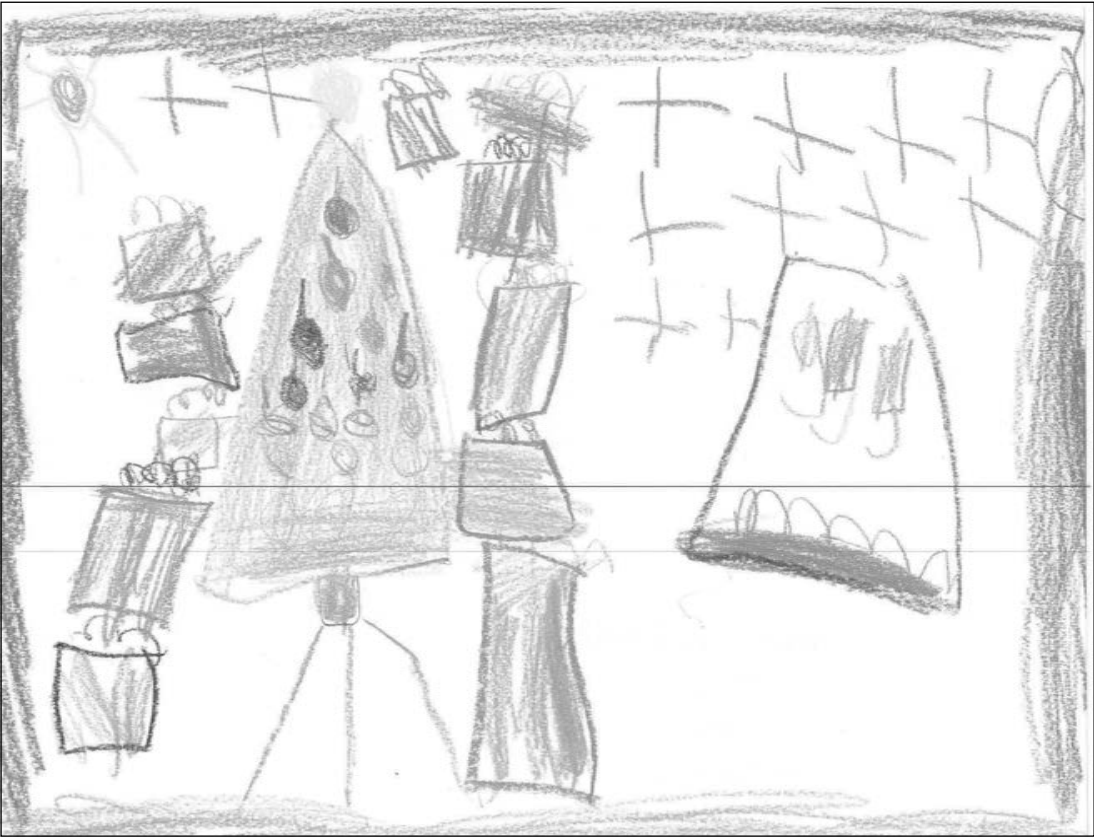
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Old Dock Elementary



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Angie Ray's Kindergarten
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Addison Faulk
Angie Ray's Kindergarten
Old Dock Elementary

My Christmas

One of the best Christmas memories was when me and my sisters went with my aunt shopping. We all went to Wilmington mall to shop for a little while.

After that we went to watch a movie. After the movie we ate at “The Macaroni Grill” and it was really good. We didn’t know what to do next so we decided to go ice skating after we were done eating.

We were getting tired so we decided to go back home. When we go back there was a fire outside, so we decided to make s’mores and drink some hot-chocolate.

After a couple of hours we went to bed. When woke up it was Christmas eve. My mom and dad were having a christmas party in the pack-house. There wasn’t really nothing to do until the party so I just watched some Christmas movies until the party started.

When it was time for the party people started to show up and I had to show them where to park. A lot of my relatives were there.

The only bad thing about that day was that I was sick and really didn’t go to the party much.

The next morning is was Christmas day and I had felt a lot better when I had woke up. My aunt and uncle were in the living room with my mom and dad for my grandpa to get there so we could start opening presents.

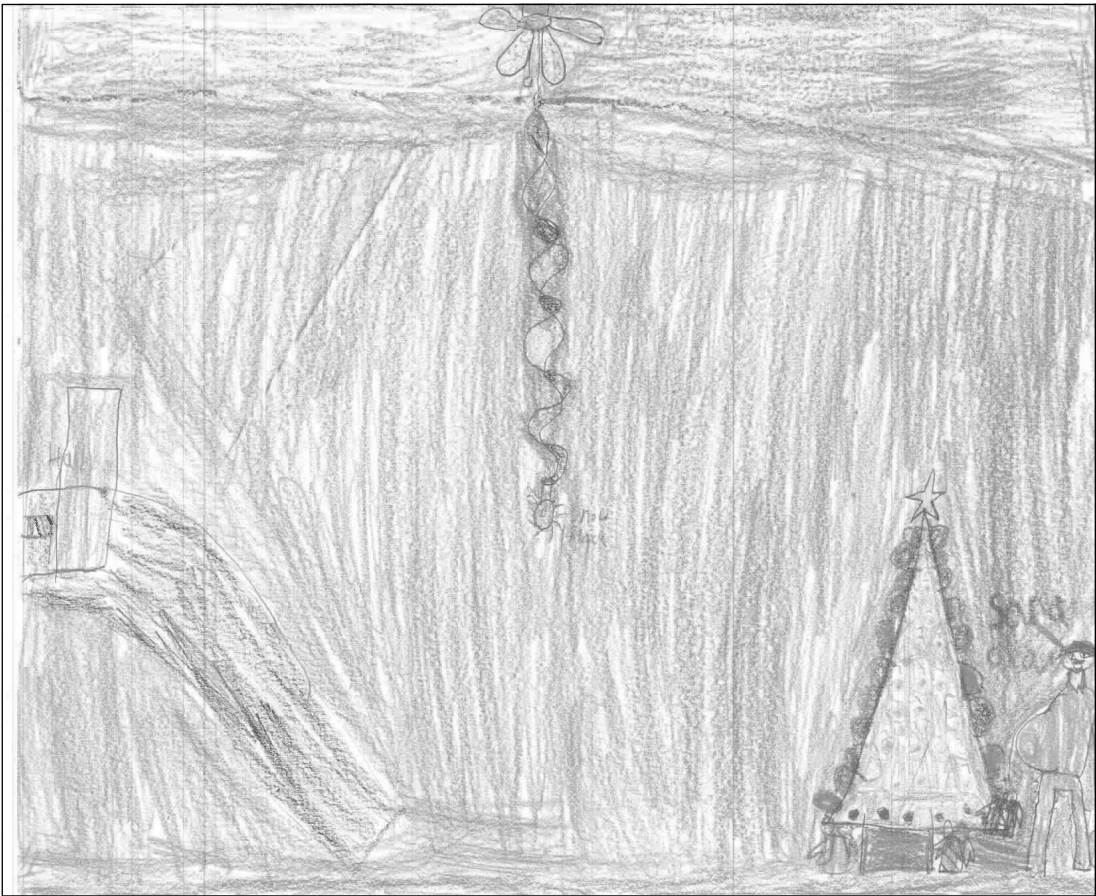
My uncle always teases me right before we go into the living room about how we didn’t get anything for Christmas and all we got were switches and coal in our stockings.

I never believe him when he says that kind of stuff. After we get done opening presents we go to our grandmas house to eat.

The Christmas starts to calm down and we start to head back home. My sister says we can watch a movie and we all agreed with her.

We watched “ The Grinch Stole Christmas”. This was one of the best Christmas Memories I have ever had.

John Pate
Lisa Lennon's Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary



Alexis Suggs
Amy Greene's Grade 3
Edgewood Elementary

My Christmas

It is christmas.
Kids are playing outside in the snow.

I go outside and see the Northern Lights glow.
When i touch the snow my hands get cold.

I see a man and he looks kinda old.
I see snowflakes fall from the sky.
I jump very high as high as a fly.

I catch a snowflake into my hand.
I play in the snow and try to make a headband.

When I go to my house I check on the farm.
I sit by a fire it is really warm.
I sit with my family and we play board games.
I turn on the T-V and see Lebron James.

I go in my room and read a book.
I go in the kitchen my mom has cooked.

When I finish dinner i sweep the floor.
I finish sweeping the floor i go the the store.

When I get home i'm feeling kinda sore.
I put on my pajamas and go to sleep.
Man this Christmas was great for me.

Perrell Bennett
Lisa Lennon's Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary

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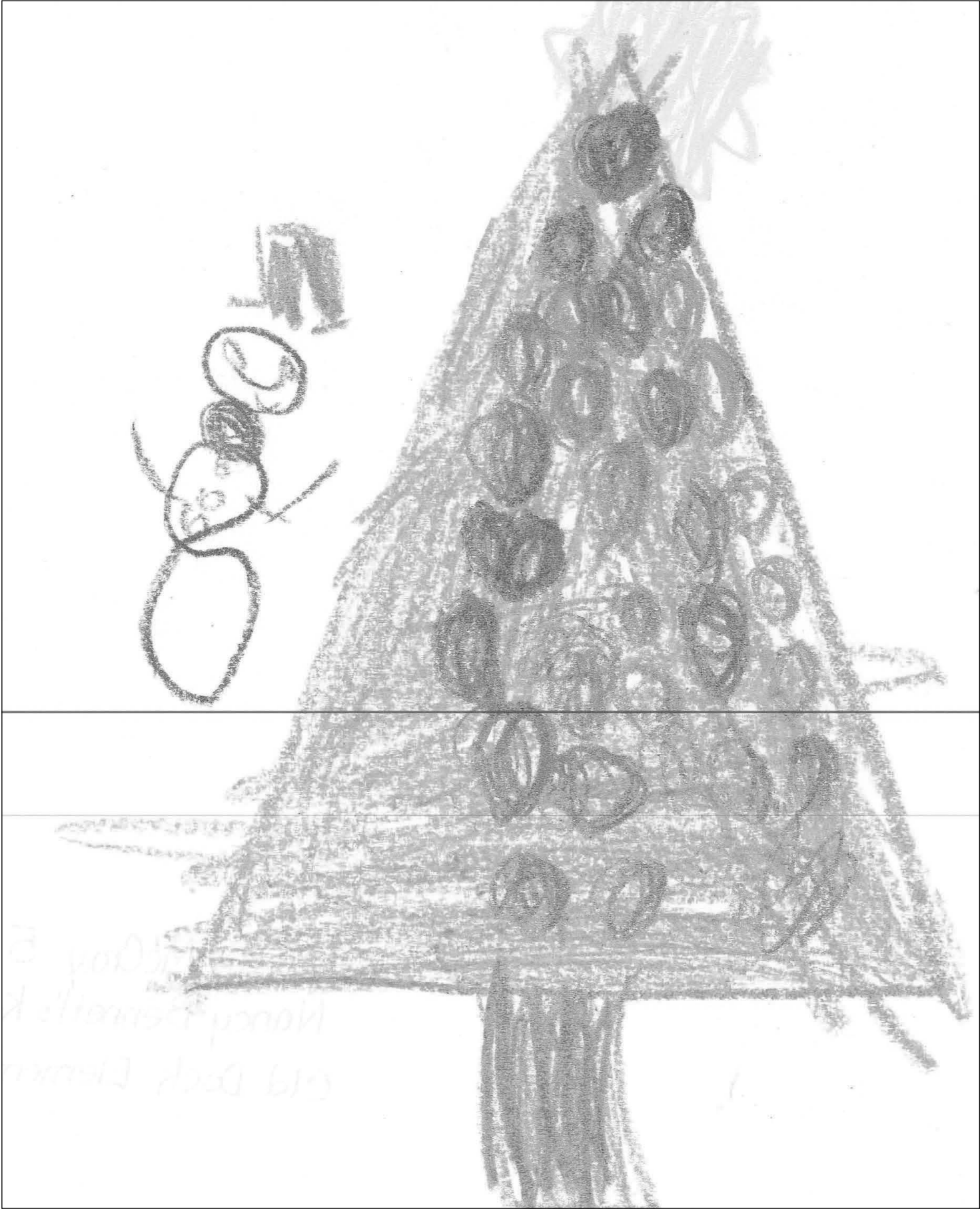
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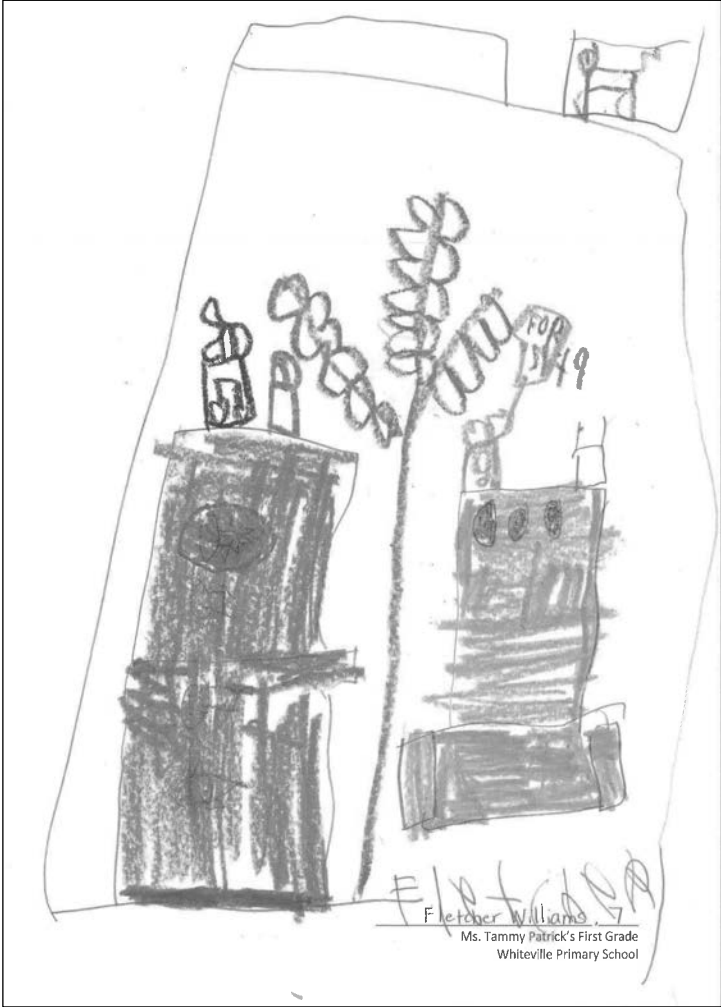
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Santa on Christmas can I
give computer and some of marion
30s and Christmas tree.



Kevin Chicas Medina
Tammy Patrick's Grade 1
Whiteville Primary



Fletcher Williams
Tammy Patrick's Grade 1
Whiteville Primary

Dear Santa

I want you to tell my daddy/
Ramsey to keep us in a year be-
cause I never see him.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE I am
BEGGING you to surprise me and
tell him to have a doll please but
you are the best man on earth and
I want you to beg my mom to move.

Skyler
Jessica Edwards' Grade 3
Cerro Gordo Elementary

My Christmas

One Christmas I got Jingle from
my sister, Shawna, and she came
with a book and I read it.

Shawna put Jingle on the shelf.

I also got my four-wheeler from
my parents. So that is the story of
memory of Christmas.

Haven Norris
Tracy Cox's Grade 3
Williams Township

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Moana and Maui

Hi Santa! How are you? I want a toy
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play with it and it comes with Pua
and Hei. I really want it so please
get it for me, Santa. I will let Logan
play with it. If you cannot find it
then get me something else. I will
give you milk and cookies. I prom-
ise! Please make the Elf on the Shelf
come. This is what I would like for
Christmas.

Riley Shepherd
Casey Nealy's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary

Jolly Christmas

On Christmas Santa got be
a BB gun. Also a TV and
a Dango Lightening McQueen. I
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Funny Christmas

One day last Christmas my elf Charlie got a piece of chocolate candy that I had. My elf, Charlie, opened the glass door where my radio is and put the chocolate on the glass and stuck himself to the chocolate! It was so, so funny! My momma thought it was funny but she was mad at the same time! All of my family thought it was funny!

Kaya Hamilton
Tracy Cox's Grade 3
Williams Township



Seven Boatwright
Angela Davis's Grade 2
Chadbourn Elementary

The Bad Elf

Once upon a time it was Christmas eve and Santa sent out elves. One or more were bad. One kid got him and he looked nice. But he was bad, so bad he played tricks on the family. Tricks like rottening the Christmas tree and putting rocks on the floor. He also liked ruing Christmas. The next day Santa came. The bad elf forgot it was Christmas and Santa caught him putting coal on the Christmas tree. Santa said, "Why are you doing this?" The elf said, "Because this is wrong on Christmas." Then Santa said, "No!"

Mika Williams
Tracy Cox's Grade 3
Williams Township



Allison Cruz
Angela Davis's Grade 2
Chadbourn Elementary

Presents

Last year, when it was Christmas I got a bike. It was really pretty. I put some stickers on my bike. The stickers had princess faces on them. I got the stickers for Christmas too. I got a monster pencil pouch but it wasn't scary. It had googly eyes. I put a sticker on it. The pencil pouch was pink. I also got a toy pony. The pony came with a hairbrush because she has curly hair.

Jennifer Perez-Valaquez
Tracy Cox's Grade 3
Williams Township

My Elf

The elf that came to my house dumped sugar in the floor. I got a new shotgun.

Drake Cribb
Tracy Cox's Grade 3
Williams Township

Dear Santa

I want a swing set to play with my brother and I would like a spider web swing on the swing set and some books and a laptop.

Drake Cribb
Tracy Cox's Grade 3
Williams Township



Scottlynn Frisbee
Angela Davis's Grade 2
Chadbourn Elementary



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Angela Davis's Grade 2
Chadbourn Elementary



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Christmas Wish

My Christmas wish is God, Jesus, Mom, and Family.

Joshua
Letitia Boyd's Grade 1
Guideway Elementary

Sparkle

One time my elf, Sparkle, got chocolate chips and spelled out "Santa is watching you!" Another time, she hung glittery string all in the laundry room. When you walked in your got all glittery! Sparkles is a girl. But, she is pretty.

Lacey Worley
Karen Prince's Grade 3
Williams Township

Sled

My Christmas wish is and I hope that Santa Claus will give me a sled for Christmas. He is the best.

CJ
Letitia Boyd's Grade 1
Guideway Elementary

Presents

My Christmas wish is that I hope everyone has been good so that they can get presents from Santa Claus.

Adelyn
Letitia Boyd's Grade 1
Guideway Elementary

Christmas

Do you have a family that came from another town and came for Christmas? In my house it was brother sister aunt uncle cousins grandparents parents and it was filled up with a lot of family members. I was happy and thankful they got hear safe. When it was Christmas I was sad because I did not get a tablet and I was also excited because it was Christmas. When we got to our house we put up the decoration and the Christmas tree up. Then when we got outside it was really cold and I had to put on three jackets on.

The next day when we woke up we all went to eat breakfast and then go Christmas shopping. I loved to buy pretty ribbons and wallpaper. When we got done Christmas shopping we went to eat lunch at Golden Corral. The next morning we woke up and my baby cousin came out galloping like a lite horse. The next morning we woke up and ate pan cakes and scrambled eggs it was delicious. My whole family said it was delicious to. But I liked it the breakfast more.

When it was Christmas we all ate so Santa can see that we are following directions.

When we got done eating we played tag freeze tag hide and seek and other fun games. When it was time to open presents we all went into a room. Our parents were helping Santa with the presents. Then we opened our presents under the Christmas tree. Then on January the 20 they went back to Mexico because if they left on January 1 thy will miss New Year's Eve with us.

Camila Juaregui
Haylea Sullivan's Grade 3
Acme Delco Elementary

Reindeer & Elves

Can I have some toys? I love you Santa and your reindeer. How are your elves? I like the star Santa. Love Michael

Michael
Ashley Spivey's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary

Santa, Santa

Santa, Santa look at me—
Look at me with Christmas glee.
Flying reindeer, snowball fight—
All the way throughout the night.
Singing carols with my peers—
We have been waiting since last year.
Good behavior we possess—
Minding our manners and nothing less.
So I ask you nicely and ever so sincere—
All I want is for you to visit us here.

Deon McMillian
McQueen/Rector Grade 4
Edgewood Elementary

Christmas Eve

Every Christmas Eve my brothers and I we open one present before we go to bed. When my family open our presents we all eat dinner we go outside and ride fourwheelers. Then we go to church and hear the sirman.

Then we go back home and we hang around the Christmas tree.

After everyone goes home we ride the four wheelers again. Then we all go to bed.

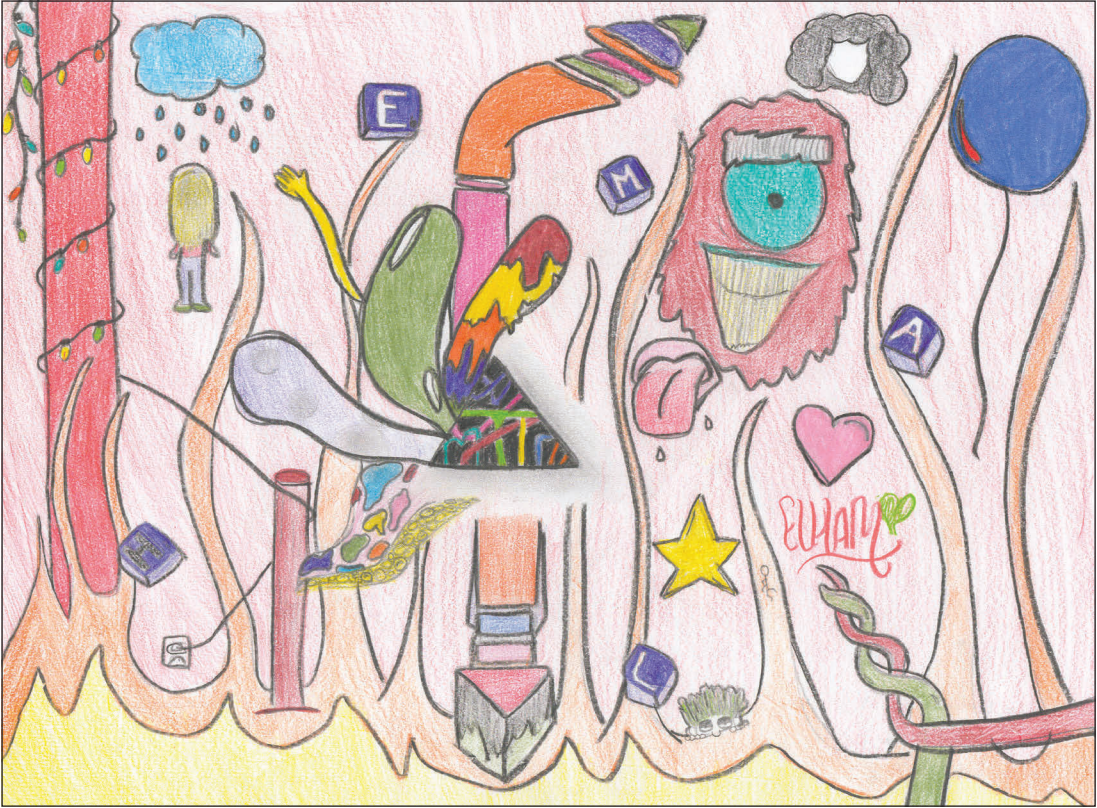
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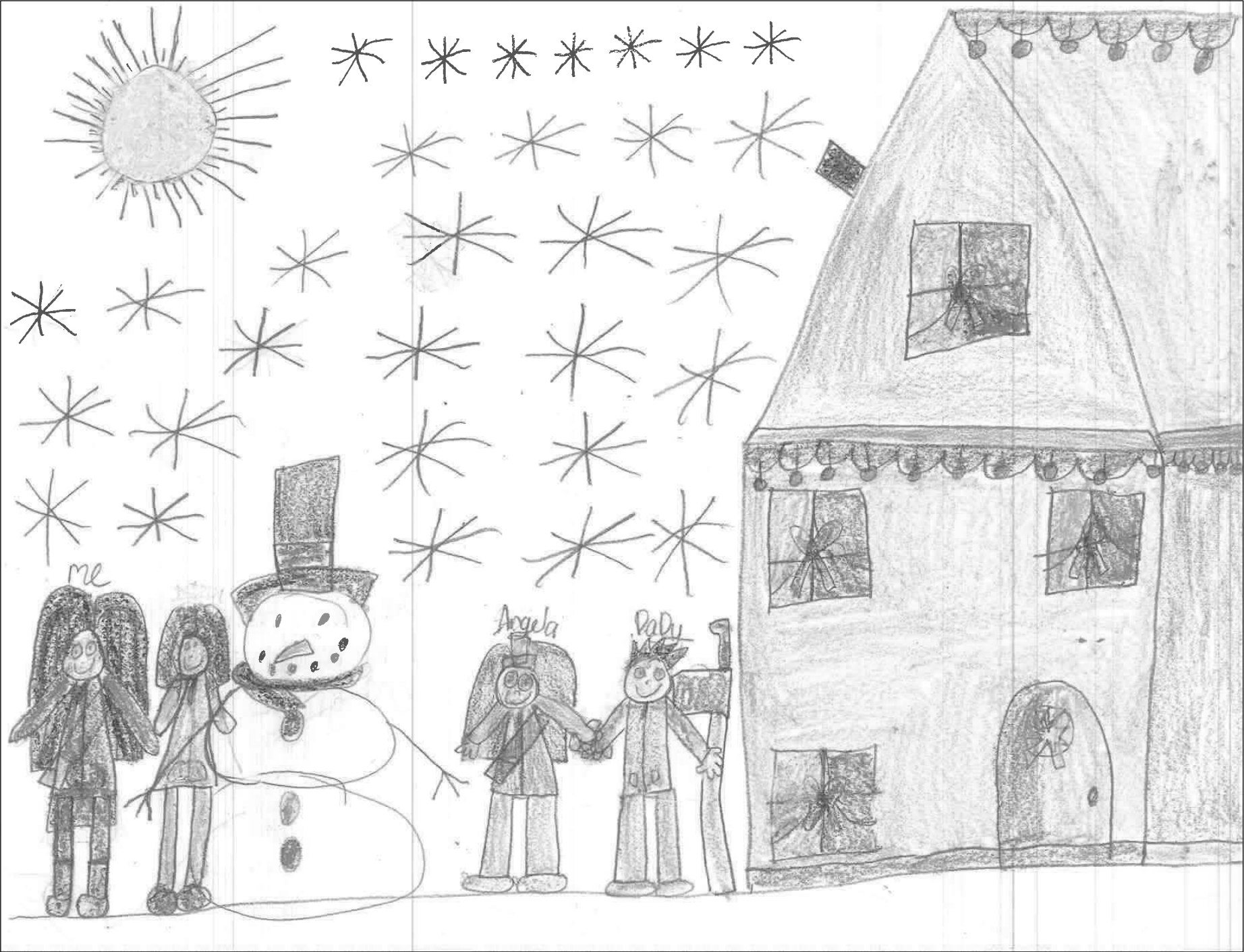


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Jasmin Hernandez
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Edgewood Elementary

Dear Santa

How are your elves doing? How are your deers? Is it cold in North Pole? I love my elf. I love you Santa Claus. Do you love me? Can you give me a present? Merry Christmas
Caymen

Caymen
Ashley Spivey's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary

Snowman

Smiling snowman grins
He's happy it is Christmas
In the snowy woods

Issai Zaragoza
Kaylee Hill's Grade 3
Edgewood Elementary

Santa's Helpers

There are many toys
And five of Santa's helpers
Making many more!

Johana Ayohua
Kaylee Hill's Grade 4
Edgewood Elementary

Christmas Wish

My Christmas wish is to love my family and put up a Christmas tree and decorate it. I want my family to have fun and have a nice Christmas day.

Mia
Letitia Boyd's Grade 1
Guideway Elementary

Shiny New Bike

Have you ever had a shiny new bike? Could you ride it? How far could you ride it? Do you know when you got it? What year did you get it? I was at my house when I got a bike I was with my two brothers and my mom and dad. You have to be good to get presents.

The Mailbox

The mailbox is packed
The bird stands on the mailbox
It is Christmas Eve

Carlos Plancarte
Kayle Hill's Grade 5
Edgewood Elementary

Santa Delivered

Santa has a sleigh
To give us toys and presents
We are all happy

Yaritza Baltazar Medrano
Kayle Hill's Grade 3
Edgewood Elementary

The Jolly Santa

Santa is cheerful
Giving gifts to all of us
With reindeer soaring

Christopher Espinoza
Kayle Hill's Grade 4
Edgewood Elementary

Christmas Day

The Christmas tree glows
The fire is warming us
It is Christmas Day

Brian Copto-Reyes
Kayle Hill's Grade 5
Edgewood Elementary

Dear Santa

I will leave milk and cookies for you when you come to my home. I have been good all day. I want a real shot gun for Christmas.
Love Casey Long

Casey
Ashley Spivey's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary

If you be good you will get presents. How you be good you have to help don't bully people be nice. Christmas is Jesus Birthday. You should be thankful for what you get.

You wake up and stay where you cannot see the presents. Until your parents tell you to go. Look and see if Santa ate the cookies.

You can play a game why you are waiting. You can eat breakfast why you are waiting. You can read a book why you are waiting.

You go and open your presents. I got a bike. I go outside to ride my bike.

Gauge Simmons
Haylea Sullivan's Grade 3
Acme Delco Elementary

Christmas

Have you ever had dart guns before there's really cool ones and little ones strong one that sometimes hurt big ones that shoot at least 2 darts at one time? Really big motorized ones to. I told my mom I want new dart guns for Christmas. But I already have a lot and I want new ones bigger ones that have different parts that detach and attach. I hope there's new ones coming out because I like dart guns they're really fun. You can also go against other people. Like me and my friend Brent and Seth came to my house once to play dart guns.

I also play dart guns with my sisters and my sister's names are Layla she's 8 and Makala she's 10. I'm 8 my big sister Makayla has a dart gun and its pinkish purplish it's a dart bow. She only has one gun. But my little sister Layla she has no guns. I have to share mine with her but i don't mind. Because I got a lot of them. I got big ones but mostly big ones.

But my little sister Layla isn't going to be the littlest any more. Because my mom is pregnant and I'll either have a baby sister or a baby brother. I want a baby brother because i already have 2 sisters. I hope it's a boy and that's one thing I want for Christmas. The doctors will know if it's a boy or girl the day before my first field trip in 3rd grade. 3rd grade is going to the upside down house in wonderworks.

Landon Myers
Haylea Sullivan's Grade 3
Acme Delco Elementary

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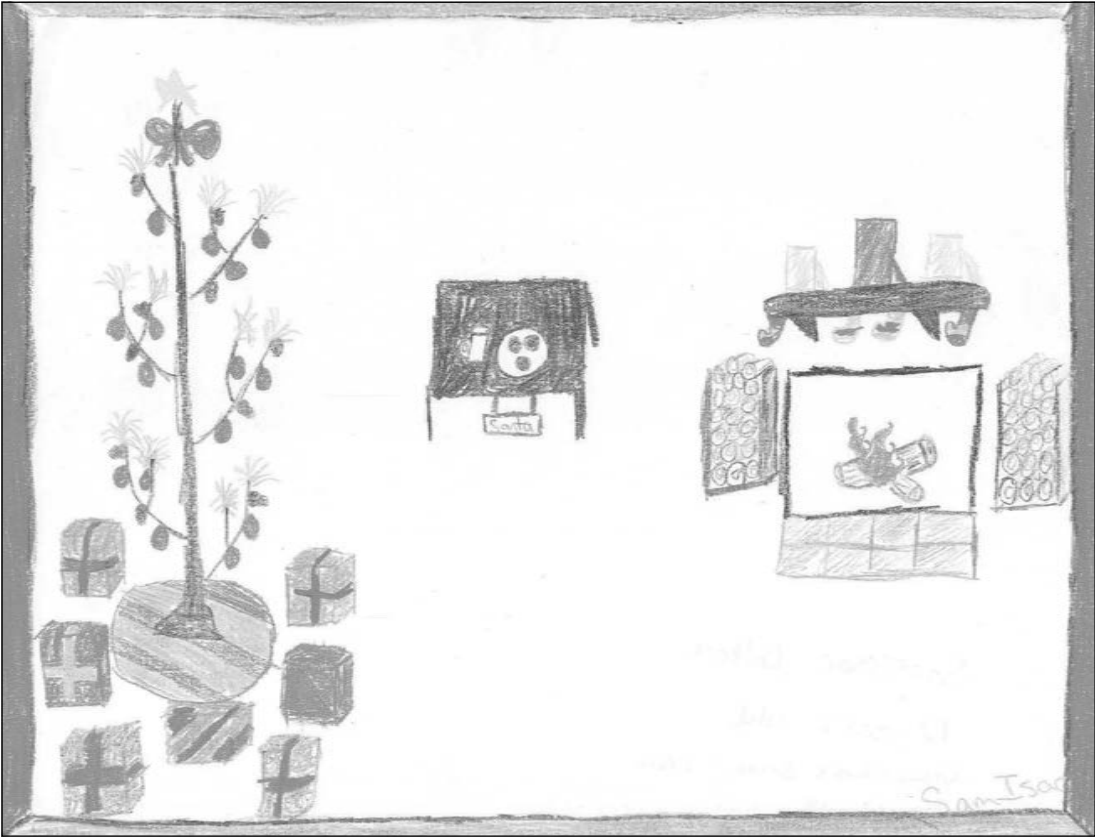
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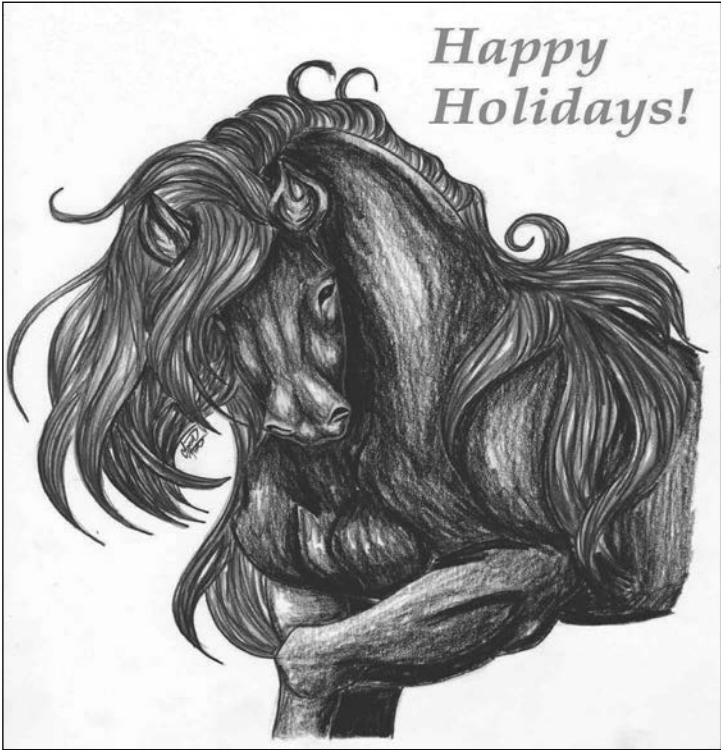
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*Happy
Holidays!*

Christmas Eve

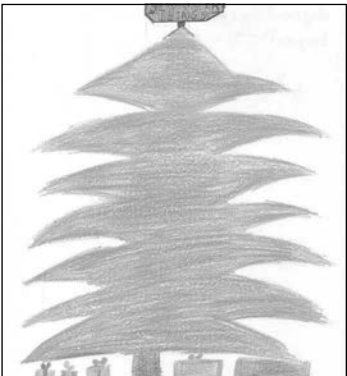
The cookies are out
We spend time with our family
We celebrate love

Yareli Baltazar Medrano
Kayle Hill's Grade 3
Edgewood Elementary

Christmas Wish

My Christmas wish is that I get a reindeer and a sled with lights on it. We can drink some hot chocolate and Santa Claus will bring me some presents and that everyone is happy.

Juan
Letitia Boyd's Grade 1
Guideway Elementary



Daimien
Nancy Adcox's Grade 8
Evergreen Elementary

Samantha Martinez
Joy Fowler's Grade 11
South Columbus High

The Mailbox

Presents wait for me
In a rusty old mailbox
Christmas is coming

Angel Altamirano Ramirez
Kayle Hill's Grade 5
Edgewood Elementary

Christmas

I like when we decorate my Christmas tree and play Christmas songs. When we unwrap the Christmas presents to see what is inside. There are delicious foods..

Jada Vazquez
Karen Prince's Grade 3
Williams Township

The Snowman

The snowman smiles
He loves his hat and buttons
He shines in the snow

Jasmin Hernandez
Kayle Hill's Grade 3
Edgewood Elementary

Christmas Wish

My Christmas wish is that Christmas was tomorrow and it was snowing. I wish that we gets lots of presents.

Mackenzie
Letitia Boyd's Grade 1
Guideway Elementary

Dear Santa

I want a remote helicopter. I want a toy dog. I want a toy Santa and a toy reindeer. Is it cold today at the North Pole? I like Christmas. I love you Santa.
By: Heliodorov

Heliodoro
Ashley Spivey's Grade 1
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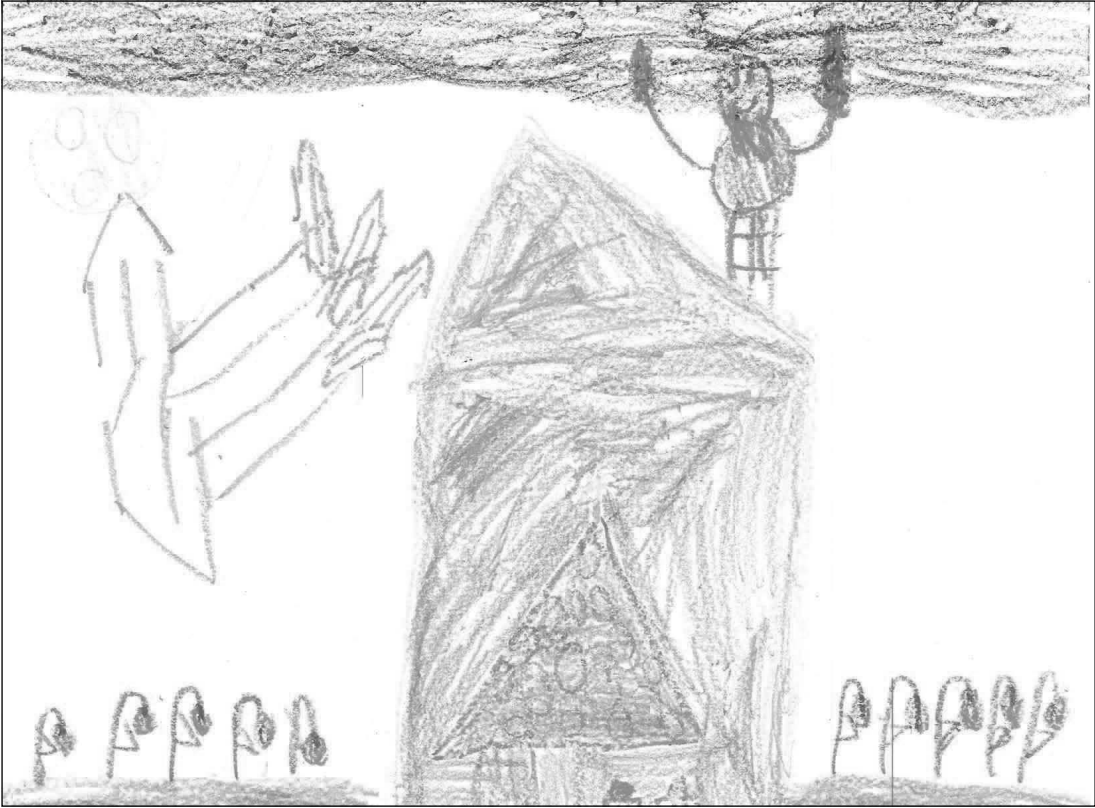


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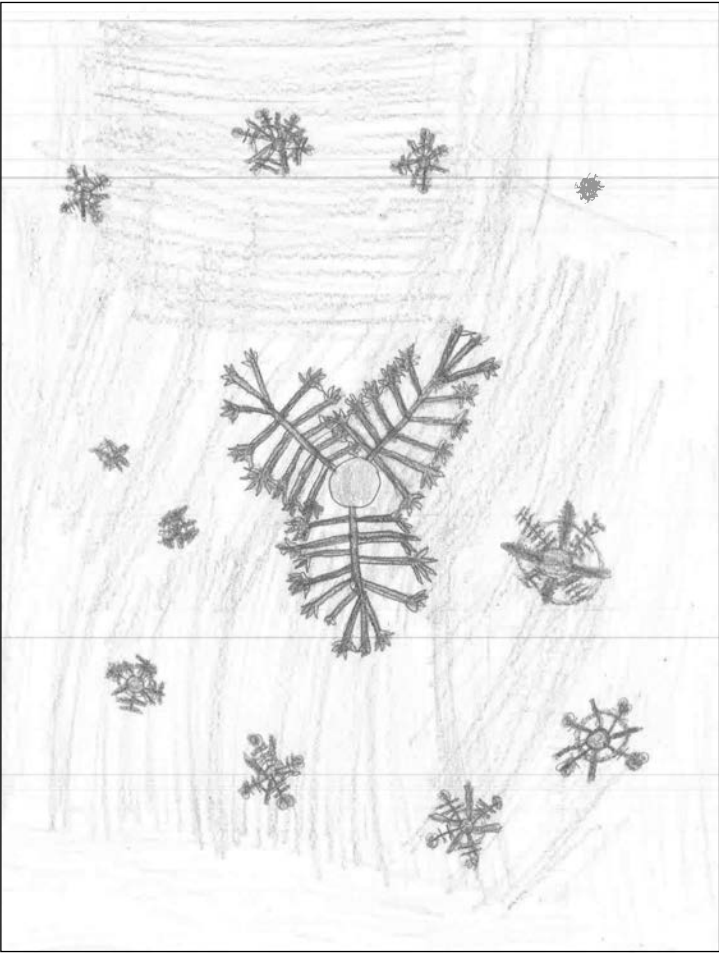
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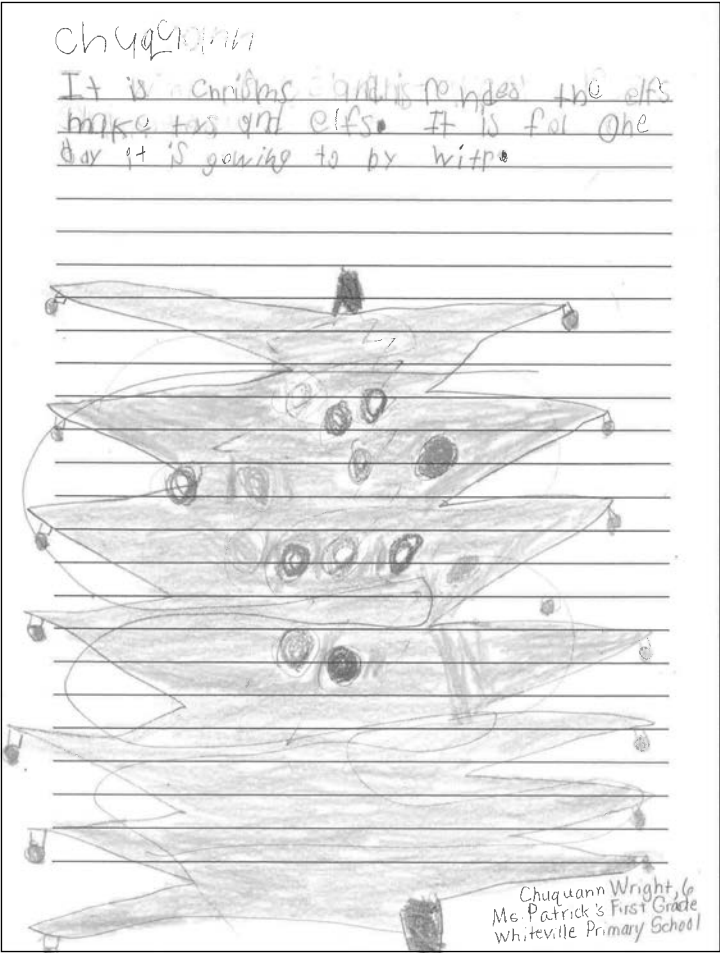
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Kristi Greene's Grade 2
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Heba Asoufy
Amy Greene's Grade 4
Edgewood Elementary



Aline Baltazar
Tammy Patrick's Grade 1
Whiteville Primary



Chuquann Wright
Tammy Patrick's Grade 1
Whiteville Primary

My Best Christmas

It all started when my Mossberg 20 gauge pump would not pump. One day me and my dad were dove hunting, and a dove flew by. My dad says "get ready son here he comes". I put the gun on my shoulder and pull the trigger. I shoot and miss. I go to pump the gun, and it would not put a shell in the chamber. The dove gets away. The first thing that I tell my dad "I need a new gun". He says "maybe we can find you one".

Four months later, in December. Dad said he finds a new shotgun. I asked him what kind. He called me into the dining room. He has the laptop pulled up on youtube. He asked me "what do you think about this". It popped up the 12 gauge Franchi Affinity Compact. It had an adjustable stock, also it was my favorite camo, Realtree Max Five. It also come with five chokes. But the best thing I liked about it was it was a automatic. When the video ended, dad asked me did I like it. I said "I love it". I told him that that would be the first thing I would put on my Christmas list!!

From that day forward I watched that video over and over again. I prayed everyday that Santa would bring me that gun. I showed grandma the video. I thought that maybe she would buy it for me. She bought me a lot of stuff that I really wanted.

It was Christmas Eve, and we were at my aunt Terri's house and I asked almost every one for a computer of some sort because I wanted to show everyone the video. I told everybody that maybe I could get that gun from

Santa. We leave the house and go to Grandma's. We open some more presents and watch The Christmas Story then we go home.

When I get home, the first thing I do is go to my room, and put on my pajamas. I told everyone goodnight and went to bed. When I got in bed I said a really long prayer and went to sleep.

Christmas morning, I woke up around 5:30 and emeditidietly run into the living room. I stare at all of the presents. The presents were wrapped this year. I did not touch none of my presents but looked really hard. I did not see a long box, that I thought would have the shotgun in it. I began to cry and walked back to bed.

I never went back to sleep. Around 7:00, my little sister Zoey walks into my room. I looked at her and she looked at me. We both jump up and wake up mom and dad. While mom goes and gets the video camera. Zoey and I, run into the living room. I dig into my presents and Zoey digs into hers. I get to the bottom of my presents, and then I see it. The long box. I stood there for a minute. Mom had just started recording. I grabbed the box, it was heavy. I was thinking to myself. "Oh My God, it can't be". I tell the camera. "This could be the Franchi Affinity Compact in Max Five". I tear open a piece of wrapper. I looked at the box. On it was a big orange "F" standing for Franchi. That's when I knew it was the best Christmas ever.

Ian Williamson
Lisa Lennon's Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Family Tradition

When i'm with the family we go see lights and ride around looking at the lights before we go to bed then when we get up we go to our family's houses and open presents then eat with the family.

Then when it's christmas we get up and open presents then we go outside and play with our toys then we go to the beach and mess around with the family then we go shopping then we go back to the beach and fish off the pear then when we get done.

Then we go home and eat with some of our families. Then my family go riding horses for the weekend then when we get back from riding we go in and take a shower then i go out and ride fourwheelers with my friends then i come back home the next day.

The first best christmas i had is when i got a four wheeler then i rode it with my dad and my mom and sister. Then when it was christmas eve my little sister said did the reindeer come and see me last night and bring santa to bring the presents just for me. But i said he came and seen every body and then she got mad at me and threw my phone outside. But she got in trouble because she threw my phone outside. When she woke up and seen the tree filled up with presents she jumped up and down. Then we started opening the presents then we go to our families houses and open more presents then when we get down we eat some more food. Then we go home and and play with our toys.

David Whitehead
Lisa Lennon's Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Collards

I like Christmas. It is the best! I have a star on top. I go to Walmart to shop. I love presents. I like to open the presents.

I love collards. I like to eat collards. They are the best.

Kamden Hill
Carrie Buffkin's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas

Christmas is fun at my house! My mom gets ornaments and a Christmas tree. I have lots of Christmas trees. Christmas is the time of the year that you get presents. My mom and I go shopping. I am thankful for having a Christmas tree. My MeMe will take me to Black Friday. My friend, Autumn, goes with me to see Mommy. I spend Christmas with my mom and my cousin and my daddy.

Kinley Barnes
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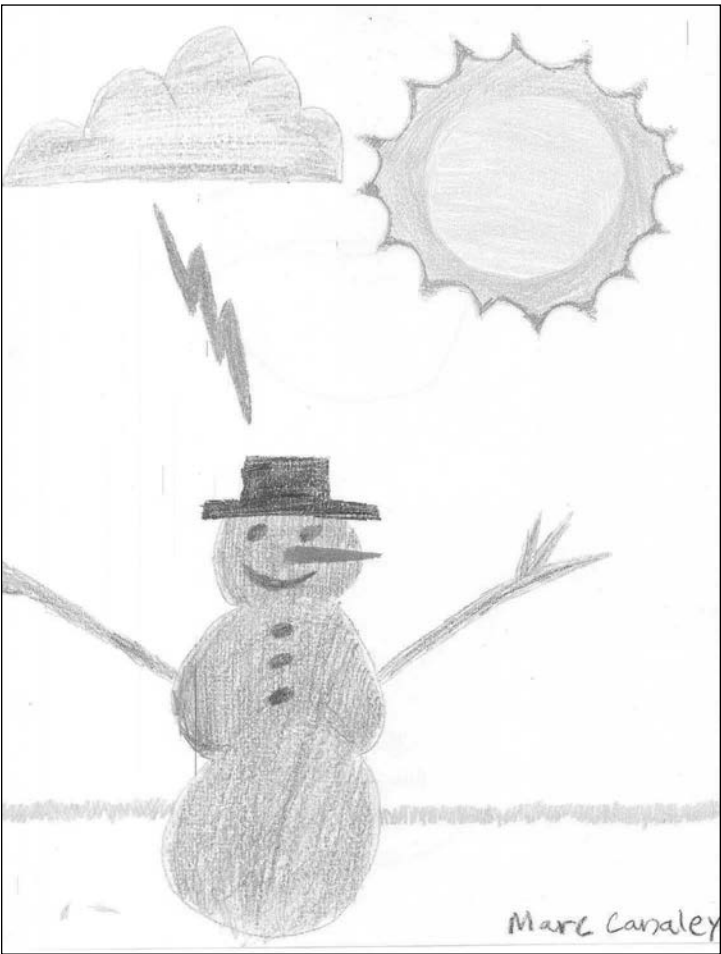
My Worst Christmas Ever

It was December 20 2015 and I was laying on my bed until my mother came in and asked me what I wanted for Christmas I told her I wanted a car she asked why I told her because I was getting my permit after Christmas. She asked me what kind of car do I want I told her there is really not nothing special that I want I just want something to call mine.

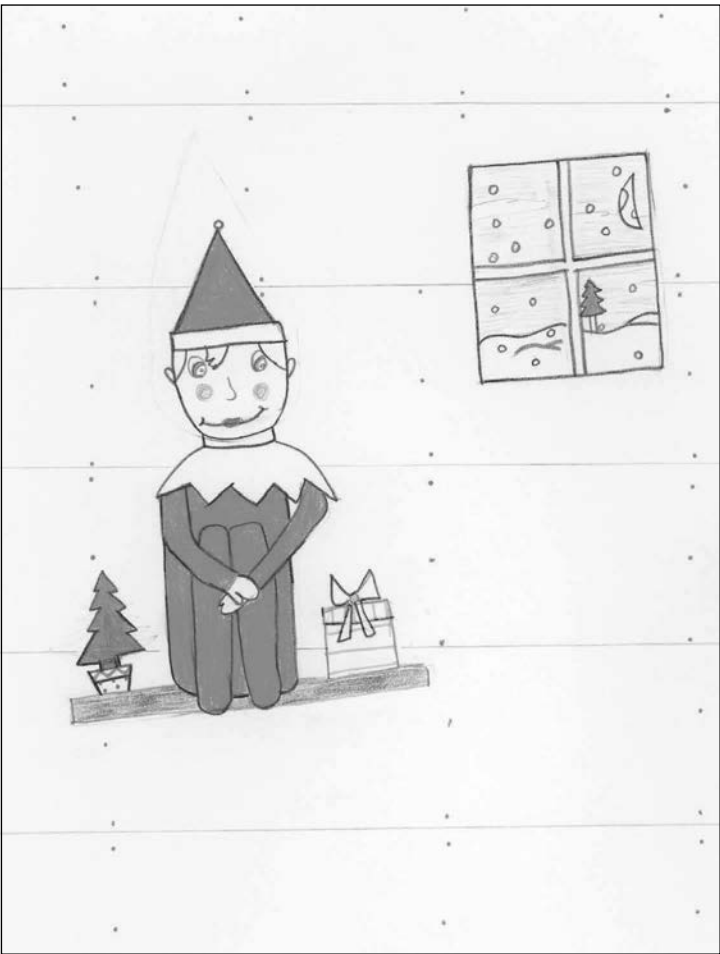
So the next day comes and I wake up and over hear my mother talking on the phone to one of her friends so her door was cracked so I peeked in there and I heard her talking about the car I asked for so I am jumping up and down very quietly so my mother doesn't know I was eavesdropping on her conversation. Then I see a car magazine so I am feeling so happy so the next day comes and I am so happy I am telling all my friends that I was getting a car for Christmas so I already had plans with my friends to go places .

Its December 24 2015 Christmas eve and I am very excited about the car I am supposed to be getting so my mother tells me that she will be back so I just know for sure that she is going to get my car so like 3 hours pass by she comes back and I asked her what did she go do she told me she had to go get the rest of the presents but I noticed that she didn't bring in any bags or anything just her pocket book so I am thinking she has my car so Christmas comes and we start getting our gifts so I am very happy my mom says here this is what you been waiting for so I am gonna cry in the inside she hands me this big box and it was this remote control car It was the Worst Christmas ever.

Shaybreon Brown
Lisa Lennon's Grade 8
Cerro Gordo Elementary



Marc Canaley
Nancy Adcox's Grade 7
Evergreen Elementary



Emily Gray
McQueen/Rector Grade 4
Edgewood Elementary

O Christmas is Here

The commercials we see with all the holiday cheer.

We visit our favorite stores and see all the Christmas gear. When it's only the end of November and the children begin their big list. All the different kinds of trees nobody know about the original green!

The neighbors in competition with all the lights and scenery. Here comes Christmas Eve ,the children are excited, they go to bed early seeking Santa might come early.

Or others making and preparing a sweet treat for Santa to eat!

The joy through the night
O Christmas is here.

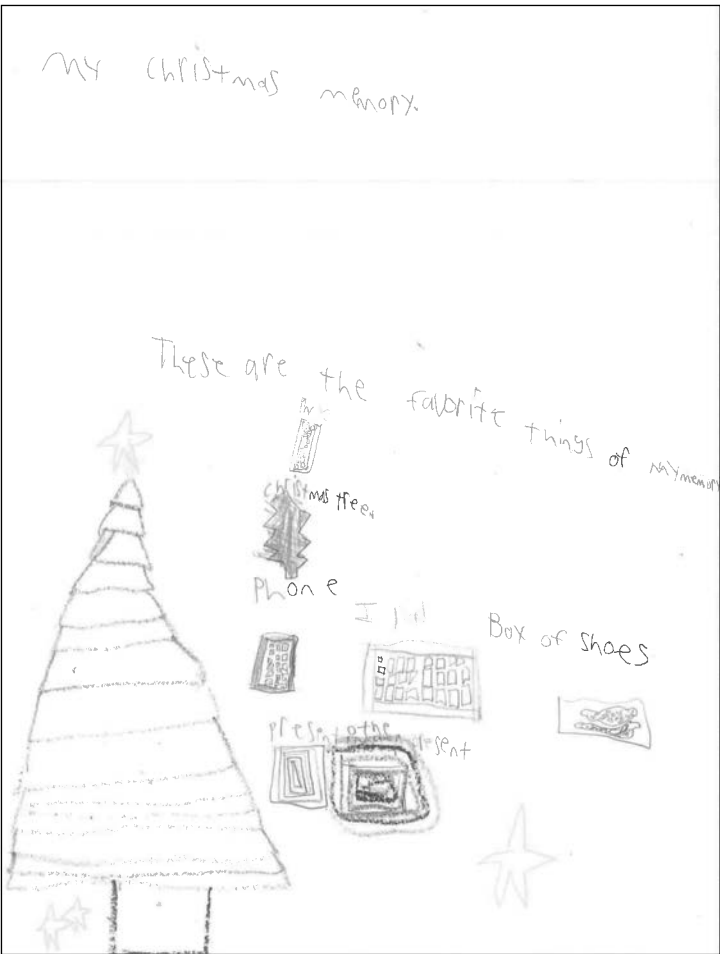
Briona Evans
Lisa Lennon's Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary



Christmas Eve at Grandma's

Every Christmas Eve when I wake up I am always excited because on Christmas Eve night my whole family goes to my grandma's house and she cooks the very best food ever. She always make cake and it is absolutely the best cake in the world and really good honey ham. I love my grandma's cooking but i also like this tradition where we play this game and we play it every, if you're a boy you buy a boy gift and if you're a girl you buy a girl gift. You have to wrap it so nobody can see what's inside and then you grab a number out of a hat and when you look at it who ever gets 1 first will get to choose a present and they dont know whats inside of it then it goes to the next number and so on. My favorite part about the game is if you like somebodys else's gift and you have a higher number you can take there present and they have to get yours. I love opening present but I also like giving them to other people to. Once we get home i always try to go to sleep early because the faster i go to sleep the faster I wake up and can open my presents. Its also important to remember that Christmas isn't all about presents and that it's Jesus birthday and how important he is. It's always so hard to go to sleep on Christmas Eve because of all the excitement but before i go to sleep me and my two sisters put cookies and milk out on the table for Santa. I know a lot of children like Christmas day better than Christmas Eve but I like Christmas Eve because i like being with all of my family.

Bailey Nance
Lisa Lennon's Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary



Vanessa Faulk
Joy Fowler's Grade 10
South Columbus High

Taiden Lambert
Kristi Greene's Grade 2
Whiteville Primary

Christmas Tradition

Every year me and my family either go to Florida or California. Reason being we've made it a tradition to go to Disney World each Christmas and we have a blast. We always stay for at least a week. On Christmas morning everyone wakes up and all the women cook a big breakfast then we all sit down as a family and eat breakfast and laugh and talk. Then we get to the presents all the kids jump up from the table and run to the tree to find the first gift with their name on it.

They rip through the wrapping paper with excitement and anxiety to see what old saint nick gave them. Then once everyone open their gifts we go to disney world each family breaks up with their children and then we meet at night before the Disney parade starts then everyone sits together and watch and enjoy the parade. And that's my family christmas tradition.

Jeremiah Davis
Lisa Lennon's Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary



Christopher Espinoza
Amy Greene's Grade 4
Edgewood Elementary

The Mailbox

Santa has a toy
He gives toys to all children
Santa is jolly

Natalia Urbina
Kayle Hill's Grade 5
Edgewood Elementary

Christmas Wish

My Christmas wish is for me and my family to have fun.


I want a snowman, an Elf, a snow cat, and some hot chocolate.

Kyrie
Letitia Boyd's Grade 1
Guideway Elementary


Deer in the Forest

A buck deer leaps high
Through the snowy forest to
Escape from the wolves

Jorge Hernandez Lopez
Kayle Hill's Grade 3
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A Christmas Morning

The glistening snow, a blanket for the cold hard ground.
He moves around without the slightest of sound.
He does it all in one dark, mysterious night.
His reindeer full of glee, fly high in the sky.
Bringing presents big and small to people like you and I.
All on a Christmas morning.

Edward Marino
Reeves/Gore/Rector Grade 5
Edgewood Elementary

Toy Tractor

When I got my 7290R John Deere toy tractor and my disc. I love to play with it. I got an electric scooter too. I love it. Santa brought me a ground blind to hunt with.

Gavin Niven
Karen Prince's Grade 1
Williams Township

Wooden House

Tired wooden house
Observing the fox's walk
Through the snow and wind

Kevin Lopez
Kaylee Hill's Grade 3
Edgewood Elementary

Trampoline

Last Christmas I got a trampoline. I was so excited that I made Daddy put it together right away. The next day it was done. I got to jump and it was so fun! That was a wonderful Christmas.

Morgan Boyd
Sabrina Ward's Grade 2
Old Dock

Memories

My favorite Christmas memory is when my brother and I went to our dad's house. We opened our Christmas presents and then he took us to our great grandma's and got something to eat. Later on we went back home and opened the rest of our presents. Then, my dad told us to close our eyes and then he pulled out two bikes. My brother and I were so happy that Christmas! We want to be happy.

Monet Gore
Tracy Cox's Grade 3
Williams Township

Dear Santa

How are you doing? I am doing good too. How are your elves? I've been a good boy. I like your rein-deers pulling your sled. Can you please bring me a soccer ball? I live on bug hill road.
Oscar

Oscar
Ashley Spivey's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas Wish

My Christmas wish is for snow ev-erywhere. I can build a snowman and have a snowball fight.

Desmond
Letitia Boyd's Grade 1
Guideway Elementary

Christmas Wish

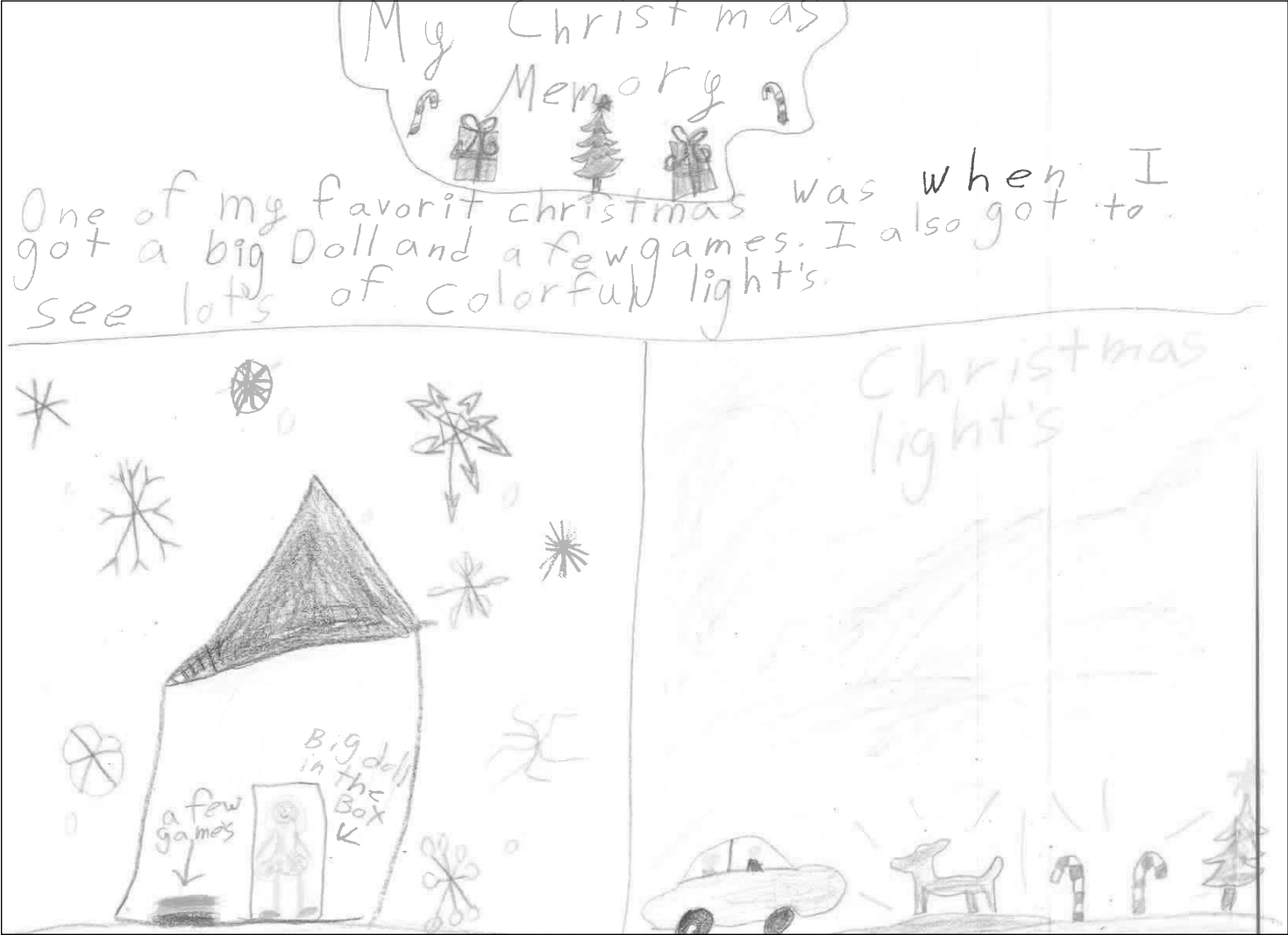
My Christmas wish is to have a Merry Christmas and get pres-ents that Santa Claus brings to us. He has Elves watching you, so he knows if you have been good or bad.

Colin
Letitia Boyd's Grade 1
Guideway Elementary

Christmas

When I was seven years old, I had a good Christmas. I got a lot of toys like WWE Wrestling mat, a new red bike with blue stripes. I got stuff for my bedroom like Cam Newton cover set, and a Panther pillow. I got a PS4 and that's cool to get a PS4. My family was there. My cousin Jaylin was there. So was Kynnedee, Daddy, Kim, Grandma Ruby, uncle Bell and papa. Me and my family went to aunt Ruth's. Then we went to Aunt Hazel's house. Then we went to my Aunt Ronda's house. Finally, we went back to my house.

Larry
Tara Garris' Grade 2
Cerro Gordo Elementary



Joana Welch
Kristi Greene's Grade 2
Whiteville Primary

Christmas Time

It's Christmas day my family came
They gather around the dinner table so
They could feast on the Turkey and Ham and the
Cranberry Jam the kids love to open christmas gifts on Christmas day

After we open the gifts the kids
Go play with all their toys
They were all full with joy on
Christmas day

Everyone had a big day
After all there play
The kids go to bed and
The next day
Christmas Day was done

Rheya Collins
Lisa Lennon's Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary

OMG!! It's Christmas

Christmas, Christmas filled will joy
Santa brings you lots of toys
It's not about presents you get
It's about the loving in it
Some people think Santa isn't real
I disagree he's a thrill
Christmas is a special holiday

That's why we celebrate
Christmas is where we give and receive
But you always have to believe
When Santa comes you will know
Because he always yells HO,HO,HO
Santa has 9 wonderful reindeer
And you never know when there near

Naziyah George
Lisa Lennon's Grade 7
Cerro Gordo Elementary



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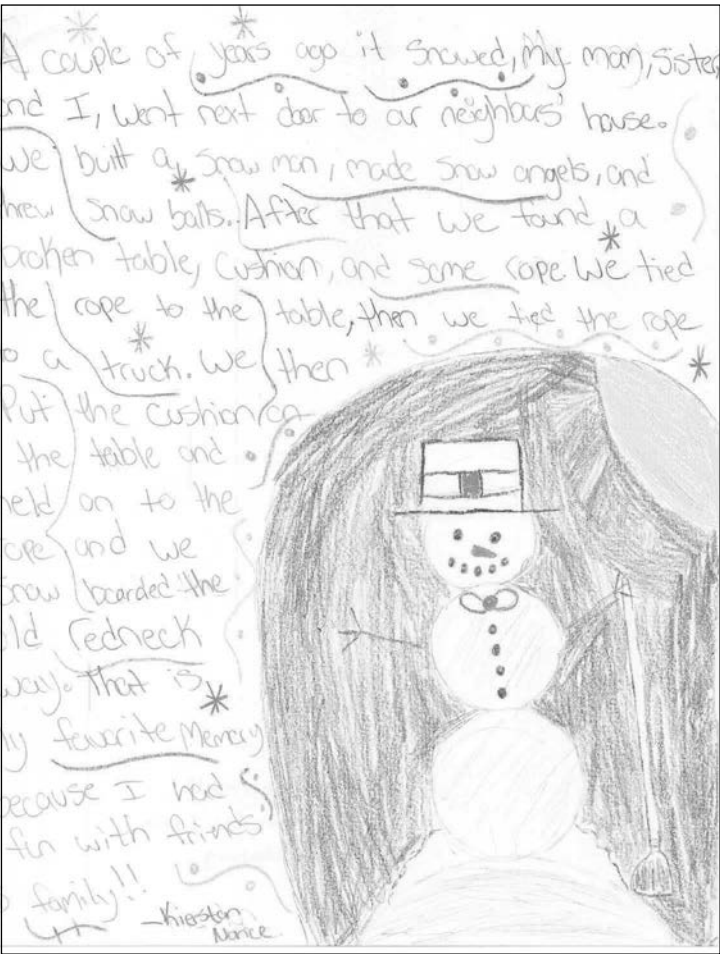
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Dear Santa

I want a chapter book for Christmas. I would like a pillow too. I will be a good girl. I want headphones, a purse, a ball, and a jump rope. Please try to bring them for Christmas.

Yaritza Hernandez
Sabrina Ward's Grade 2
Old Dock

Christmas

Christmas at my house is great!

I spend Christmas with my family at my house. My Christmas tree is big and skinny. I like Black Friday because it is fun. I like to wrap presents with my dad because it is fun, too. On Christmas, I eat chicken and mashed potatoes. I love Christmas at my house.

Cierra Sasser
Carrie Buffkin's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa

Is it cool up there at the North Pole? I love Christmas time. I want an American doll for Christmas. I also want a puppy and a little puppy toy for my dog. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Allyson
Ashley Spivey's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary

Morning

One Christmas morning I woke up and ran down to the Christmas tree. I peeked under the Christmas tree and found lots of presents. I went upstairs to wake everyone up. I told everyone to wake up! So everybody went to the tree. We all opened up the presents. I got cards. My sisters got dolls. Then my mom made hot chocolate. We all sat down and watched tv. That Christmas was fun.

Leo Cardenas
Sabrina Ward's Grade 2
Old Dock

Christmas Wish

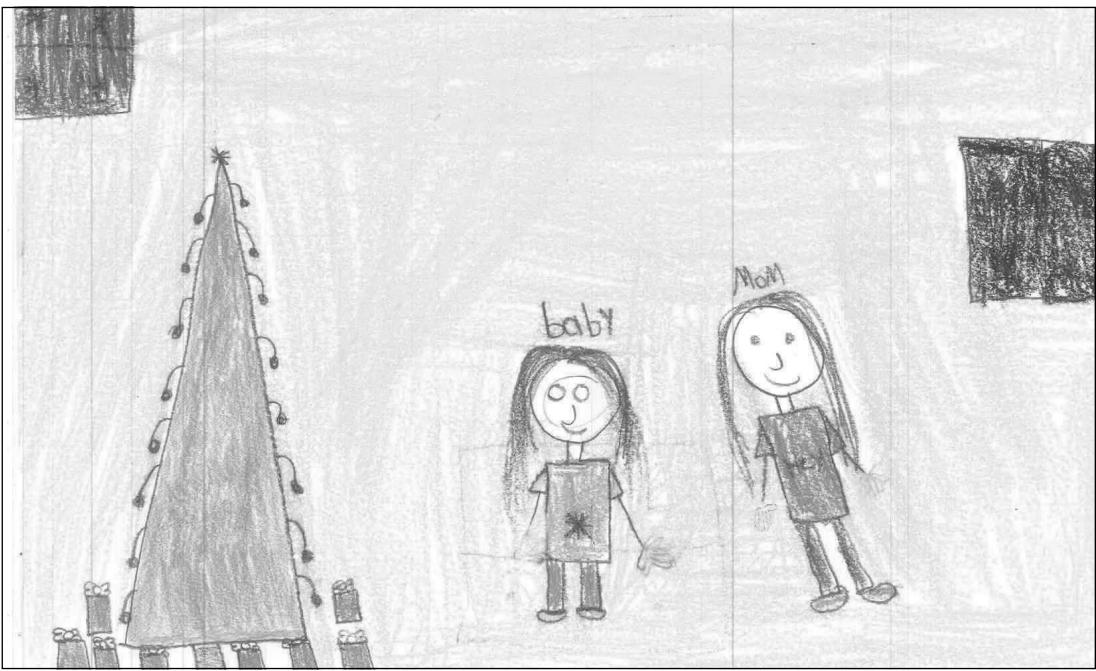
My Christmas wish is that Santa Claus will bring all my family clothes and presents.

April
Letitia Boyd's Grade 1
Guideway Elementary

Christmas

When I was six years old I went to the mountains. I woke up and saw a vanity in the living room. It was white. My mom and dad and my brother were there. I screamed I love it. I got lots more presents. I loved them. My brother loved his presents and I played with my presents and had a great day.

Kenzie
Tara Garris' Grade 2
Cerro Gordo Elementary



Brittany Addison
Kristi Greene's Grade 3
Edgewood Elementary

My Christmas Tradition

My Christmas tradition is when my family and I gather around the Christmas tree and open one Christmas present on Christmas Eve. My other Christmas tradition is when my whole family comes over to eat a Christmas meal, and give each other gifts and finally, see your cousins, aunts, uncles, and my grandma. Sometimes my grandma comes to my house on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day.

When, we give everyone their presents we have a tradition that the youngest children go first, and the oldest children go last, then there goes the adults. When, I opened my presents I got a bicycle, a glow in the dark game, jewelry, some clothes and a lot of them too, my first phone and card, soccerball, basketball, and a teddy bear.

My next, tradition that I have is thanking god for his son and celebrate Jesus's birthday. Then my family go outside and play in the snow and make snow angels and have snowball fights and pretty much just have a lot of fun and while we are having fun outside my dad make hot coco, while my mom and I go inside and warm up my sisters go and play outside.

Then, my other tradition is when I go to my grandma's house for something to eat the reason that I like going over to my grandma's house is because she makes the best food that I have ever tasted and we go there every year so I would say that it is a tradition.

Finally, the one tradition that I love the most out of Christmas is when I get to gather my family up around the Christmas tree and say what we love the most about Christmas and why it is so special to my family and I.

The second that I love about the Christmas is because my family and I get to put the Angel on top of the Christmas tree. The reason that I love Christmas so much is because it makes me feel good when I can see my friends and family, and see what else that we can do on Christmas Day to have fun with my family and play, run, and jump in the snow and just spend time with your family and see what else you can do to make the best Christmas ever for my family and I on Christmas Eve and on Christmas day and I bet that next year's Christmas will be even better than this year's Christmas.

Ainsley Arnold
Lisa Lennon's Grade 7
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Dear Santa

The tree is shining
There are gifts under the tree
For kids to unwrap

Jennifer Lopez Torresd
Kaylee Hill's Grade 4
Edgewood Elementary

The Funniest

Once upon a time, there was Santa and three elves. One of the elves hated Christmas. The other two elves loved Christmas. Charley (who was Santa), needed the three elves. Charley told one elf to get the sleigh. He told the other two to get the reindeer. When the first elf got the sleigh, he took out his knife and cut the string. That meant that the other reindeer couldn't help drive the sleigh! When he came back with the sleigh, they put the reindeer on the sleigh and took off and went to take the presents to the children of the world. But, when they got so high, the reindeer came off and Charley crashed into a tree! When he got up out of his seat, the sleigh fell out of the tree and Santa was stuck in the tree! The reindeer came to help! When they came, Charley got on one of the reindeer and brought Charley back to the ground.

Brookelynn Benton
Karen Prince's Grade 3
Williams Township

The Funniest

One time my elf, Snowflake, put some goldfish in my toilet. Then she got a pretzel stick and a fishing line and tied a goldfish to the fishing line. Then she sat on my toilet and acted like she was fishing. On the same day my cousin's elf did the same thing, too. Then my cousin's elf and my elf fell in the toilet. It was so funny!

Brookelynn Benton
Karen Prince's Grade 3
Williams Township

My Elf's Day

One time my elf got a nerf gun. When I got up he scared me. He scared my brother too. We did not like it. It made us fall off the bed. The next day he was on my binder. The third day he got on my scissors. I did not like it because he could have cut off his leg. I was satisfied.

Jaimon Fipps
Karen Prince's Grade 3
Williams Township

Dear Santa

I like Christmas at my house. I have a bow on my tree. I love to go shopping at Food Lion. I love some ham my dad cooks. I love all my family.

Brynley Sasser
Carrie Buffkin's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary

Christmas

It was last year. It was Christmas. I don't often get to see my family, but I woke up knowing I was going to see my family. That day my mom, nana, uncle, my mama, my aunt and Dalan all ate together. After we talked a lot we opened presents. Then I went home and fell asleep in my bed.

Trystyn
Tara Garris' Grade 2
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa

How are you? How are your reindeer? I wish you a Merry Christmas also. I love you Santa. I live on Ward Town Road. Can I get a tablet for Christmas? And can I get a soccer ball?
Love: Kamelia Andres

Kamelia Andres
Ashley Spivey's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary

Snowflakes

Unique crystals
Plunge, Precipitate, Plummet
Forming in nimbostratus clouds
Nieve

Nathan Hester
Sealey/Williams/Rector Grade 5
Edgewood Elementary

My Christmas Story

I think my best Christmas memory would probably be the year that I got a battery operated jeep that I called "Barbie Girl". I believe that I was 5 years old that year. "Barbie Girl" was the best Christmas gift I have ever been given. I'm not trying to say that the presents are the most important things about Christmas or anything, but I was young so I was very excited.

When woke up that early December morning I didn't notice the jeep in the kitchen because I was too busy trying to run to the living room to see if Santa had brought me and my brand new baby sister any presents. When I finally reached the living room, I was amazed with all of the presents. I ran to my parents' room and immediately started screaming, "Santa came, Santa came!". I woke up the baby with all my screaming, so she was crying.

We went back into the living room and started opening presents. When we were finished, my Dad asked me if there were anymore presents, and when I said no, he said to go look in the kitchen. I was so excited at this point, but I was also scared for some crazy reason. By this time Lillie (the baby) had finally stopped crying. She got a few little presents but she was still a newborn so she wasn't exactly expecting anything.

I drove "Barbie Girl" so much. The reason I named it that is because I used to watch Barbie almost every single day. Mostly at daycare, but a lot at home as well. Barbie Girl was purple, pink, and green. It kind of looked like the Mystery Machine from Scooby-Doo, now that I think about it. Anyway, I loved Barbie Girl. Lillie got to drive it whenever she was big enough. Barbie Girl lasted about 8 years. Until we had to throw her out. It was the best Christmas because I received the best present ever. A new baby sister.

Kayla Greene
Lisa Lennon's Grade 8
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Worst Christmas Ever

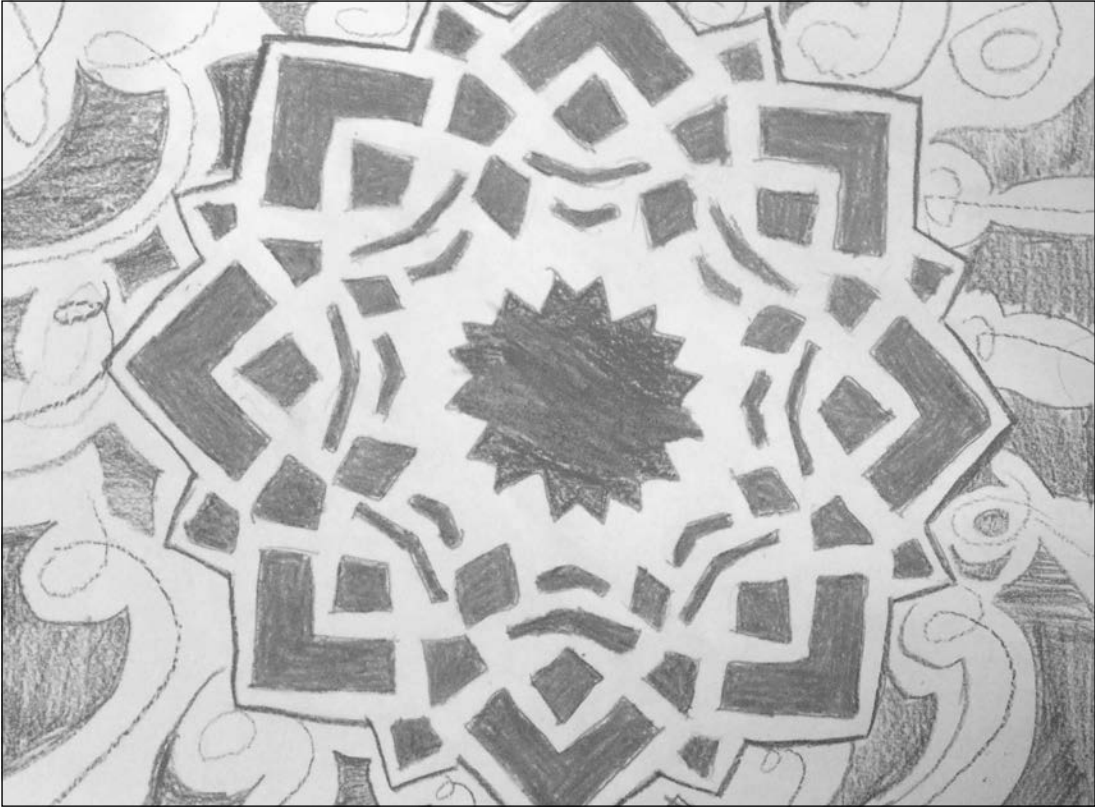
When I had my worst Christmas ever, I was 7 years old. It was a normal Christmas for a while. My family came over on Christmas Eve, we had a big dinner. Me, my brother, my sisters, and my cousin all opened up the presents our relatives and parents got us.

I don't remember exactly what I got but it was a pretty good Christmas so far. When me, my brother, and sisters woke up we opened up our presents from Santa. This was when I got my crossbow and I was happy with everything else that I got. After this, things didn't go so well. On the way to church, I got carsick and threw up. This made the car smell awful. It also took a while to clean up so we didn't get to go to church. After this things started to get better.

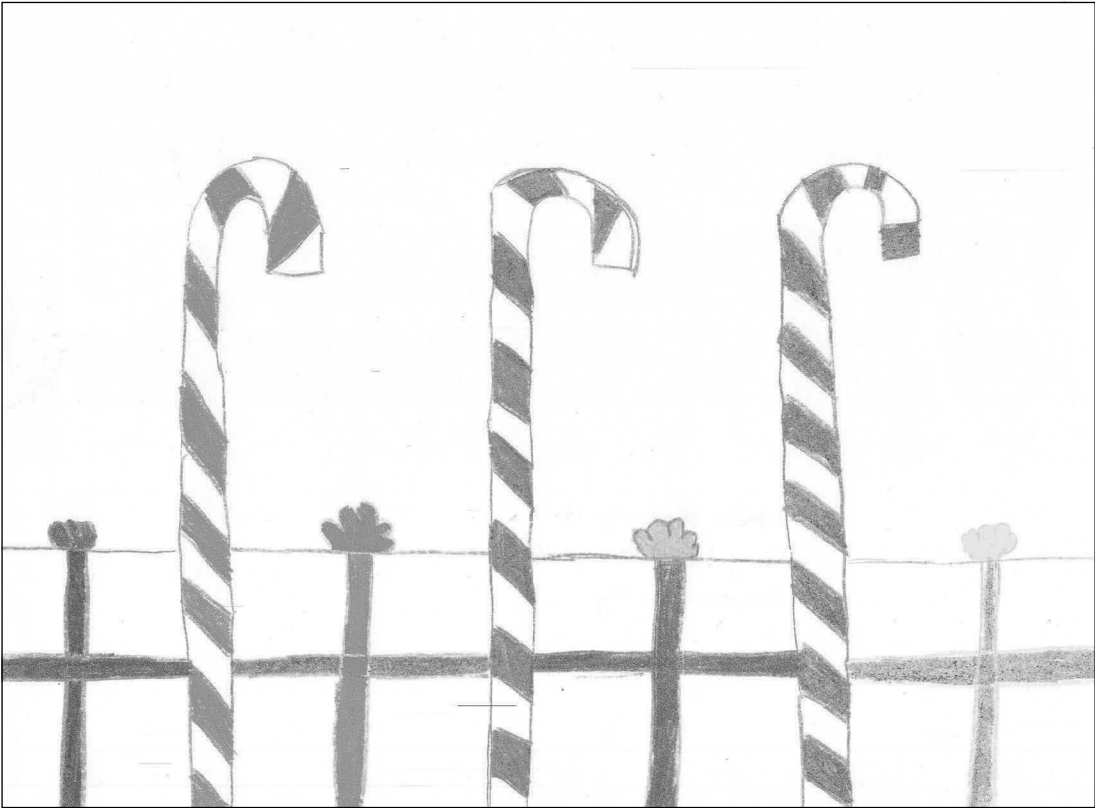
After we cleaned up the car and got rid of a lot of the smell, we went to my grandma's house and had a dinner with my relatives. The food here was really good and it made me and my family feel better about what happened on the way to church. Some things about this Christmas were good but some things were bad.

All in all, this was my worst Christmas ever.

Troy Greene
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Cerro Gordo Elementary

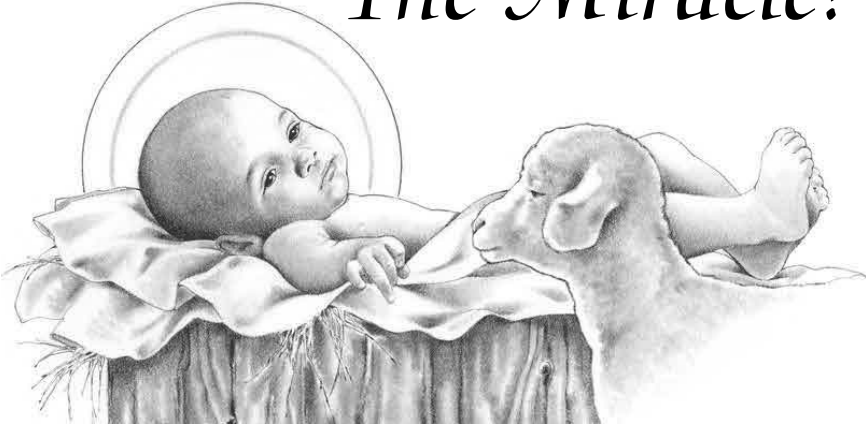


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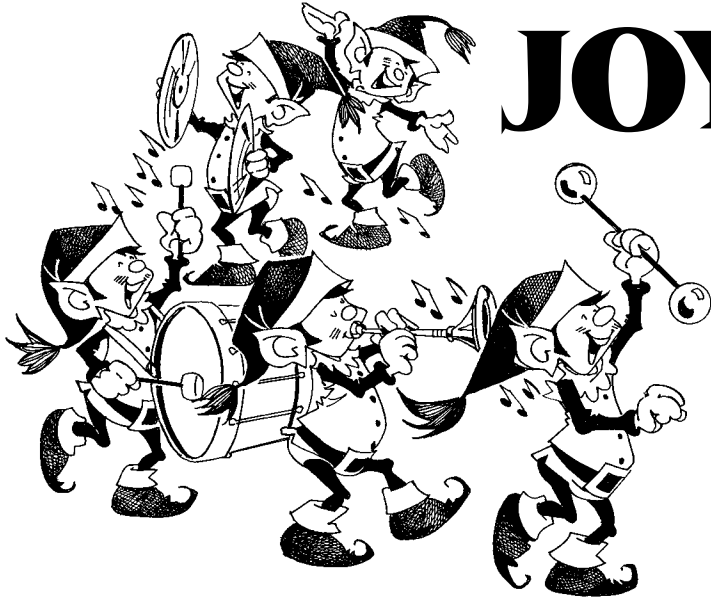
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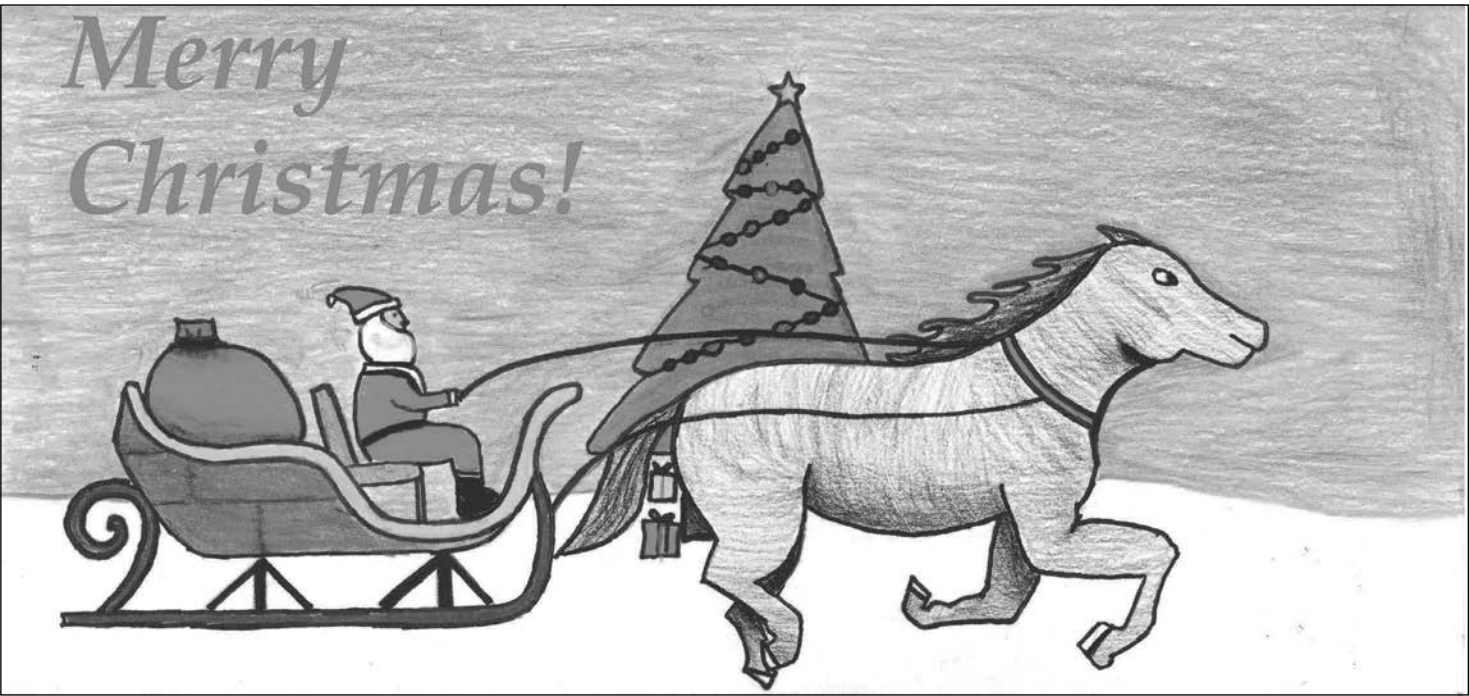


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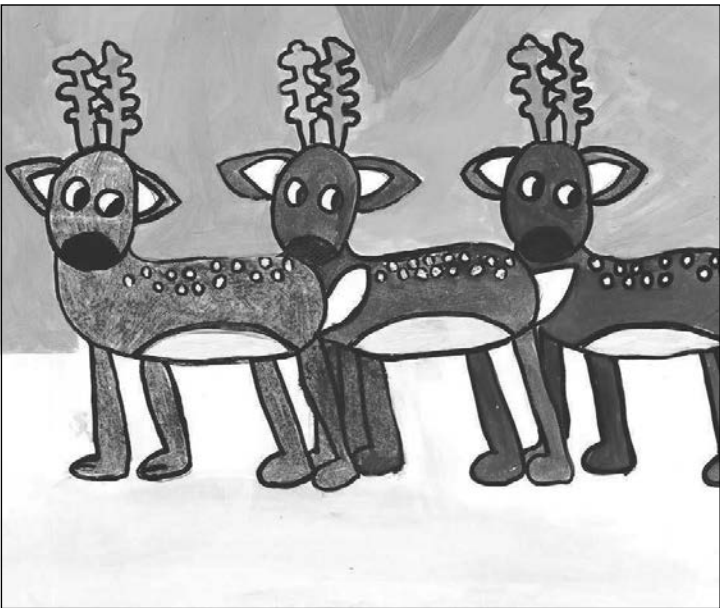
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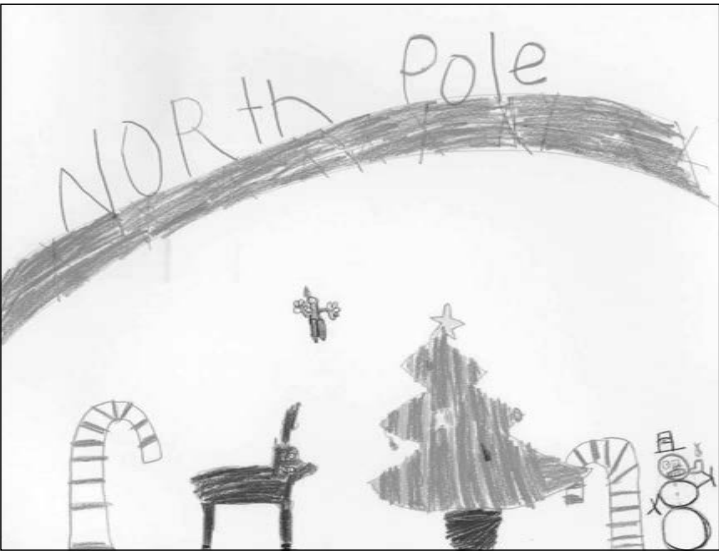


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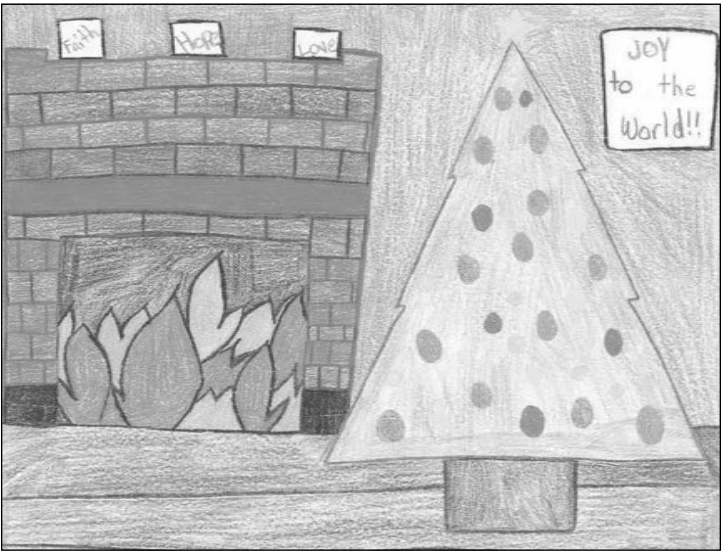
Around One Little Tree

One little star on top of one little tree—
Two wrapped presents patiently for me.
Three silver ropes twisted in spirals to see—
Four colored lights shining prettily.
Five beautiful ornaments glowing—
Six stockings filled with goods showing.
Seven chocolate bars awaiting to be eaten—
Eight wreaths outside from the weather beaten.
Nine carolers singing Christmas songs—
Ten snowmen with crooked carrot noses smiling along.
Eleven houses decorated from roof to basement—
Twelve reindeer pulling a sleigh and making their descent.
Oh, what a Christmas around one little tree.

Bryce Freedman
Sealey/Williams/Rector Grade 5
Edgewood Elementary



Kolbe Little
McQueen/Rector Grade 4
Edgewood Elementary



Alexis Bullard
Nancy Adcox's Grade 8
Evergreen Elementary

Memories

Christmas day is my favorite because I get lots of stuff for Christmas. I get to take the wrapping off in my living room and if I get done I can watch my brothers unwrap their stuff. Then I can play with them.

Logan Spivey
Tracy Cox's Grade 3
Williams Township

Presents

Christmas is tonight
Presents are under the tree
Santa is coming

Hugo Reyes
Kaylee Hill's Grade 3
Edgewood Elementary

Christmas Wish

My Christmas wish is to get a remote Hot Rod and that it snows every day. I will make a snowman every day.

Mack
Letitia Boyd's Grade 1
Guideway Elementary

Christmas

When I was three, I had a lot of presents and was excited and kinda nervous. I woke up and had a lot of presents in my play room. I hoped I had Sophia boots and my uncle Jesse bought them for me. I loved them. My sissy was there, brother and mom and dad. I loved that Christmas. I wish I could get some more and I was at my house.

Nevaeh
Tara Garris' Grade 2
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa

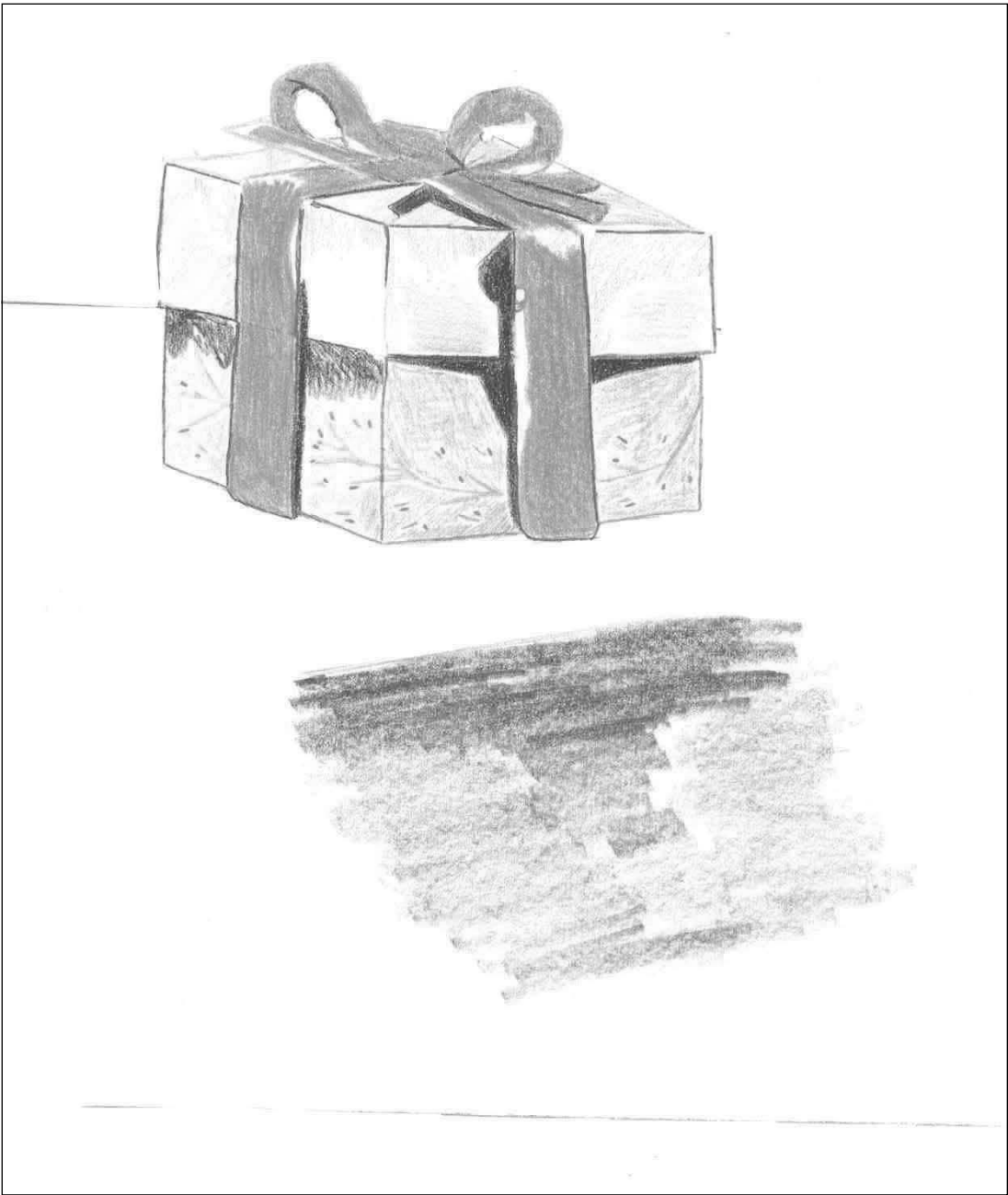
Can you please bring me a tablet for Christmas and a Xbox 300 too? How are your elves doing? I have been a good little girl and I will give you milk and some cookies. Have a Merry Christmas Santa Claus. Love Yentruoc

Yentruoc
Ashley Spivey's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary


Presents

Mystery, anticipation
Unwrapping, discovering, gasping
Consume me all day
Gifts

Supreme McKay
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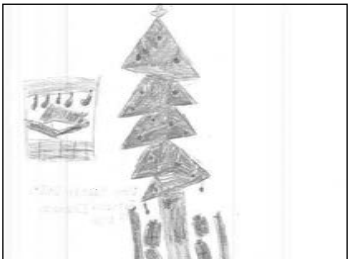
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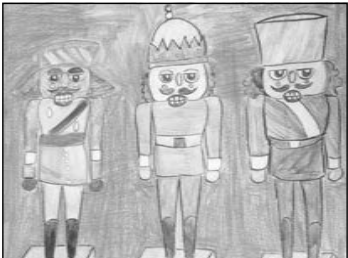
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Amy Greene's Grade 3
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Acme Delco Middle School



Zachary McClary
Nancy Adcox's Grade 7
Evergreen Elementary

Christmas

Cerro Gordo Elementary Last year, on Christmas morning, we made breakfast. We made pancakes. We tried to make a snowman, but we spilled pancake mix everywhere. We laughed a lot. That is my Christmas memory.

Chloe
Tara Garris' Grade 2
Cerro Gordo Elementary



Eymi Martinez
Elizabeth Spaulding's Grade 6
Central Middle School

Christmas

I was seven years old when I got a bike. I woke up and I had my bike. It was purple and pink. My mom and dad and sister and family watched me and my sister open the gifts. My mom, sister, and me decorated the tree. My Pop and my sister cooked breakfast.

Jamia
Tara Garris' Grade 2
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Christmas Wish

My Christmas wish is a snow-ball fight. My family decorating a Christmas tree. Santa Claus making toys and drinking hot chocolate.

McKinley
Letitia Boyd's Grade 1
Guideway Elementary

My Elves!

Once upon a time, my sister, Brenna, had an Elsa doll. Then, the next morning we saw Elsa standing up and my elves were in a huge block of ice! It was weird. Momma had to defrost my elves! I have three elves, one for me, her name is Sneaky Susie! One for Riley, his name is Mr. Mischief! One for Brenna, her name is Marshmellow! They are all 3 brother and sister. One year Riley's elf said that he was going to bring somebody with him. He wrote a note saying it was his sister. Then, my elf brought Marshmellow with her.

Brissa Garrell
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Nancy Adcox's Grade 7
Evergreen Elementary

Christmas

Do you know how it feels like to ride in the West Virginia Mountains? I was with my brother Jase me my sister charley mom and dad. We were ready at 3:00 in the morning and we were all packed. And we we're ready to go to mate one West Virginia .I was really excited to go to Grandma's house. We are going to see the grandma on my dad's side.

When we get there it will be 8:00 in the night right now it is 12:00 and I watched a 2hour movie. And it was 2:00 my parents told me it's just 6 more hours. Then I watched videos on my tablet for an hour. Then I played rock paper scissors shoe for an anther hour. Then I realized just 3 more hours.

Then, I just watched 1 hour movie on my mini TV. Then we stopped at the gas station to let our dogs pee and my brother which took 30 mins and then my dad filled the gas tank and got some green beans for grandma which took another 30 mins. And then I played my Nintendo DS for an hour. When I got in the house I greeted grandma. Then at 8:30 I went to bed

Brent Tilley
Haylea Sullivan's Grade 3
Acme Delco Elementary

Dear Santa

On Christmas, my little elf always moves when we are asleep. I love it when Santa comes. It is so much fun! You get to get gifts to open. I put out cookies and milk so Santa can eat the cookies and drink the milk. Sometimes, I put little foods outside for Santa's deer. Sometimes I will stay up all night waiting for Santa but he doesn't come because I am not asleep.

Jayden Williams
Karen Prince's Grade 3
Williams Township

Dear Santa

I want a tablet for Christmas. I want a toy fog. I love your elves. Dear Santa is pretty. I want a present too. I love you.

Sara
Ashley Spivey's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary

North Pole Animals Haiku

Polar bears roam there.
Norwals swim in the deep sea.
Cold fish for dinner.

Parker Hughes
Fipps/Rector Grade 4
Edgewood Elementary

The Winter Elf

Tricky visitor
Returns after Thanksgiving
Santa's secret agent

Watching, waiting, still
Reports to him every night
Behavior police

Campbell Thompson
McQueen/Rector Grade 4
Edgewood Elementary

Christmas

I was six years old. I got a puppy and he had a dog house. I woke up and there was a puppy and he had a blue ball. My mom, dad, and pop pop was there. At the end of the day me and my family ate a big, big, big hog with a baby pig. Then we went home. I played with my new toys and puppy. Then I went to sleep in my bed.

Kaleigh
Tara Garris' Grade 2
Cerro Gordo Elementary



Haley Nealey
Elizabeth Spaulding's Grade 7
Central Middle School

Christmas

Christmas begins at my meme's house. It was last year that I got lots of presents from my family like money, bicycle, and toys for the bathtub. I ate chicken, corn, rice, gravy, butter beans, salad, green beans, and mashed potatoes with my cousins, family and friends. We opened presents. Then I played with my little cousin, friends, and family. At the party was my mama, daddy, papa G, Meme, friends and cousins. We had a very fun Christmas. I got a lot of stuff, more than I needed. Our Christmas tree was very pretty to me and the food was really, really, really good. It was good because my mama and meme cooked it. That was my favorite Christmas memory.

Blayden
Tara Garris' Grade 2
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Best Memories

My favorite memory from Christmas is when I got a boat. I rode it all the time. Another is when I got a gun. I love to shoot it. I also got a four-wheeler one time. I go mud bogging on it. I got a golf cart one time. I ride it around my neighborhood.

Bryson Godwin
Karen Prince's Grade 3
Williams Township

Deer in the Forest

A buck deer leaps high
Through the snowy forest to
Escape from the wolves

Jorge Hernandez Lopez
Kayle Hill's Grade 3
Edgewood Elementary

Reindeers

We can hear the bells
The reindeers are on the sleigh
To deliver presents

Deigo Saucedo-Valdez
Kayle Hill's Grade 3
Edgewood Elementary

Christmas Wish

My Christmas wish is that it snows enough to make a snowman and start a snowball fight and warm enough to play in it.

Melody
Letitia Boyd's Grade 1
Guideway Elementary

Dear Santa

Christmas is fun. I like to spend time with my friends and family. It is so fun in the morning. I am so happy and joyful for my family.

Bradley
Tara Garris' Grade 2
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Christmas

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Bradley
Tara Garris' Grade 2
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Dear Santa

Hope you are fine. I love and your reindeers. I would like a dog. Will you bring me a teddy bear? My family is my best family ever now!

Jenna
Ashley Spivey's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa

I hope you are able to make it all around the world to all the boys and girls this year that have been good. I think when you make it back to the North Pole on Christmas Eve night that you will fall right asleep. You will be tired from delivering all the toys, and eating and drinking all the cookie and milk. This year for Christmas my brother wants Ninja Turtle stuff. My sister wants Barbie dolls, horses, and princess things. I really want a hover board. Thank you for giving me presents for the past 10 years. I have a questions for you. Do you make toys all the time and do you ever sleep? Merry Christmas to you and your elves. Your Friend, Jakob

Jakob Stiehl
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Christmas Memories

More than a few years ago I didn't know really much about Christmas. I'm not going to lie I was also a little selfish and my parents could tell that so they put me in my church's Christmas play. I really didn't want to be in a play and I only had my thoughts on the presents that were going to be under the tree on the 25th. The play was about the birth of Jesus Christ. I had to play the role of Moses and I didn't want to be Moses and I thought I had a boring part of the play.

During an intervention in practice the woman that was leading to the play gave us an explanation on why we are doing the play. She said it is good to show people the real meaning of Christmas and why we celebrate Christmas. When she was explaining I started to realize why my parents wanted me to be in the play. After the play was over at church I understood the true meaning of the play and Christmas.

From the time we left from church till the time of Christmas my attitude and my outlook on Christmas has increased and from then on I was not selfish anymore.

On Christmas morning I waited patiently for my parents to get up. I didn't want to be mean and wake them up rudely. My sister was the final one to get up and once she got up I let her open up here presents first. Later on in the day some of my family came over. My cousins came over and we played football and we had fun and after we got done playing we had a Christmas dinner and it was good. This was my favorite Christmas memory.

Jackson Miller
Lisa Lennon's Grade 8
Cerro Gordo Elementary

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Columbus County Commissioner

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Christmas

My Christmas starts out like this. When I was a little girl I helped my daddy put up the decorations on the tree. I always sit at the table and eat macaroni, pie, cake, banana pudding, ice cream, ham, turkey and chicken. We make presents for my little baby cousins. We make houses out of pillows and covers and we make inside the house too. We make beds and couches. I love to eat inside the tent. Outside we ride horses down the road. We feed the horses, pigs, cows, hogs, dogs, cats and kittens, too. We make homemade cookies and milk for Santa and his reindeer, too.

Shyianne Godwin
Karen Prince's Grade 3
Williams Township

Memories

One Christmas night that was Christmas eve, I couldn't sleep. Santa was out and his reindeer. I knew that I had to go to sleep but I did not want to. But, I went to sleep the minute after. The next day, I found presents on my couch. I unwrapped them and had so much fun with my toys. Sometimes I sit doing a new lists the same day for the next Christmas.

Baxton Sellers
Karen Prince's Grade 3
Williams Township

Christmas

It was Christmas and me and my family went to my aunt Teri's house. We fried oysters and other kinds of food. We opened presents and we watched TV and talked. We left there and went to my Grammy's house and we opened presents and we went home. The next day Ian woke me and my mom and my dad up. Ian and me rushed into the living room and my dad came with me and Ian. My mom went to get the video camera. She videoed me and Ian opening our presents. I got a chalk board. Ian got a Loke. He liked it too. That was my Christmas.

Zoey
Tara Garris' Grade 2
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Christmas Wish

My Christmas wish is that my family has a good time. I hope the kids have a good time. I hope Santa will get me and other kids presents when I am asleep.

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Letitia Boyd's Grade 1
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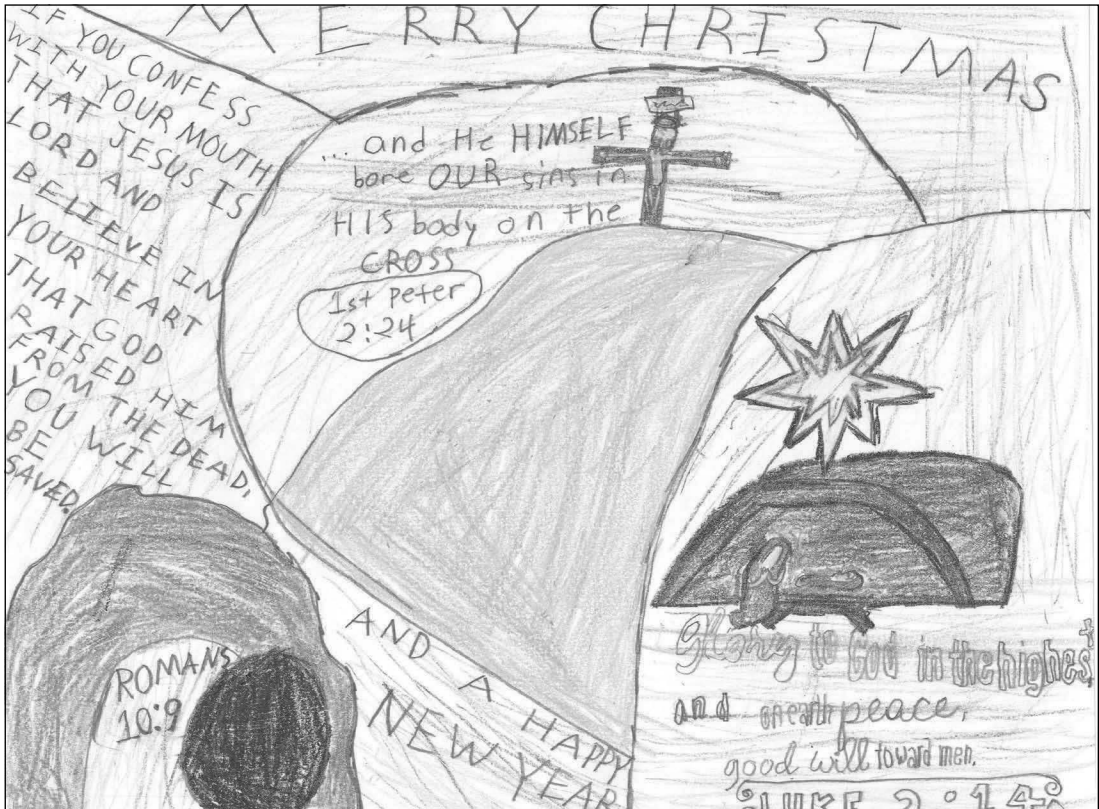
My favorite memory of Christmas was last year because my sister was there. I liked being with my family. My family got me a lot of presents and I loved them. At my Granny's house I got a whole trash bag full of presents. Then we went home. My Granny, mom, and dad my two aunts my uncle watched me open my presents. I love Christmas every year. It is so much fun. I was at Granny's house and my house.

Cassidey
Tara Garris' Grade 2
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Christmas

At my house for Christmas, I look for Santa and his reindeer. We have a Christmas tree with a star. We put presents under the tree.

Ronny
Tara Garris' Grade 2
Cerro Gordo Elementary



Logan Bryon
Nancy Adcox's Grade 8
Evergreen Elementary

What Does Christmas Really Mean?

What does Christmas really mean?
It shouldn't matter about gifts or materialistic things.
So what does Christmas really mean ?
Isn't it about the good things that still remain unheard and unseen?

What does Christmas really mean?
A virgin named Mary and the greatest gift of all she carried
So what does Christmas really mean
A child that brings great joy and brings a feeling of merry.

What does Christmas Really Mean?
Ever heard about the baby born in manger?
Who came into the world to be our Lord and Savior.
A child named jesus forgave us for our sins
And to the world he was a changer.

So now you kind of get what Christmas really Means?
And now you understand what Christmas is about
The Good memories, love, laughter, and Christ Without A doubt
So What Does Christmas Really Mean?

Indiya Williams
Lisa Lennon's Grade 8
Cerro Gordo Elementary

My Favorite Christmas Story

One of my favorite Christmas story is the time I went to the mountains I really didn't know I was going until we were driving so long. But we went skiing and done all these things I never have done before. I ate different kinds of food and done different things that I never experienced.

I hope I can go back another Christmas and do all the things that I did that Christmas and do it again because it was really fun and I finally saw my aunt up in the mountains it had been three years before I had seen her again. And she took us all different places. And we had a good time.

We went to her house stayed 3 nights we went shopping and done all these things and we ate so much food. But I can't wait till I go back another Christmas and do all them things again and see my aunt again.

That time when I went was like 4 years ago and I still remember everything we did because it was so much funnnnn. And i'm so happy I was able to go out and do all those things especially seeing my aunt for the 1st time.

We went and ate at new places that I've never had before and we all open gifts and I got so many things and money and I wanted and camera and I got one too and we went up to the top of the mountains took so many beautiful pictures and it was snowing so the pictures were even better. We went back to her house and every morning when we would wake up we cooked a very big breakfast.

We had a good time doing that because we were listening to Christmas music while cooking and we were all happy and excited so be there on Christmas day and we cooked homemade everything and we ate so much food but we loved it because we were all together on Christmas day so that's my Christmas story.

Alec Strickland
Lisa Lennon's Grade 8
Cerro Gordo Elementary

Lily Blackwell
Lisa Lennon's Grade 8
Cerro Gordo Elementary

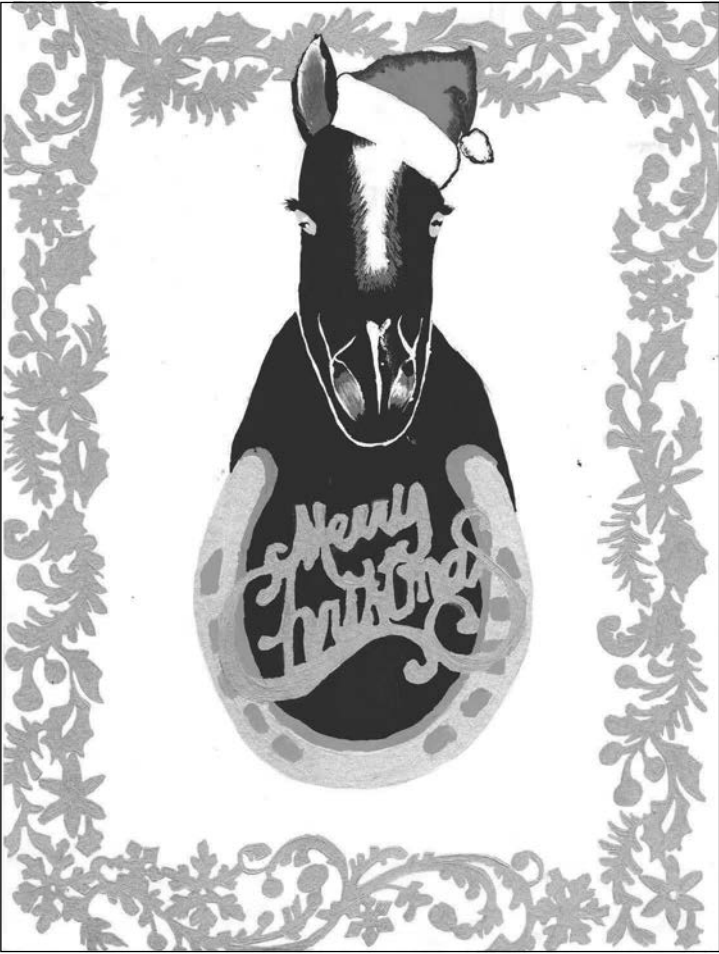
My Christmas Memory

My most memorable Christmas was 2015's Christmas. Last year during Christmas break we went to New York City with my two cousins and my aunt and uncle. We flew to New York from Myrtle Beach. It was only about an hour fly to New York. Our flight with Spirit Airlines was delayed for about 30 minutes because it was late arriving.

Our hotel was in Manhattan, NY in Times Square. We got to see almost everything there was to see and do about everything. We went to the 9/11 memorial and the One World Trade Center. We also went Ellis Island and Ellis Islands museum. We had a great time in New York even though it was during Christmas and it was very busy in Time Square.

We thought that our experience in New York was going to end great so we thought. Our last day in New York we were planning to see some little things before we left. We had checked out of our hotel that morning after we had checked out we saw that there was going to be a tropical storm. Spirit Airlines had emailed us saying that due to the storm all flights leaving NY were go canceled.

They also said it would be two weeks before they would make another flight,since they are a budget airline they make few trips. We were going to rent a van to drive home but because of the flights being canceled every car and van had been rented. After five hours of trying to find a van we finally found one to hold my family and my cousins family we finally drove home from Newark, New Jersey.



Michaela Hart
Joy Fowler's Grade 12
South Columbus High



Kaitlyn Ward
Elizabeth Spaulding's Grade 6
Hallsboro Middle School



Gage Edwards
Kristi Greene's Grade 2
Whiteville Primary

Christmas Wish

My Christmas wish is for every kid to do good so they can get a present. I wish Christmas was every day of the year.

Brody
Letitia Boyd's Grade 1
Guideway Elementary

Dear Santa

How old are you? Are you old? I like your movies. I want two Xboxes. Can I go to your house please when I get like a man and strong, I will. I want mindcraft toys.
Love Carlos

Carlos
Ashley Spivey's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa

I want a trampoline and a toy pistol. I want a red, blue and green truck. I have been a good boy all day.
Love Noah

Noah
Ashley Spivey's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary

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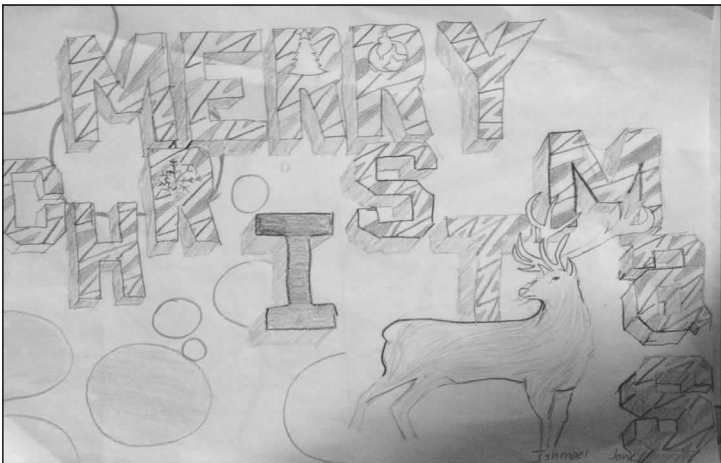
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Carson Skipper
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Edgewood Elementary



Eymi Martinez Hernandez
Elizabeth Spaulding's Grade 7
Acme Delco Middle

Dear Santa,

I know that you're real, but not everyone knows that. It would be nice if someone had a plan to help those who do not know that you're real to understand. Luckily, I have one.

This year I didn't ask for a flying reindeer (though I still really want one) because I want something else. I am asking for you to prove to everyone that you are real. Maybe you could go flying in the daytime, so everyone can see you. Or instead of talking to parents, you could talk to the children. I hope you take my idea into consideration. One day everyone will believe in Santa Claus; that is my vision. I believe it will come true.

On Christmas eve night, I will leave a beef jerky stick and a cheese stick. Please only take the beef jerky stick (because I really like cheese) if you have read my letter. Also I would like a holiday named after me (it's not fair you have Christmas)!

Jc Simpkins
7th grade- Harrelson
Whiteville Central Middle School

Missing Memory

I don't have a
Favorite Christmas memory
But if I did

I would love for it to be far away from this

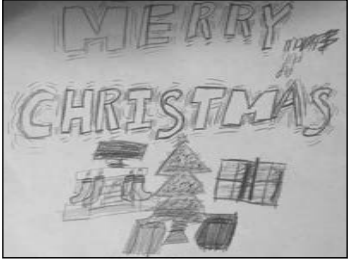
I would like lights
And ornaments
And peace in the mist
where there's no
world crisis
No mass fightings
Love in the air
and no more crying.

Two o'clock Presents

One Christmas when I was four or five, I was so anxious to see what were in the presents under the tree. That morning we opened presents at two o'clock. After we got through, we went back to bed and woke up when my uncle and grandparents came to see me open presents. When they came in they noticed that all the presents had been opened. We told them about everything and we all went to my grandparents' to help cook.

J.C. Simpkins
Gretal Harrelson's Grade 7
Central Middle

Brittany Barnhill
Nancy Adcox's Grade 8
Evergreen Elementary



Sawyer Herring
Elizabeth Spaulding's Grade 6
Central Middle



Omari Braddy
Kristi Greene's Grade 2
Whiteville Primary

Christmas Wish

My Christmas wish is for an Elf and some toy cars.

Haven
Letitia Boyd's Grade 1
Guideway Elementary

Dear Santa

I want some carebears and trolls.
I want you to come to my house
Santa on Christmas eve. I want
some long tweety shirts to sleep in.

Megan
Ashley Spivey's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary

Snowflakes Haiku

Snowflakes are pretty.
They descend when winter comes.
Making white blankets

Nathan Hester
Sealey/Williams/Rector Grade 5
Edgewood Elementary

Christmas Wish

My Christmas wish is to help my
Gummy and Mia and it snows so I
can play in it.

Van
Letitia Boyd's Grade 1
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Chocolate chip cookies waiting for Santa
Hot chocolate to warm you after a cold day
Reindeer that pull Santa's sleigh
Icing on the warm gingerbread cookies
Santa Claus is coming to town.
Toys that you want appear under the tree.
Miracles happen when Santa arrives.
Awesome mini-toys in your stocking
Snowing outside when I awake

Elves busily making toys for good girls and boys
Very cold nights of winter waiting
Every time I look under the tree I see something new.

Azariah Robinson
McQueen/Rector Grade 4
Edgewood Elementary



Kaliyah Brown
Elizabeth Spaulding's Grade 7
Acme Delco Middle

Christmas Wish

My Christmas wish is that it snows outside and I can have a snowball fight. I wish for an Elf on the shelf to come visit.

Marcos
Letitia Boyd's Grade 1
Guideway Elementary

Christmas

Have you ever a Christmas party? When it was Christmas it was my cousins and mom, dad, sister and brother. It was also my nana and aunts and uncles. I went to my nana's house for Christmas. It was a lot of presents. My grandma me most of the presents. I loved all the presents I got for Christmas. Next, my family decorated my sister birthday. After, I had a party for my sister birthday. For my sister birthday party we had cupcakes. We also had a Christmas party. We also had cake. The cake made me hyper. My sister turned four years old. My sister got birthday present. Finally, I had a lot of fun on my sister's birthday and on my Christmas party. When it was snack time I got a candy cane. I love Christmas parties. I also love birthday parties. After, I ate dinner at my Nana's. Then, it was time to leave.

Zayon Webb
Haylea Sullivan's Grade 3
Acme Delco Elementary

Cousins

All about me and my cousin house. In the afternoon I was playing hide and seek. And some different games. Like playing ball outside. He is not that far. And we sometimes talk.

Playing with cousins.... We play basketball because he got a basketball court and we have some balls in case we can play. We sometimes play hide and seek and we have fun by talking to each other. And we play kickball.

I like when I open the presents with my cousin because we can play. And that is my favorite day because me and my cousin sometimes if we can't play with our toys if it is not night we can play outside.

Tony Florida-Candido
Haylea Sullivan's Grade 3
Acme Delco Elementary



Beatriz Vega
Elizabeth Spaulding's Grade 7
Acme Delco Middle



Idonia McCullon
Reeves/Gore/Rector Grade 5
Edgewood Elementary

Christmas Memories

More than a few years ago I didn't know really much about Christmas. I'm not going to lie I was also a little selfish and my parents could tell that so they put me in my church's Christmas play.

I really didn't want to be in a play and I only had my thoughts on the presents that were going to be under the tree on the 25th.

The play was about the birth of Jesus Christ. I had to play the role of Moses and I didn't want to be Moses and I thought I had a boring part of the play.

During an intervention in practice the woman that was leading to the play gave us an explanation on why we are doing the play. She said it is good to show people the real meaning of Christmas and why we celebrate Christmas. When she was explaining I started to realize why my parents wanted me to be in the play.

After the play was over at church I understood the true meaning of the play and Christmas.

From the time we left from church till the time of Christmas my attitude and my outlook on Christmas has increased and from then on I was not selfish anymore.

On Christmas morning I waited patiently for my parents to get up. I didn't want to be mean and wake them up rudely. My sister was the final one to get up and once she got up I let her open up here presents first.

Later on in the day some of my family came over. My cousins came over and we played football and we had fun and after we got done playing we had a Christmas dinner and it was good.

This was my favorite Christmas memory.

Cookies & Milk

I live at Nakina. Please bring me a tablet? How are your elves doing? I am a good girl. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love Tatiana

Tatiana
Ashley Spivey's Grade 1
Old Dock Elementary

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