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BREAKING NEWS

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## It's CHRISTMAS Time at SES



### Mrs. Gebhardt's Christmas Thoughts

By Xavier Koenig



I interviewed and asked Mrs. Gebhardt a few questions about her Christmas at home and at school. Of course she responded. This year Mrs. Gebhardt is moving to a new house over Christmas break, but will still find time to enjoy some of her favorite Christmas traditions. She says that she likes making food as a tradition to remember her loved ones. For example, she plans to make homemade peanut butter fudge in memory of her grandma Davis Mason. She also said, "I'll shop for specific gifts for people like I used to do with my Grandma Britt, I'll use beautiful Christmas dishes like my Mom has always done, and my family will review the Adornaments together in memory of the One who Christmas is truly all about." She says that she enjoys eating soups and appetizers and snacking on all the yummy goodies while playing games with her family and friends.

"I am so grateful we are allowed to celebrate Christmas at SES! It is a great reminder to share the gifts of JOY and LOVE with all those around us and the loved ones that are no longer with us." This is what Mrs. Gebhardt said when I asked about celebrating Christmas here at SES. She also said, "The lights we hang remind us to take time to Shine! The presents we put in the windows along the music hallway are a reminder that our friendship is one of the best gifts we can give anyone. The family engagement night gives us a chance to take time as a family to sit back and read some of the wonderful Christmas stories together. Best of all, the building explodes with excitement! The hallways are full of Christmas songs in preparation for the concert, and everyone works so hard to bring that extra bit of Christmas magic to each other. I love it!" Mrs. Gebhardt is not the only one that really enjoys the Christmas traditions here at SES. The students really appreciate the things our principal does for us.

Mrs. Gebhardt and all the staff here at SES put their own time into putting up our wonderful Christmas lights, decorations in the halls, and the blow up yard decorations. Another favorite tradition that I just have to mention is our favorite Elf who shows up every year at Christmas time!

### PTO Christmas

By Tessa Monnig



The mission of PTO is to help build better citizens of tomorrow, encourage the well being of children, and unite parents and teachers to promote a workable relationship for the benefit and growth of students.

PTO plans a lot of great things for our school! They have planned so much in the past and for our future. The most recent playground equipment PTO has purchased was the Tri-runner. In the past few years PTO has hosted a semi-annual spring carnival. They have also had the ability to take the entire elementary to the magic movies at B&B theater at Moberly for Christmas! They are currently looking into options to surprise SES for Christmas this year!

The PTO loves to be able to do these fun things for the students here at SES. This is possible through the fundraising that the students do each year. We would like to thank them so much for all that they do!



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## BREAKING NEWS

### Steven Kozan Writing Contest Winner Announced

By: Aidan Farnen

Can you imagine the thrill Emma Korte, SES 4th grader, felt when she was announced the winner of the Steven Kozan writing contest? I am sure she was filled with excitement and joy! This contest was for the third and fourth grade SES students. Mr. Kozan held an assembly where he shared how anyone can be inspired to become a writer. During the assembly, each student submitted a writing sample to try and win the opportunity to write their own book! While working on her writing sample, Emma was inspired to write her book idea from a poster she had seen.

In a recent interview, Emma shared that when she writes it energizes her to keep writing. Her love for writing and words motivated her to keep writing until she feels her story is complete. Emma gave us a little sneak peek as to what her book will be about. We know she has a storyline developing about a girl who gets bullied because she likes bugs. She also wants to write about 20 pages for her book.

In Emma's free time, she plays basketball and softball. Emma goes to the YMCA to practice and talks to friends. I wonder if any of her favorite hobbies will make an appearance in her new book?! I am anxiously awaiting her book release for the Fall of 2023!



### Upcoming Events

#### December

12/19/22 Christmas Parties and concert practice  
12/21/22 PTO christmas  
2nd Quarter Ends  
12:36 Dismissal - Winter Break

#### January

1/3/23 Teacher In-Service- No School  
1/4/23 2nd Semester Begins and 2nd Quarter  
Grade Cards go home  
1/6/23 Character Shirt Friday  
1/9/23 Law Enforcement Appreciation Day  
1/11/2023 Milk Day  
1/16/23 No School- Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
1/18/23 Board of Education meeting  
1/20/23 Cheese Lovers Day  
1/24/23 International Day of Education  
1/25/23 Workout Wednesday  
1/30/23 Croissant Day

#### February

2/3/23 Midterm Grade Due and Character Shirt  
Day  
2/6/23 Midterm Grades go home  
2/6-20/23 National School Counseling Week and  
Courtwarding Week  
2/9/23 Superbowl Menu  
2/14/23 Valentine's Day  
2/17/23 SES Science Night from 7-8:00





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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### Staff Spotlight: Mrs. Bearden

By Gabby Gordon

Mrs. Bearden has done it all! She's a nurse, she has been in the military, worked at schools, and she's a mom. She has four children; Alyssa, Karma, Issac, and Evelyn. Mrs. Bearden is a staff member at Salisbury Elementary School. When Mrs. Bearden started college, she couldn't make a decision whether she wanted to go into education or nursing. The decision was made when she got accepted into nursing school. Mrs. Bearden received her nursing license through Penn Valley Community in Kansas City, Missouri, in 2000. Then she joined the military in 2001 and was enlisted for 8 years. She did pediatric homecare for the last 5 years.

After she got out of the military, she decided to move to Salisbury and started to think about changing careers. Mrs. Bearden saw that Salisbury Elementary School was looking for another para and the decision was easy to make.

Mrs. Bearden works hard everyday. Her favorite part of her job is her hours. She loves that she gets the same days off as her kids. Working as a nurse in a hospital or clinic setting, you tend to work a lot on the weekends and holidays. She felt work always came first. Now she feels her work and her family can both come first. Mrs. Bearden loves to read and she would love to go to the mountains. Her favorite restaurant is Roxanne's Cafe in Parkville, Mo. The school is very grateful to have Mrs. Bearden as a para and I would love to thank her for all of the work she has done at SES.



Mrs. Bearden being honored for her service on Veterans' Day.

### Spotlight on Mrs. Val

By: Luke Britt

"Seeing students overcome something that is difficult for them." That's Mrs. Val's favorite part of her job. Mrs. Val is a Paraprofessional here at Salisbury Elementary. After graduating high school she got an associate degree at MACC. Mrs. Val did not finish her degree in the traditional two years. She was a young mother so it took her a little longer. She is currently enrolled at GCU working on a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. By the time she graduates she will have five years of college.

She chose to become a Paraprofessional because she loves working with kids and wants to inspire kids to meet their God-given potential. If she didn't become a Paraprofessional she would probably work in a health and wellness store. This is her fourth year here at Salisbury Elementary. Before that, she was a cook for Moberly High School for three school years. In Mrs. Val's spare time she hangs out with her family and she loves to stay active with her church. Her biggest goal for her career is to prepare and equip her students to be successful, active, and productive members of their community.

A little bit about her personal life is that Mrs. Val has six kids in her family. Mrs. Val's favorite restaurant to eat at is Lambert's Cafe. She tends to decorate for Christmas on Thanksgiving or the day after with her family. If Mrs. Val could get anything for Christmas, she would want a nice vacation to someplace warm. Mrs. Val is truly a blessing to Salisbury Elementary.



Miss Val and her family: Cameron, Alex, Arik, Kenny, Bryant, Waylon, and Brenton





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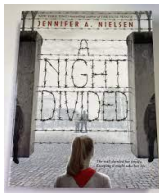


## BREAKING NEWS

### A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen

A Book Review

By: Jazmin Wilshire



Have you ever felt like you couldn't do anything other than what the government said? This is how Gerta and her family felt in *A Night Divided* by Jennifer A. Nielsen. *A Night Divided* is about a family that got separated between a wall. It all started when Gerta's family wanted to see if it would be possible to move to West Berlin where they would have more freedoms from the government. Gerta's dad and her oldest brother, Dominic, went to West Berlin for what was supposed to be a short trip to check it out. Tragically, while they were there, East Berlin put up a wall separating it from West Berlin. They posted guards up in towers and all along the wall so no one could leave, enter the city. My favorite part of the book is when Gerta sees her dad on the other side of the wall, and he does a dance to get Gerta's attention. It was a dance about a farmer that they used to do together when Gerta was younger. He used this to send Gerta a message that would cause her to take great risks to bring their family together again. An SES student from sixth grade, Sophia Rowe, says "I don't ever want to have to go through what Gerta went through when she got separated from her dad. *A Night Divided* is very interesting and very good." If you like dramatic books you should definitely read *A Night Divided*.

### This Day in History December 16th

By Reagan Parker

- 1773: Boston tea party
- 1979: Increases in gas prices
- 2000: Colin Powell becomes Secretary of State

Imagine this, it's 1773 the British government put a tax of three pennies for every pound of tea. "NO TAXATION WITHOUT REPUTATION!" is all you hear as you board the ship docked on the Boston Harbor. You and other colonists are dressed up as Indians on a mission to sneak onto the ships and destroy the tea by throwing it into the Boston Harbor. 342 chests of tea were destroyed, according to modern estimates that could have brewed 18,523,000 cups of tea! That's more than \$1,700,000 in today's money.

On December 16, 1979 the ongoing crisis that is going on in Iran caused the gas price to increase from 63 cents to one dollar. Because of this the government produced coupons for rationing due to panic buying.

On December 16, 2000 George W. Bush, U.S. president, announced that Colin Powell would become the first ever African-American to hold the position, Secretary of State. "They will say Colin Powell is the first African-American to hold the position of Secretary of State. And I'm glad they will say that." Powell said. Bush praised Powell for his long time service in the army.



# Kindergarten Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

Can I have a Lloyd lego race car? Can I have a red ninja lego dragon set? That's all. Also, a hot wheels set of race cars with a dinosaur track and race car where the dinosaur is eating it.

Love,  
Finley

Dear Santa,

I would like 100 Roblox for Christmas please.

Love,  
Alexia

Dear Santa,

Can I please have some kinetic sand? I love to go swimming, could I have some swimming toys too? I would also love some new play doh please!

Love,  
Matthias

Dear Santa,

I would like a toy train, car, and helicopter. I would also like a Monster truck please.

Love,  
Gabriel

Dear Santa,

I want to have a fortnight car because I love playing Fortnite. I want a toy from Chucky Cheese, a dirt bike car and I would like a sleigh with the lights on and \$2050 Roblox.

Love,  
Jasper

Dear Santa,

Can I have a hot wheels track? Can I have a new cup? Can I have a big pack of hot wheel cars? Can I have some glazed donuts? Can I have a Mario Kart game?

Love,  
William

Dear Santa,

I would like a dinosaur toy and a lot of hot wheel cars. Could you also make a bowling ball for me please?

Love,  
Jayden

Dear Santa,

I want a computer and I want a Barbie car, a very glittery one. I want rings and I want Don't Break the Ice game. I want a flower pot with flowers and some new playdough and a Christmas tree for my room. I want a desk for my computer. I want a mouse for my computer. I want a cat toy for my cat. I want a jewelry box for my rings and necklaces and more necklaces too. I want some new markers and a golden thing for my bed. I want some ornaments for my tree.

Love,  
Kylee





# Kindergarten Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a Barbie doll. Thank you. Thank you for Christmas.  
Santa say, "Hi" to Mrs. Claus.

Love,  
Qahsen

Dear Santa,

Please could I have a Tesla power wheel and a robot for Christmas?

Love,  
Brady

Dear Santa,

Would you please bring me some Barbies? Would you bring a dog to me? Can I have a baby doll? I need a bed, diapers, and bottles for the baby doll.

Love,  
Annika

Dear Santa,

Can I please have a silver Lab stuffed animal dog? I would like a platypus squishmallow please!!

Love,  
Quinn

Dear Santa,

Can I please have a Barbie for Christmas? I like to play with baby dolls. Could I please have new baby bottles for them? Can I please have a Frozen necklace?

Love,  
Harper

Dear Santa,

I want a rock star toy. I want a Goo Jit Zu fireman. That's all. I want a hot wheels track.

Love,  
Grady

Dear Santa,

I want a toy train and that's it.

Love,  
Austin

Dear Santa,

I would like a racing track and a robot dog for Christmas please. I would also like to have some tools to fix stuff please.

Love,  
Connor

Dear Santa,

Please give me a robot toy with stretch legs and arms and a robot dog.

Love,  
Titus



# Kindergarten Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a gray unicorn llama please! Could I please have a pretty white horse with black spots and a blue mane.

Love,  
Maddie

Dear Santa,

I love you and I want a present. I want a toy bell. I want you to get me lots of presents. I want a magnifying glass and a book. I want new earrings. I want candy and I want a new coat and mittens. I also want a pointer.

Love you & thank you for all the presents you gave me,  
Summer Abeln

Dear Santa,

I want a transformer. I want a car that you can sit in and drive, the police car one, it is at Walmart. I want a whiteboard and a toy truck that the doors open and it is blue. I want a pop-it and some markers, smelly ones. I want another transformer tank. I want a camouflage pointer like Mrs. Littleton's.

I love you Santa!  
Kilynn Ardery

Dear Santa,

I want a big monster truck with a remote control. I want the cool gun that I saw that goes in circles. I want a semi.

I like you,  
Brayden Burris

Dear Santa,

I want a Nerf Gun. I want a toy zombie. I want a book. I want some markers. I want a toy Grinch. I want a Grinch costume. I also want some pencils.

Thank you for last year!  
Knox Cook





# Kindergarten Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

I want a new Barbie doll with a luggage set and headphones and a cat and some hair supplies. I want an American Girl Doll with a toy phone. I want a microphone and a unicorn foot pedal and when you step on the pedal the unicorn goes.

Thank you for all my gifts!  
Landry Cooper

Dear Santa,

I want a toy horse that has a pouch that you can put carrots and food that comes with it in, and I can ride it. I want a vanity that is tall enough for a five year old. I want makeup to put on at my vanity. A Barbie Ken doll and a Barbie Dream House. I would like a Grinch baby. I would like a style head that I can do hair on. I would like a beanbag. I would like a baby doll that comes with everything I need. I would like a toy mermaid and some walkie talkies that come in two.

Merry Christmas!  
Ariana Ferguson

Dear Santa

I want a Saber Tooth Tiger toy. I want a toy penguin so I can waddle it and nothing else.

Merry Christmas!  
Adam Henke

Dear Santa,

I would like a heart stuffy, Rudolph stuffy, a shirt that has a Christmas tree on it with pants that have snowmen on them. I would also like a rainbow stuffy, a bow that has rainbows on the ends, a Santa stocking with an ornament too. I would like a floaty that has hearts on it and earrings for my sister.

I love you Santa!  
Cede Howard





# Kindergarten Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

I want a LOL mermaid that has long colorful hair and when you put her in the water her tail changes colors and it has a rainbow necklace. I want a rainbow watch.

Thank you Santa for giving all the kids presents  
Laney Kruessel

Dear Santa,

I want roller skates, knee pads, elbow pads, wrist pads and I want a skateboard. I would like a kitty cat stuffy. That is all.

Merry Christmas!  
Tallulah Lorenz

Dear Santa,

I want a pop-it, a present with a doll in it. I want a candle, a step stool, a bell, a watch and I want a computer.

Merry Christmas!  
Raylee Palmer

Dear Santa,

I want an apple, a jack-in-the-box, a fire gun, and a Black Panther. I also want a baby chicken, a barbeque grill, a campfire, and a police car and that is it.

Thank you for last year!  
Logan Pegelow

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie, and LOL dolls. I also want a Barbie Dream house.

Thank you!  
Della Snodgrass



# Kindergarten Letters to Santa

Dear Santa

I want a Megatron, a toy snake, a toy spider, a toy fish, and that is it!

Happy Holidays!  
Dennis Thompson

Dear Santa,

I want a Nerf gun and a race car. That is all!

Merry Christmas!  
Faron Thornburg

Dear Santa,

I want a barrel saddle with gold on the back of it and a headstall with gold on it for my horse. I would also like some Legos and I would like 2 more skateboards and I want a radio with an antenna on it and I don't want anything else.

See you soon!  
Mavryck Wages

Dear Santa,

I want a Grave Digger truck that can go in water. I want a Monty Gator figure that pops together and pops apart. I want an Xbox and some big rubber ducks.

I love you!  
Bradley West





# 1st Grade Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

My name is Elliott Clark. I really want to see you on Christmas Eve. I really want to see your reindeer, like Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. I would really want you to come to my house. I really really want a Nintendo Switch, a Playstation 5, and a tablet. Please and thank you.

Love,  
Elliott Clark

Dear Santa,

My name is Taylor. I am seven years old. Can I please have a Nintendo Switch? Can I please have a painting set? Can I please have a lego set? I hope you have a good flight.

Love,  
Taylor Collins

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a good winter and I hope your reindeer have a good winter. I hope you have enough feed to feed your reindeer. I hope your deer have good shelter. I would like for Christmas a remote controlled toy train, but not a Christmas train and I want a basketball. I would also like a robot and a Nintendo. That's it Santa. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Love,  
Alexander Emmerich

Dear Santa,

My name is Kendyl. I hope you have a good flight this year. I live in Salisbury, Missouri. I am six years old. This year for Christmas, I would like a smart watch, a fish like Frank, and earrings because my dad will probably get my ears pierced after Christmas maybe. I will leave the reindeer some carrots and you some milk and cookies.

Love,  
Kendyl Guilford

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a good time with your reindeers. My name is Ava. I live by Fehlings. What I want for Christmas is LOL dolls. I want a Nintendo Switch and I want a new water bottle. I would also like to have a slap bracelet made out of legos and a hanger for my necklaces. That's all I can think of. I hope you and the reindeer are having a fun time.

Love,  
Ava Harris

Dear Santa,

I hope you're having a good day. I hope the reindeer are doing good. May I have a pomeranian for Christmas and I would like a hot-a-cuzzi (jacuzzi). My mom and I really want one and my grandma would go crazy for one. I would like a set of monkey bars. I want hot cocoa and sprinkles and reese's. I don't like them, but my grandma does. I would just give them to her. I want kit kats please. I would also like some new markers. That's all I would like. I hope you are having a good holiday.

Love,  
Mindi Thomas





# 1st Grade Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a safe trip around the world. My name is Elizabeth Sears. I am seven years old. I live in Salisbury, Missouri. I would like a Barbie with blonde hair, some Barbie clothes, and a Barbie car for Christmas. I hope you have a safe flight.

Love,  
Elizabeth Sears

Dear Santa,

My name is Kinsley Littleton. I am in first grade. For Christmas I want a 3D pen. Could I please have some more earrings? What does your deer eat to make them fly? I hope you have a safe flight and I can't wait to see you on Christmas night.

Love,  
Kinsley Littleton

Dear Santa,

My name is Scout. I am in school. I am a first grader and I am a flag football player. Sometimes I play games. That's it. I please want like a tablet, and I want a Christmas tree, and a xbox and a Playstation 5. And that's probably it. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Love,  
Scout Monnig

Dear Santa,

My name is Mara Ostermann. I like to craft in my free time. I want to know if you can design a bath bomb maker? I am a very creative girl. I would also like some Thanksgiving earrings and maybe my own paint set. I am going to leave some carrots for the reindeer and some cookies and milk for you. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Mara Ostermann

Dear Santa,

My name is Abram. I am six years old. I live in a wooden house that is brown. This year for Christmas I would like a fidget spinner and another hoverboard and a stuffed animal. I hope you find my house and have a Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Abram Sanders

Dear Santa,

My name is Maggie. I am six years old. I live with my mom and my dad and my brother. I hope you don't get cold on your flight. I would like a slide and a treehouse for Christmas. My dad hasn't built a treehouse yet, because he doesn't have enough wood and he doesn't really chop down trees, so this could be something that you could do for him. I also want a real dog. I love doggies. They are really cute. I would also like a doghouse, if I get a dog, because he will need to live somewhere. I think this is it. My mom and dad would be happy because they had a dog that died. I will give you milk and cookies because Clinton and I make cookies every year. I think that's it.

Love,  
Maggie Sanders



# 1st Grade Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

My name is Jacob Stevens. I live in Salisbury, Missouri. I have two big sisters. I have two dogs. Their names are Auzzie and Puablo. I am six years old. My dad's house has bricks on it and my mom's house is white. You can find me at either of these places. They will both have Christmas trees and stockings. This year I want a smart watch and an apple phone for Christmas. I also want a bow, so when I'm old enough I can shoot a deer. I would like a nerf gun to practice shooting. I hope I'm on the good list! I hope you have a good flight! And that would be it.

Love,  
Jacob Stevens

Dear Santa,

My name is Alina. I am 7 years old. I think I have been a little bit naughty this year, but I would really like to get a Squishmallow and a Rudolph plush. Thank you for the Barbie doll and clothes that you gave me last year. I will leave some cookies for you and a carrot for the reindeer. I hope you bring my sisters and my brother something. Thank you for all my presents.

Love,  
Alina Morrison

Dear Santa,

My name is Paisley. I am 6 years old. I have been a little bit naughty this year. I want a gymnastics set and a new swimming Barbie doll for Christmas. Thank you for the baby doll set that you gave me last year. Say hi to the elves for me. I want to give the reindeer some food. I am going to leave some cookies and milk for you. Can you bring my sisters a draw pad? Can you also bring my mom and dad some new clothes, especially pajamas for my dad?

Love,  
Paisley Morrison

Dear Santa,

My name is Anna. I am 6 years old. I have been good most of the time. This year I would really like to get a real cat so that I have 3 like I used too. I also want you to build me a snowman when it is snowing. Thank you for the Harmonica that you gave me last year.

Love,  
Anna Buffington

Dear Santa,

My name is Paige. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. I really want you to bring me a little fake car, and a Squishmallow. I will leave some cookies and milk for you. I will also leave you a note that says thank you for all the presents. I will put out some glitter around the back yard so you know it's a special prize.

Love,  
Paige Krueger





# 1st Grade Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

My name is Clinton Sanders. I am 6 years old. I have been good most of the time. I would like a Stuffy Brontosaurus and a robot for Christmas. Thank you for the Case IH tractor that you gave last year. Say hi to Rudolph for me. Can you bring me some Starburst and M&M's too? I will leave some milk and peppermint oreos out for you. I will also leave some carrots for the reindeer. Keep those reindeer on the track!

Love,  
Clinton Sanders

Dear Santa,

My name is Serenity. I am 6 years old. I have been nice all year. Can you bring me a Sqishmallow and a sweater for Christmas? I also want a striped hat with a pom pom, some mittens, and a Santa costume for Bob. Thank you for the board games that you gave me last year. Say hi to the reindeer for me. I will leave a picture for you and a cute toy for the reindeer. Thank you for the presents.

Love,  
Serenity Smith

Dear Santa,

My name is Keen. I am 7 years old. I have been good all year. I really want a dinosaur car and a trampoline for Christmas. I also want a standing game, a tricycle, and a doll house. Thank you for the Thomas tower that you gave me last year. Say hi to the elves for me. I will leave some cookies and milk for you and some lollipops for the reindeer. I love you and like how big your belly is. I love you and thank you for delivering presents to everyone.

Love,  
Keen Teeter

Dear Santa,

My name is Collin. I am 6 years old. I have been nice this year. This year I would really like a go-cart and 2 Lamborghinis. I also want a Razor that I can drive, an RC car, and gas for a dirt bike. Thank you for the RC car that you gave me last year. Say hi to Rudolph for me. I will leave some chocolate chip cookies for you and some carrots for Rudolph. I love Christmas.

Love,  
Collin Wilshire

Dear Santa,

My name is Owen. I am 6 years old. I have been good sometimes and naughty sometimes. I would really like a remote control monster truck and a Gook toy. Thank you for the presents and the toys. I will leave you some milk and some carrots for the reindeer.

Love,  
Owen Nelson





# 1st Grade Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

My name is Karter. I am 6 years old. I have been good most of the time. This year I would really like a Squishmallow, a Princess Peach if you have one. I also want some mini food to make a store. Thank you for the swing that you brought me last year. Say hi to the elves. I love the elf that you sent me. I will leave some homemade cookies and milk for you. I will also leave some carrots for the reindeer. I love you!

Love,  
Karter Nelson

Dear Santa,

My name is Jamieson. I am 6 years old. I have been sometimes good and sometimes naught. This year I would like some LOL dolls and some bath bombs that have prizes inside. Thank you for the head bands and the pink guitar that you gave me last year. Thank you for giving me presents and toys.

Love,  
Jamieson Rice

Dear Santa,

My name is Quaihlen. I am 7 years old. This year I would like a Barbie house, and a remote control monster truck. Thank you for the remote control monster truck that you gave me last year. Say hi to Rudolph for me. I want to say hi to Mrs. Claus. I will leave some cookies out when you come. I will also leave some carrots for Rudolph. He is my favorite reindeer.

Love,  
Quaihlen Johnson

Dear Santa,

My name is Braxton. I am 7 years old. I have been nice all year. I would like to have a hot wheels track and a toy rocket ship for Christmas. Thank you for the soda that you gave me last year. I will leave some cookies and milk for you and some reindeer food for the reindeer. Your elf is being silly at my house. I thought it was funny when the elf was in my bathroom.

Love,  
Braxton Green





# 2nd Grade Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

How is buddy the ELF? Something I want for Christmas is my two front teeth and Lego sets. Something I need for Christmas is a pair of Christmas socks please. Something I would like to get to wear is a Christmas sweater. Something I would like to read is a lot of Captain Underpants books full color!! I did my best at being good!

Sincerely,  
Imogen Atterbury

Dear Santa,

How are your eleves? Something I want for Christmas is a bird. Something I need for Christmas is a shack. Something I would like to have to wear is shoes. Something I would like to read is the bad guys books. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Sincerely,  
Lukas Ferguson

Dear Santa,

How are the elves doing? Something I want for Christmas is a copy spoon. Something I need is a Gabby's Doll House. Something I would like to get to wear is shoes. Something I would like to get to read is Layla and the bots books. I tried to be good to my sisters.

Sincerely,  
Harper Fuemmeler

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer? Something I want for Christmas is a ps5 and some LEGO sets. Something I need for Christmas is Hey Dudes. Something I would like to wear for Christmas is undies. Something I would like to get to read is DogMan books. Please and thank you.

Sincerely,  
Conrad Heddeshimer

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus? Something I want for Christmas is a ps4. Something I need for christmas is spider-man stocking cap and spider man gloves. Something to wear that I want for Christmas is a coat. For Christmas I want to read Pete the Cat books.

Sincerely,  
Jason Manson

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Something I want for Christmas is a cayd something I need is a fitbit something I would like to have to wear is a tye dye shirt. something I would like to get to read is owl diaries series.

Sincerely,  
Dagny Monning

Dear Santa,

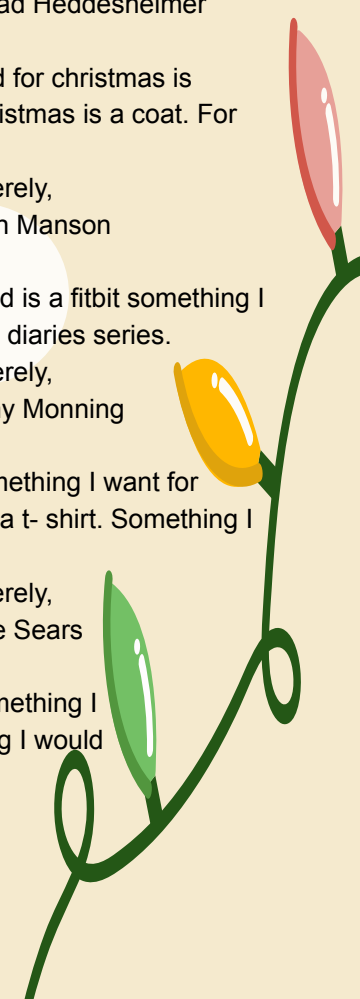
How is your day? Are you ready to eat and drink lots of cookies and milk? Something I want for Christmas is a rat. Something I need more of is cats. Something I would like to wear is a t- shirt. Something I would like to have to read is ghostville elementary books. I have been good this year

Sincerely,  
Sadie Sears

Dear Santa,

How are the elves doing? Something I want for Chrispas is a copy spoon. Something I need is a Gabbys doll house. Something I would like to get to wear is shoes. Something I would like to get to read is Layla and the bots books. I tried to be good to my sisters.

Sincerely,  
Harper Fuemmeler





# 2nd Grade Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Something I want for Christmas is a PS5. Something I need is camo pants. Something I would like to read is Pete the cat. I have been really good this year.

Sincerely,  
Reed

Dear Santa,

How are the elves? Something I want for Christmas is Two coon pups. Something I need is a calf. Something to wear is a shirt. Something I want to read is the magic tree house books. Cookies, cookies, cookies, I need more cookies

Sincerely,  
Finley Thornburg

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Something I want for Christmas is a PS5. Something I need a dinosaur shirt. Something I need is a dinosaur shirt. Something I want to read is a dinosaur book. I have been really good this year.

Sincerely,  
Trevor

Dear Santa,

How are your elves? Something I want for Christmas is dinosaur toys. Something I need for Christmas is gloves. Something I would like to get to wear is a dinosaur shirt. Something I would like to have to read is dinosaur books.

Sincerely,  
Mikey Thompson

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus? Something I want for Christmas is a PS4. Something for Christmas I need is a spiderman stocking cap and spiderman gloves. Something to wear that I want for Christmas is a coat. For Christmas I want Pete the Cat books to read.

Sincerely,  
Jaxon Manson

Dear Santa,

Hi! I hope you are doing well. Thank you for the presents last year. I hope the reindeer are well. Something I would like for Christmas is makeup. I also need gloves. I would like a sparkle dress to wear. Something I would like to read is the Princess in Black Series. I hope you like my list and my cookies.

Sincerely,  
Gracie Estes

Dear Santa,

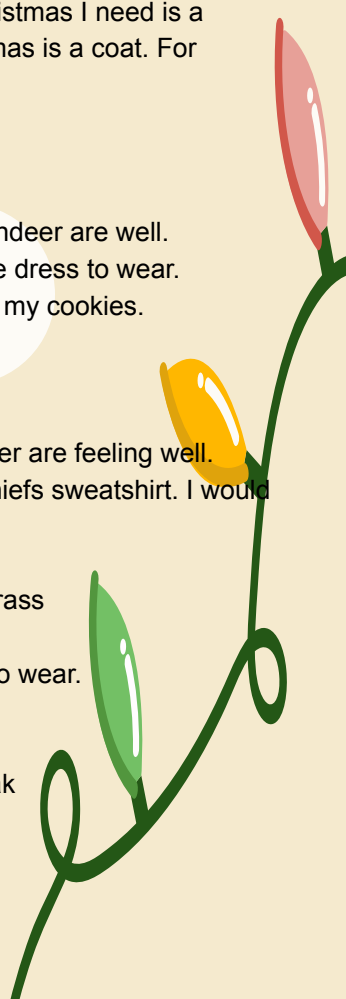
I hope you are feeling well. Thank you for the presents last year. I hope the reindeer are feeling well. Something I want this year is a hoverboard. I also need art supplies. I would like a KC Chiefs sweatshirt. I would also like to read Junie B. Jones. I hope you have a good trip.

Sincerely,  
Brynna Snodgrass

Dear Santa,

I hope you're doing well. Thank you for giving me that hat for Christmas Sweater to wear. Something I would like to read is pug books. I hope you like the cookies I made.

Sincerely,  
Victoria Wozniak







# 2nd Grade Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

Hi! I liked the presents last year! Something I would like for Christmas is a guitar set and drum set. I also need a new pair of shoes. I would like a minecraft shirt. something I would like to read is the bad guys books (the New York one). I hope you have a safe flight. Hopefully you like my cookies.

Sincerely,  
Jacob Lewis

Hi! How is it in the North Pole? I hope it's fun something i would like for christmas is a ladybug doll. I also need crayons. I would like a Christmas sweater to wear. Something I would to read is chapter books. I hope you have a safe trip. Please tell the reindeer I said hi.

Sincerely,  
Madeleine Tanner

Dear Santa,

Hi! Thank you for the toys last year. Something I want for Christmas is a Xbox. I also need markers. I would like a Santa costume to wear. Something I would like to read is a puppy play time book. I hope you eat and drink my cookies and milk.

Sincerely,  
Kaisen Ramsey

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Thank you for the Grave Digger Lego set you gave me last year. Sorry if I was a little naughty this year. I tried not to be very much. Something I would like for lego set. I also need old clothes. I would like some new pajamas to wear. Something I would like to read I untold Dinosaur Tales. I hope you have a safe trip back to the works shop-shop and don't eat too many cookies!

Sincerely,  
Samuel Hartmann

Dear Sata,

Hi! I hope you are doing well. Thank you for the presents you bought me last year. I hope the reindeer are doing well. Something I would like for christmas is money. I also need God. I would like tennis shoes to wear. Something I would like to read is a Beast Quest book. Hopefully you don't forget to dress hot.

Sincerely,  
David Kruessel

Dear Santa,

Hello! I hope you are doing good at the north pole. I hope the reindeer are doing well this year. I hope you get plenty of cookies. Something I would like for Christmas is a tree for my room. I also need socks. I would like new shoes. Something i would like to read a magazine. I hope you enjoy my cookies.

Sincerely,  
Ayden Zunguze

Dear Santa,

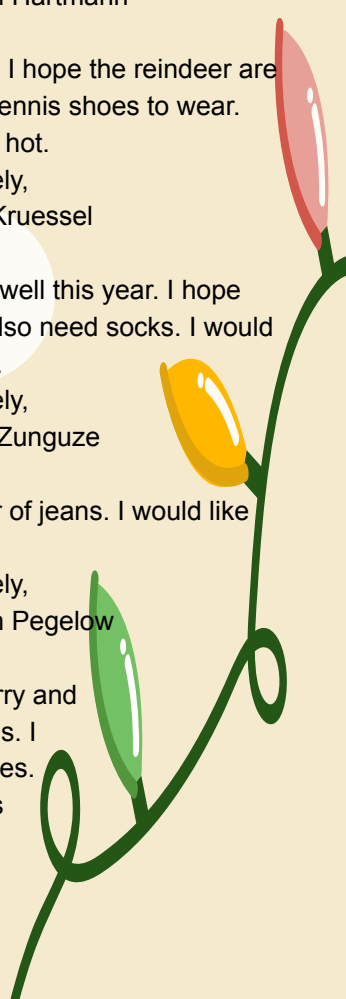
I hope you have a great day. Something I would like is a new phone I need a pair of jeans. I would like to read a magazine. Have a nice flight!

Sincerely,  
Clayton Pegelow

Dear Santa,

Hi! Your elf Holley was very good. I accidentally touched her. Tell her that I am sorry and to come back, please. Something I would like for Christmas is a horse. I also need mittens. I would like a tight dress to wear. Something I would like to read is the Bad Guys book series. If my Christmas tree has fallen down, please put it up. I'll give your reindeer food but if it's gone, it's because my cat ate it.

Sincerely,  
Savannah Alexander



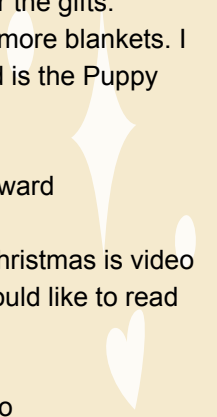


# 2nd Grade Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

Hi! I hope you are ready for Christmas. Thank you for the gifts. Something I would like for Christmas is makeup. I also need more blankets. I would like more tights to wear. Something I would like to read is the Puppy Place books. I hope you have enough milk and cookies.

Sincerely,  
Danielle Howard



Dear Santa,

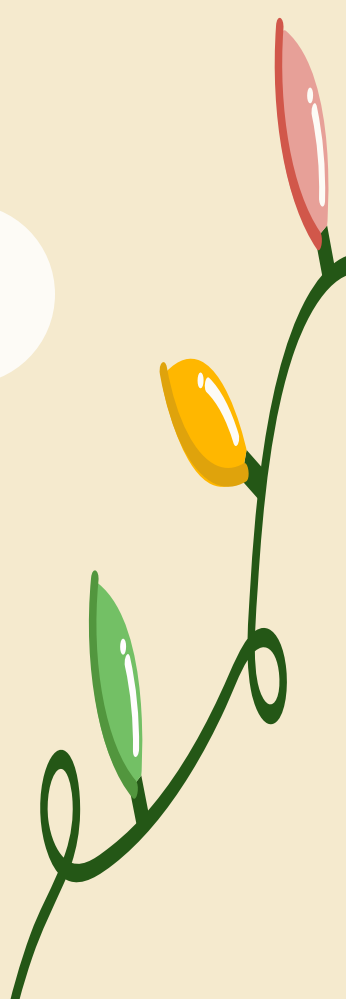
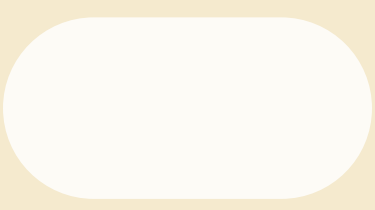

Hi! I hope you are doing well. Thank you for giving me presents. Something I want for Christmas is video games. Something I need for Christmas is shoes. I would like to wear a chiefs sweatshirt. I would like to read dragon books. Have a safe flight!

Sincerely,  
Finley Schoo

Dear Santa,

Hi! Thank you for the gifts. Something I would like for Christmas is makeup. I also need wheel shoes. I would like to read Fly Guy books. I hope you love my cookies!

Sincerely,  
Aurora Harrison



# 3rd Grade Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

Are you doing well? I am doing well. I would like a full drum set please. Also, a Fit Bit watch and I love earbuds that are teal. Thank you for listening to me, Santa and I hope you have a happy new year and good night.

Sincerely,  
Kaden

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? My name is Mason. This Christmas I want plastic Army men and legos. I hope you have a good Christmas. Have a good night.

Sincerely,  
Mason

Dear Santa,

I am so excited to write to you. I have been good this year. I hope you can get me a VR headset and I would like legos too. Also I hope you can get me new pjs and clothes. Thank you for reading this. I hope you have a great year.

Sincerely,  
Aislynn

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a great Christmas and have fun with the elves.

1. VR headset shorts for virtual reality.
2. A basketball because mine popped.
3. A PS5 to play with my siblings.
4. A lego set
5. Lastly, I want Wobbly life.

That's it, I hope you have a great Christmas!

Sincerely,  
Quaid

Dear Santa,

I'm very excited to write to you. I would really really like a doll or two and doll clothes. I really hope you have a good Christmas.

Sincerely,  
Evelyn

Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing well. I want two toys for Christmas. The first toy I want is an electric bike. The second toy I want is the Star Wars lego set and I don't care what it is. I hope this Christmas goes well for you.

Sincerely,  
Miles

Dear Santa,

I want an iPhone, please. Also, Mrs. Erickson to be my teacher forever. I want a new sled, please. Thank you! I hope you have a great Christmas. I'm so excited.

Sincerely,  
Savannah

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all of the presents last year. This year I would like a chalkboard and chalk markers and a chalkboard stand. Also, I would like a new kidz bop playlist 2022 CD. Hope you have a great Christmas.

Sincerely,  
Kaylin





# 3rd Grade Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a great Hanukkah and Christmas too. I want a Barbie dream house. Also, a Lol doll house. Last, I want my family to have a great Christmas because we have been having some hard times.

Sincerely,  
Brooklyn

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a good Christmas. I want a toy remote car. Also I want Tonkas. And I want a bike. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Willam

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? All I want for Christmas is a fox and a PS5. Also, a duck and virtual reality goggles. Thank you Santa.

Sincerely,  
Slade

Dear Santa,

First, I'm so excited for Christmas. I want a foot massager that can heat up. I could use it for 30 minutes. Second, can I please have two tickets for a chiefs game for me and my dad to go together? Because every year I might go to the Royals game like last year and I sat in the sun the whole game.

Sincerely,  
Brett

Dear Santa,

I had to write this quickly but what I want for Christmas is a drone with a camera on it.

Love,  
Isaac

Dear Santa,

Can I get a hoodie for Christmas and no school?

Love,  
Macie

Dear Santa,

I am very excited for christmas. Santa, I would like a Nerf gun and an Iphone 13.

Love,  
Ethan

Dear Santa,

I want a Nintendo Switch Light for Christmas and I want more city signs and more matchbox toys for Christmas. I have tried my best to be good but my brothers get me in trouble and sometimes I can't control my anger either. I've been good this year. And what are you and dad talking about? I don't know but sign this back please.

Love,  
Montana

Dear Santa,

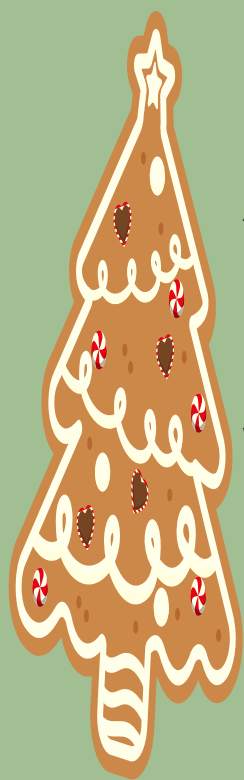
This year I would like a Nintendo Switch game. The game is Kirby. I also asked for LED lights for my room. We are also going to the mountains for Christmas.

Love,  
Emerson

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I really want mini brands and maybe a new phone case. There is one more thing I want. I want Twinkle to stay for Christmas.

Love,  
Karsen



# 3rd Grade Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

I would love to have a therizinosaurus mask and a computer. I also have a Playstation 5. If you can get these items, I would be very happy.

Love,  
Arthur

Dear Santa,

For christmas I want an RC car and legos.

Love,  
Jude

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy and I would really like these things. A car and most of all a trampoline. Also, a mini four wheeler. The End.

Love,  
Jax

Dear Santa,

I want a minibike, a PS5, the 5G Iphone, a trampoline, my own Christmas tree, a new pair of the new Nike shoes, some new hot wheel cars, and a puppy. Also, a box of chocolate and some candy.

Love,  
Quinten

Dear Santa,

I was really good this year and I want a four wheeler, the watch that Ethan has, a new phone, and a chromebook.

Love,  
Dallas

Dear Santa,

I have been the average kid. But I think I have been more of a bad kid to be honest. But I think I'm good sometimes and all I want is a happy family and a soccer ball. Thank you for your gifts in the past years.

Love,  
Kaylee

Dear Santa,

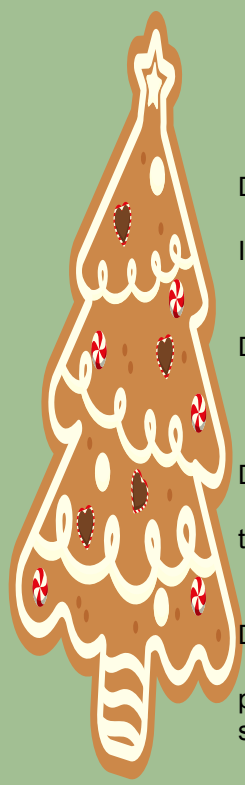
I hope your reindeer are ready for Christmas this year. I want a candy cane, a sweater, and a book.

Love,  
Isabella,

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a dirt bike for Christmas. I have been a good kid this year.

Love,  
Brantley





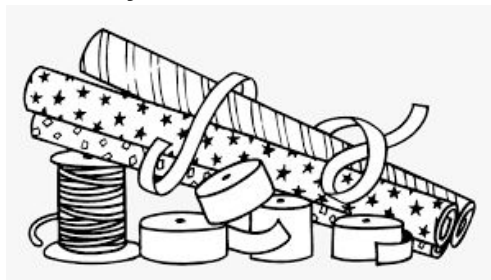
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## CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

### The Wrapping Paper Scare

By: Willa Heddesheimer



Several years ago on Christmas morning, my brother and I had opened most of our presents. My brother was playing with his newly opened presents by the big pile of wrapping paper. Our parents had gone outside to get a present from the van. While I was watching TV, my brother had disappeared. I didn't know where though. Then my brother jumped out from the wrapping paper pile with a piece of Santa wrapping paper stuck to his head. An explosion of even more wrapping paper erupted into the air. I got so scared, I screamed. Then a few minutes later, our parents came in and asked why I screamed. By then my brother and I were laughing. When we finally could stop laughing, we shared the whole story with them. They ended up laughing with us!

### Waiting for the Very Last Christmas Present

By: Wesley Harris



I woke up one Christmas morning and walked to the living room. I saw a big box with my name on it. I was so excited to open it, but my mom made me open my other presents first. She said, "We will save the big one for last." I was thrilled to open my other presents, but I couldn't stop thinking about what could possibly be under all the wrapping paper for the big box. As I pondered what it could have been, I really had no clues or ideas as to what the present actually was.

When it was time to open the big box, I ripped the wrapping paper off. I found a cardboard box, however to my surprise multiple boxes had been pieced together to enhance my excitement. After I made through the cardboard, I found a major upgrade. Inside the big box was a 4-wheeler. It was orange and powered by gas. As you can imagine, I was thrilled! I was also ready to go for a ride immediately.

### My Favorite Christmas Memory with My Dad

By: Dravin Trusty

My favorite Christmas memory is when my dad had an old hood off a truck. We attached a rope to the hood and tied it to the back of the truck. Next thing I knew, we were being pulled around the house. We made so many laps around the house. After a while, we started to notice the snow piling up. Eventually, the snow became too much for our rope and it snapped. While analyzing the broken rope, I came up with an idea. I quickly ran to the garage and found a clean chain. I went back and hooked on the chain and we continued having fun. It was a day full of so much fun and I will always remember this time with my family.







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## CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

### A Christmas Memory

By: Brylee Alas Taylor

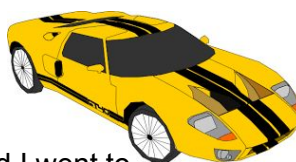


In 2019 on a snowy Christmas morning my siblings, mom, and I were getting up to open presents. We told some funny jokes from past Christmases that made everyone laugh. There was no fighting with my siblings or stressing my mom out. We opened all the gifts and the wrapping paper was everywhere. After everyone cleaned up we decided to try the new things we got, while my mom was finishing Christmas dinner. Then everyone dressed in warm clothes and went outside to sled in the snow. While everyone went sledding, my mom grabbed her phone and took pictures. I spent my time petting the cats. My mom told me to go sledding with my siblings, so I did. She took more and more pictures until everyone got cold. We went inside on the couch and my mom made some hot chocolate to drink. We even had some popcorn with cookies to snack on. My mom came into the room with us and gave us our Christmas goodies with some blankets. We watched several Christmas movies, ate all the food, and drank all the hot chocolate. We talked after a few movies then ate our Christmas dinner.

### RC Car Driving

By: Jonus Habelitz

When I was seven years old, I was outside shoveling the snow on Christmas Eve. My mom and I went to the store after finishing all the shoveling. My mom and I always bought each other Christmas gifts and then on Christmas Day gave them to each other. I gave her a hair brush and my brother and I got a car track. It was one that you could use the remote control and make the car turn and drive them off the track if you wanted to. This was the year I got my RC (remote control) car. My dad and I made a ramp to jump the car but the car would die in about 10 minutes. Those 10 minutes were always the best and I had a lot of fun driving the RC car on and off the track.



### My Favorite Christmas Tradition

By: Juliana Lewis



One of my favorite Christmas traditions is that every Christmas Eve we open one present (the ones that Nana sends us). Everyone in my family does this. The gift is usually an ornament, but every once in a while she will send us a box full of other things like fidgets, toys, gift cards, bags, necklaces, and bracelets. Sometimes she will send us both. When it comes to ornaments, she will send it in a package that is really big. When I mean big I MEAN BIG! Sometimes she can go overboard. My favorite ornament that she got me was an ornament with my baby picture on it and it's shaped like a heart. I don't remember what it said though. Another favorite gift was a purse. It is really fancy for a small purse. It has a flap and three zippers! The front of the purse is very colorful. I can't wait for Christmas eve this year. I am really excited for this tradition again this year!





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## Recipe Corner

### Santa Hat Cupcakes By Ryan Schmit



#### Ingredients:

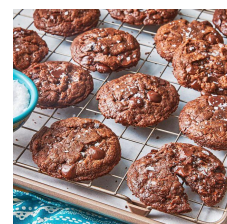
- 1 box Devil's food cake
- 1/2 c. (1 stick) butter, softened
- 2 8 oz packages cream cheese, softened
- 3 c. powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- Red food coloring
- Red sanding sugar

#### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a muffin tin with liners. Make chocolate cupcakes according to package directions. Let cool completely.
2. Make cream cheese frosting: In a large bowl, beat together butter, cream cheese, powdered sugar, and vanilla until light and fluffy.
3. Transfer about one third of the frosting to a smaller bowl. Dye the rest of the frosting (in the large bowl) red.
4. Pipe red frosting onto cupcakes in a conical shape to mimic a Santa hat. Sprinkle with red sanding sugar. Use a smaller star tip to pipe the white frosting around the edges.

### Best Nutella Cookies

By: Sophia Rowe



#### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 c. Nutella
- 1/2 c. brown sugar
- 1 egg + 1 egg yolk
- 3/4 c. all-purpose flour
- 3/4 c. chocolate chips
- Flaky sea salt, for sprinkling

#### Directions

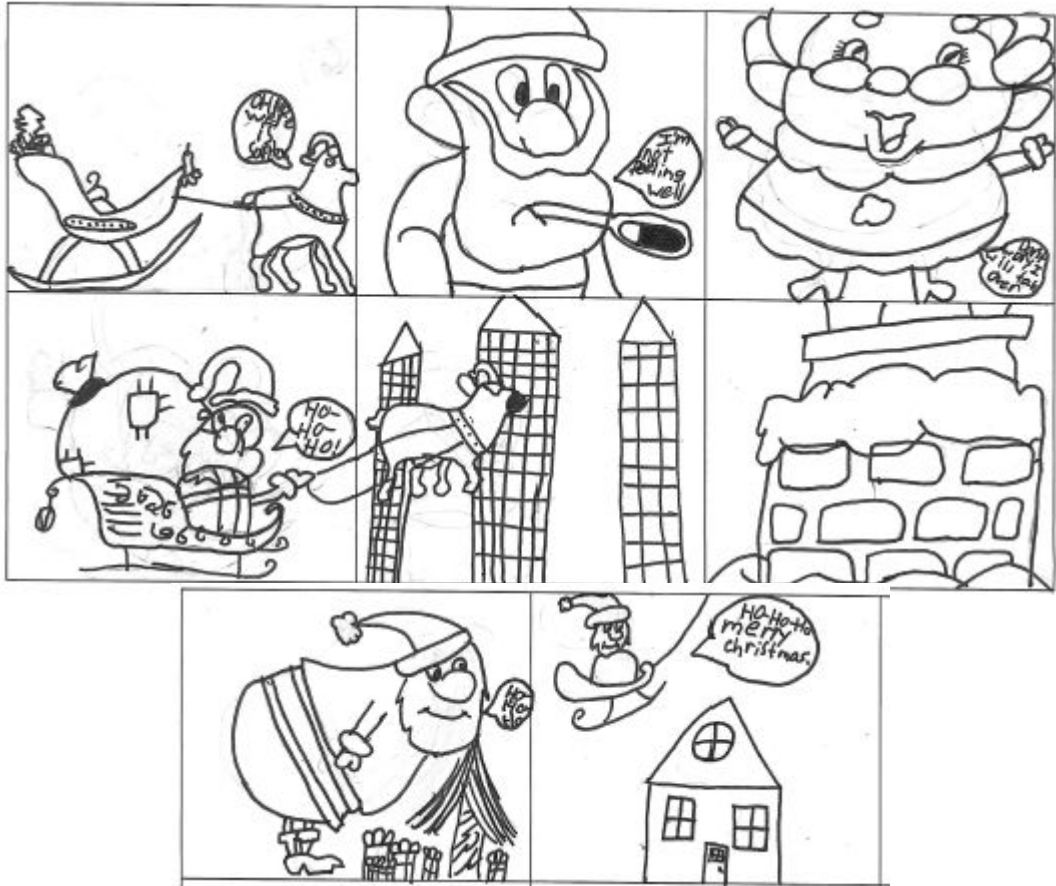
1. Preheat the oven to 350
2. Combine the Nutella and brown sugar in a stand mixer on medium speed until glossy, about 2 minutes. Add the egg and yolk, beating well and scraping the sides of the bowl as needed. Add the flour and mix until incorporated. Make sure to scrape the bottom of the bowl to ensure there are no flour pockets. Fold in the chocolate chips, if using.
3. Lay sheets of parchment paper on two cookie sheets. Roll dough into 1 1/2 tablespoon balls and press gently with the bottom of a glass. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, until the edges of the cookies are set and no longer glossy. Sprinkle with flaky sea salt and let sit for 3 minutes before transferring to a cooling rack.



## CARTOONS

### The Night Santa was Sick

By: Alex McDonald



### The Blind Santa

By Caiden Wilshire

