

Letters to Santa

The following letters were written by 2nd grade students in Ms. Cable's class at MYES.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I help my mom clean up the table and I obey my mom.

For Christmas I want a motor control car. My sis would like a baby doll. My brother would like a motor control car too.

Love,
Shania Lawson

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I have been good to other people. I help my mom take care of Stephanie because she had headaches a lot.
For Christmas I want a baby doll and some playstation games.
I will leave on my Christmas light

Love,
Cassandra Mason

Dear Santa,
I have been a good to others and been getting my work done at school. This year for Christmas, I would like a sleeping beauty Barbie doll and a Go go my Walking pup. I am a baby doll for my little sis.

I will leave cookies and milk for you Santa and carrots and an apple for Rudolph.

Love,
Kimberly Cheatum

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I helped papaw walk to places. For Christmas I would like a remote control truck, and my granny to get better and I was wanting to get my mom a necklace for Christmas. I will leave you some milk and cookies and some

candy canes.

Love,
Jacob Pearson

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I follow the school rules. I help my mommy do chores.

For Christmas I want a Barbie doll. I will leave milk and chocolate chip cookies for Santa.

Love,
Whitney Rodofier

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl because I obeyed my mom and dad. When they told me to go to bed or ask a question, I did not talk back.

For Christmas, I would like to have a Lizzie McGuire gameboy game and a gummy machine. Then I want a picture of Rudolph for my mom and dad. And one more thing a Go Go my walking pup. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love,
Bethany Robbins

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I'm helping my dad get better he is sick.

For Christmas I would like a SD Gundume and I'm going to get my aunt a dress.

I will leave Pepsi for the reindeer.

Your Friend,
Anthony Miller

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I help my mom and my sister. For Christmas I want a horse. I will leave my cup cakes for you.

Love,
Owen Hampton

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Because I help my mom babysit.

For Christmas I want a Go go walking puppy. I will leave milk and cookies. Tell the elves hi and the reindeer hi.

Love,
Shaya Cox

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I try to do my best on my work ever day.

For Christmas can you give me a go go My walking pup and a dragon fly necklace. Something would be nice for my rummy who is sick. I will leave milk and cookies for you and the reindeer.

Love,
Alisha Boyd

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I helped mom put the Christmas tree up.

For Christmas I want a Strydrem game. My mom would like to have a x-2. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love,
Chris Morrow

Dear Santa,
I have been a great boy. I help my mom and dad. I will leave bale of hay and milk.

Love,
Jacob Russell

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl doing my work in school and no card change in a long time.

For Christmas I would like a Barbie bed, doll an pony thing Barbie. I will turn on the Christmas tree lights.

Love,
Erica Clouse

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year because I follow the rules at school. At lunch a few days ago I got milk for Erica when I went to the other line to get it.

I would like the Madden NFL play station game and the coin separator. I also like to games for pxters. I would like it to be a color one to, Say hi to Rudolph for me, Please!!!

Love,
Jacob Taylor

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year! I try to do my best on my work.

For Christmas I would like to have a pi-sho, and a real cat! I will leave him milk and cookies.

Your Friend,
Tiffany G. Horn

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Because I try to be the best I can be. I want a game cube for my dad. I want a Polly Pocket game for my mom. I will leave you milk and cookie for a snack. Say hi to Rudolph for me!

Love,
Lyndsey Abel

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I do my work at school. I want some gameboy games, playstation three and a gun.

I will leave hot chocolate for Santa. I will leave a bale of hay for Rudolph.

Love,
Kyle Denny

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I try to be good to others and do my best at school.

For Christmas I would like to have a Video Now TV. I will leave cokejey and milk. Say hi to Rudolph for me.

Love,
Brianna Hansel

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy at home. I cleaned my room. For Christmas I want to give my gameboy, to my brother for Christmas. I want a dirt bike and something for my granny.

Your Friend,
Ellis Hines

A Christmas Story

Submitted by Deronia Mink

It was only five days before Christmas. The spirit of the season hadn't yet caught up with me, even though cars packed the parking lot of our Houston area target Shopping Center. Inside the store, it was worse. Shopping cars and last minute shoppers jammed the aisles. Why did I come today? I wondered. My feet ached almost as much as my head. My list contained names of several people who claimed they wanted nothing but I knew their feelings would be hurt if I didn't buy them anything. Buying for someone who had everything and depriving the high cost of items. I considered gift-buying anything but fun. Hurriedly, I filled my shopping cart with last minute items and proceeded to the long checkout lines. I picked the shortest but it looked as if it would mean at least a 20 minute wait.

In front of me were two small children - a boy of about 10 and a young girl about 5. The boy wore a ragged coat. Enormously large, tattered tennis shoes jutted far out in front of his much too short jeans. He clutched several crumpled dollar bills in his grimy hands. The girl's clothing resembled her brother's. Her head was a matted mass of curly hair. Reminders of an evening meal showed on her small face. She carried a beautiful pair of shiny, gold house slippers. As the Christmas music sounded in the store's stereo system, the girl hummed along off-key but happily.

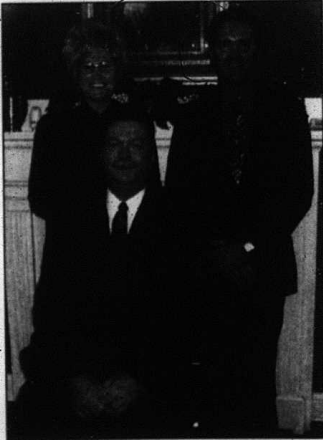
When we finally approached the checkout register, the girl carefully played the shoes on the counter. She treated them as though they were a treasure. The clerk rang-up the bill. "That will be \$6.99," she said. The

boy laid his crumpled dollars atop the stand while he searched his pockets. He finally came up with \$3.12. "I guess we will have to put them back," he bravely said. "We will come back some other time, maybe tomorrow." With that statement, a soft sob broke from the little girl. "But Jesus would have loved these shoes," she cried. "Well, we'll go home and work some more. Don't cry. We'll come back," he said.

Quickly I handed \$3.00 to the cashier. These children had waited in line for a long time. And, after all, it was Christmas. Suddenly a pair of arms came around me and a small voice said, "Thank you Sir." "What did you mean when you said Jesus would like the shoes?" I asked. The small boy answered, "Our mom is sick and going to heaven. Daddy said she might go before Christmas to be with Jesus."

The girl spoke, "My Sunday School teacher said the streets in heaven are shiny gold, just like these shoes. Won't mom be beautiful walking on those streets to match these shoes?" My eyes flooded as I looked into her tear streaked face. "Yes" I answered, "I am sure she will." Suddenly I thanked God for using these children to remind me of the true spirit of giving. Christmas is not about the amount of money paid, nor the amount of gifts purchased, nor trying to impress friends and relatives. Christmas is about the love in your heart to share with those as Jesus Christ has shared with each of us. Christmas is about the birth of Jesus whom God sent to show the world how much he really loves us. Please show this love as we think of the upcoming season.

To wish you the gift of faith, the blessing of hope, and the peace of His love at Christmas and always.



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Merry Christmas



Seated: Dusty Wright. Back row from left: Danetta Allen, Sam Ford, Roy Adams, Clarissa Hodge, David Henderson and Danny Ford.

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