

Straight from Santa's Mailbag

In the spirit of the season, we're pleased to share these heartwarming letters from Santa's youngest fans



Dear Santa,
How have you been? I have been feeling good about myself! I am nine years old and I have been very good. Here are a few things I would like: Moriah Elizabeth stuff, Moonstone Violet Crew Chuck Converse, Nintendo Switch, Animal Crossing, light purple digital camera and film and a purple CD player. Please remember my family and we'll leave milk and cookies for you!
Love, Claire McChristy

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all of the presents you brought me last year. This year, I would like a PS5, Madden 23, a five-star massage and a big TV. Would you bring Grayson a PS5 remote so he can play with me? Don't forget my cousin Adelaide. She likes dolls. I'll leave you some cookies and some special treats for the reindeer.
Love, Brantley Dunlap - Age 8

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a really good girl this year. I help with the younger kids in my classroom at school and try to keep my room picked up for my mom and dad. For Christmas this year, I would like a pineapple squishmallow, a Minnie doll and camera case and film for my Instastax camera. Please remember to bring my dog, Sadie, a new toy. I will leave some cookies for you and some carrots for your reindeer.
Love, Emma - Age 8

Dear Santa,
I am a big help to my mom and dad. I help with a lot of chores around the house including dishes and laundry. For Christmas this year, I only want a few things. I would like a new PS4 controller, docking station and the Madden '23 game. I also like the Cardinals baseball and Colts football teams, so I would like some new gear from either team. I will leave you some of my Grandma's butter cookies. They are so good!
Love, Harrison

Thank you for bringing me presents last year. I have been good this year and I would really like a new bike, a Modern Treehouse Minecraft Lego set and a Squishmallow. Please bring my brothers gifts also. They have also been good. We will leave you milk, cookies and carrots for your reindeer.
Your friend,
William Mercer Cothren
Age 10

Thank you for bringing me the pizza kitchen I asked for last year. I have been good this year. Sometimes I help put away the laundry, vacuum and clean the baseboards. I also make my family letters and drawings. This year I would like it if you could please bring me a Lego train set and a Lego Creator Treehouse set. Please bring my brothers, Mercer and Beckham, things that they would like. We will leave you cookies and milk and I will make you a drawing. I will also give our elf a drawing when he comes.
Love, Hampton Cothren
Age 5

Dear Santa,
My name is Ryder Forbis. I am five years old and I am in kindergarten this year. I have been pretty good so far. This year, I would love a hoverboard, football, soccer ball and a baseball set that includes a new baseball glove.
P.S. I will leave cookies, milk and carrots for your reindeer.
Love, Ryder Forbis

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a really good boy this year. But I am almost three years old, so sometimes I struggle a little! For Christmas, I would really like to have a truck with a trailer, a tow truck and a bounce house. Mom and I will leave cookies and milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Love, Bennett Lawrence

Dear Santa,
I am a six-month old little girl from Arizona, but I am spending Christmas in Missouri, meeting my great papa, aunts, uncles and big cousin! For Christmas, I would like some new books, big hair bows, new learning toys and to see snow for the first time! I will leave cookies and milk out for you and my nana at papa's house where I'll be staying!
Love, Arya Holbrook.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a cotton candy machine. I would also like a Mickey Mouse watch and a cozy warm blanket. I want a Barbie and a doll with clothes and accessories.
Love, Lillian T.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a rainbow light, a big turtle, some games, a coloring book and colors. I will leave you pizza and milk.
Love, Josie H.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a pink tent to sleep in, a big kid bike with training wheels, a toy puppy, a pet pig, a Minnie Mouse house, a Barbie dress with accessories and a rocking horse. I will leave some spaghetti, cake and milk for you.
Love, Paisley D.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a tractor, a green truck, a white car, a rainbow horse rope and snow. Please bring my sister a pink baby doll. I will leave you rainbow cookies and chocolate milk.
Love, Wyatt B.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a police car with a policeman, a fire truck with a fireman, a police motorcycle, a big yellow truck with a trailer and a tractor. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk.
Love, Colt

Dear Santa,
I think I have been good this year. I would like a horse trailer, a white truck, horses, a hauler trailer, two more white trucks and a saddle for the horses. Please bring my sister a baby doll.
Love, Logan S.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.

We have our tree up in our room at school. This year, I would like a pink dinosaur, more books, a pencil game and a TV for my bedroom. Please bring something for my brother. I would also like a sparkly globe.
Love, Adleigh F.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a baby doll and a pink car.
Love, Elodie P.

Dear Santa,
I had a birthday party. I would like a princess dress, princess toys and princess clothes. I also want some puzzles. I will leave you cookies and a sandwich.
Love, Charlotte B.

Dear Santa,
I have been a little good. I would like puzzles, books, cars, blocks, magnets and trucks. I will leave cookies and a milkshake for you to eat.
Love, Gabriel T.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a Paw Patrol book, puzzles, a baby doll, a stuffed animal elephant and some clothes. Please bring my brother LEGOs and a football.
Love, Kinsley R.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like baby dolls, finger nail polish and puzzles.
Love, Emma N.



Merry Christmas

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Dear Santa,
What are your reindeers names? Can I have a baby that can cry and a toy house? How many elves do you have?
Love, Lacey D.

Dear Santa,
How many toys do you give the world every year? Can I please have an I-pad and can you please get me a fast remote control boat?
Love, Colton P.

Dear Santa,
Hello. Please may I have a watch? I have been good. Do you like cookies and milk?
Love, Scarlett R.

Dear Santa,
I have nothing. I want a VR games headset and a toy gun. I want a drone and a watch. Have a good Christmas.
Love, Max P.

Dear Santa,
I want alphabet blocks and Alphabet Lord. I watch the alphabet on tv. Are elves real?
Love, Joey P.

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? I want some tools. I want a tool box and a Gaming PC. Have a safe trip.
Love, Hunter T.

Dear Santa,
How many elves do all the work? I want to have a doll. I want to have 1 million dollars. I have been wanting my whole life, two robots. I also want a X-Box 1.
Love, Zoey L.

Dear Santa,
Are you real? I want a RC car and cowboy boots. I want a power wheel truck. I want a four wheeler and a bike.
Love, Isaiah R.

Dear Santa,
Are elves real? I want an I-pad. I also want a beautiful long sleeve shirt. I also want a new bookbag.
Love, Brooklyn H.

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? I want a Barbie toy RV van, LOL dolls, and a Xbox.
Love, Ryleigh M.

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? I want a squishmallow, some LOL dolls, and some squishies.
Love, Gracie B.

Dear Santa,
I want a play doh set and a squishy killer whale. I want a Monster High doll and a long neck plushy. I want a toy pug-gy and boots. I like you Santa.
Love, Olivia W.

Dear Santa,
How many reindeer do you have? I want a toy forklift from Sam's Club. I also want a tv and a baby kitten. I want a rv car too.
Love, Timmy J.

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? I want a rc car, pulling trailer for my pulling tractors, and a TV.
Love, Chase E.

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? Can I please have a watch? Can I please have a nerf gun? Can I please have a skateboard and a remote control car?
Love, Clay C.

Dear Santa,
Do you love elves? I want a nerf gun. I want an Xbox and an I-phone 6. I also want a dirt bike.
Love, Dylan H.

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a great time. I want a deer rifle to go hunting. I also want a tent and a box of building blocks.
Love, Matthew T.

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? Can you bring me a Barbie doll?
Love, Selena A.

Dear Santa,
I don't know what I want.
From, Waylon

Dear Santa,
I want a squishmellow. Next, I want a play cat. And I want another squishmellow.
From, Elli

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm good! I want a cocomelon black skin and a carhartt jacket and a tablet.
From, Jaxson M.

Dear Santa,
I want Mcdonald's squishies.
Love, Emry

Dear Santa,
I want a squishmellow.
From, Autumn

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am good.
Love, Joel

Dear Santa,
I want a orbi gun, an Xbox and some LEGOs. My family loves you, Santa.
From, Trent

Dear Santa,
JBE appreciates you. You are the best. Here is what I want for Christmas: A Power Ranger buck, Nerf gun and Benton watch.
From, Jaxon R.

Dear Santa,
I want 1,000 V-bucks.
Love, Liam

Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa. I love the elves that came to JBE. Merry Christmas. It's the best because we get to spend time with our families.
Love, Scarlett

Dear Santa,
I want a calendar and a sewing machine and my family.
Love, Clara

Dear Santa,
How are you? Santa, I wish for a whiteboard. I love you, Santa.
From, Trinity

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? On a 10 scale of good, I would be on a 9 because of my brother. For Christmas I would like a disco ball, a t.v., koala and sloth stuffies. I would still like a bouncy house. Thank you for all the gifts.
Thank you, Merrin

Dear Santa,
I want a Sing Doll for Christmas.
Love, Kaylee

Dear Santa,
I love you and your elves. I want a flip phone for Christmas.
Love, Malaki



Mrs. Vicente's kindergarten class at Jonesburg Elementary

Dear Santa,
What is the reindeers favorite food? I want an LOL Doll, iPhone, and JoJo doll.
Love, Maci Teson

Dear Santa,
I miss you! I want a teddy bear, fish, notebook and bike.
Love, Montana Wiggs

Dear Santa,
What do the reindeer eat? I want a dog.
Love, Savanna Wesley

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I want a phone.
Love, Garrett Hoener

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I want a nerf gun.
Love, Eli Mandagaran

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want airpods.
Love, Elliot Calbreath

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I want a teddy bear.
Love, Jolene Penrod

Dear Santa,
What is your favorite food? I want a fish.
Love, Hayden Neidlinger

Dear Santa,
Can I have a fish bowl

and some fish? How are the elves?
Love, Lila Cope

Dear Santa,
What are your favorite cookies? Can I have an iPh-hone?
Love, Adalee Quezada

Dear Santa,
What are the elves' favorite food? I want a burglar set.
Love, Lance Dempsey

Dear Santa,
What is your favorite food? I want an iPhone.
Love, London Wiggs

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a tea set and a toy fridge.
Love, Celina Winterbower

Dear Santa,
What do the elves eat? I want a remote control car.
Love, Travis Neidlinger

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? I want a Nerf gun.
Love, Dusty Ennen

Dear Santa,
I want a police motorcycle and police clothes. How are the elves?
Love, Sophia Brucks

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Mrs. Davis' second-grade class at Jonesburg Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a watch for Christmas.
Love, Aubrey

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? I tried my best to be good! This year! Can I have a magic mist for Christmas and squishy? Also can I have my elf back this year? She is so funny. Please don't mind the cookies late if my mom lets me.
Love, Nova

Dear Santa,
Did you like the cookies from last year? When is Buddy going to be back? Oh! I would love a new board game since my brothers are going to be gone. I would love a four wheeler too!
Love, Owen

Dear Santa,
How is Joy Sugar Cookie? How are you? How are the elves doing? Well, I would like a hoverboard, an iPhone 3, and a puppy. Don't worry about the cookie that Alex ate.
Love, Ella

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? Are your reindeer doing good? Thank you for my presents. I want an RC car and an RC boat. Please and thank you!
From, Ray

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeer doing? I tried to be good. I want a baby doll, a phone, and jewelry. I will put out some cookies and milk.
Love, Lydia

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Are they ready to fly the sleigh? Do you have a lot of toys for all of the kids? How is Mrs. Claus? Santa, I want a four-wheeler, one of those Rangers that have a pedal and brake. I want a lot more. I will tell you when I see you!
Love, Allan

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want WWE 2k23 and a PS5.
From, Landon

Dear Santa,
I want a kitchen set because they are fun.
Love, Winter

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? I hope they are doing good! I think I was good and I tried hard to be good. For Christmas, I want a non working keyboard and some LOL dolls. That's all.
Love, Kenzie

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing? Is Mrs. Claus doing good? I have tried really hard to be good this year! For Christmas, I would like some Lego Friends sets. I hope you love the cookies and milk I give you!
Love, Ella

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? I listened to my teacher when she was speaking. I would like a toy horse barn, a stuffed wolf, deer, horse, and a remote control snake.
Love, Willow

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I want a JoJo shirt, JoJo bow, and X Box 5, pop it, a pretty bed, shoes (like Willow), a purple jacket, a case for my phone, desk, and a flower cup.
From, Chloe

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeer doing? I would like a big RC car. I would also like a drone.
Love, Parker

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? This year I was good. I want shoes, crayons, and clothes. Have a good Christmas.
Love, Sophie

Dear Santa,
Are the reindeer doing good? I hope they are! I would like a kickball, Legos, and a baseball. Be prepared because I might eat a cookie. I wish you a Happy Christmas!
Love, Tucker

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? How are you doing? I want a hoverboard, an X Box, PS 5, a slingshot, and an RC car.
Love, Hayden

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? I want a hoverboard, \$20, a sleigh bell, and more friends, please. I want a happy life! I hope you have a good Christmas!
Love, Vera

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? How are the reindeer? Are the reindeer doing good? Is Mrs. Claus doing good? I have been good. I want a Fitbit, camera, suitcase, and a Christmas tree.
Love, Quinn

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? Are the reindeer doing good? I tried my best to help my family. Please fill my stocking. Can I have a dollhouse, a Barbie camper, and a Squishmallow? I will leave out a glass of milk and cookies. I hope you have a safe ride.
Love, Dakota

Dear Santa,
How is your day? I would like a small green ball. I would like a game of Chess. Also, I would like a Ranger toy.
Love, Casper

Dear Santa,
Is Mrs. Claus doing good? I've tried to be really, really, good this year! Are you doing good? This is what I want for Christmas. I want a Baby Alive and some play-dough too. Happy Christmas!
Love, Bralynn

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? Are the reindeer doing good? I am gonna leave you cookies and milk. I would like a pack of squishies, 2 squishmallows, a desk, and a big pink stuffed unicorn.
Love, Ava

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Charles, Pat, and Crew

Jonesburg Elementary third-grade classes

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year at school and at home! Some of the nice things I have done are help my mom with dinner, help get all of the dirty laundry picked up and I even take the trash out now. For Christmas this year I would like a pair of Blue Nikes, because I don't have any yet! I would also like some new boots because I am obsessed! I would also love some gift cards to buy clothes!
Thank you for all you do. I think you are amazing!
Love, Ms. Parmalee

Dear Santa,
I was good all year. I have been good in school. I have cleaned my room. I want some rings, perfume, hot wheels, cars, and makeup. Thank you for being so great.
Sincerely, Nevaeh Allison

Dear Santa,
I was nice by picking up dog poop and cleaning my little brothers room for my mom. I want a stuffed animal, a baby German shepherd and a mini fridge. You're amazing.
Love, Colton Ray Brown

Dear Santa,
I have been kind of good. I would like to have a doll house, two RC cars, a jellyfish lamp, a baby kitten, a desk, a tall cat climb-

er and a shelf.
Love, Leilah Clark

Dear Santa,
I've been kind and mean. I want some Nike air shoes and normal Nike shoes. I also want a camera that takes a picture and the picture comes out. I also want Hey Dude boots that are my size that are pink. I want some stitch clothes and a lot more. I also want a "Stranger Things" blanket. I think you're amazing.
Love, Abby Cobb

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year. Some of the things I have done are helping my teacher at school. Also, I have been really nice to my friends at school. I have also been very kind to my family and my friends. The things I want for Christmas are a hoverboard and a new soccer bag because my old one is broken. I would also like a new puppy because my old puppy is going to my mom's house. Also, I want some newborn baby doll clothes for my baby dolls, new shoes and a dirtbike. You are amazing, Santa.
Love, Blaire Cope

Dear Santa,
I have been good.
Love, Brantlee Craven

Dear Santa,
I have been kinda good this year. I sometimes don't listen to my parents. But I promise I will shape it up. But for Christmas, I want my

mom to get better. She is going through a really hard time. I will be so happy if you can grant my wish. Thank you!
Love, William Eversmeyer.

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year at school and home. Some good things that I do that's good. I clean the kitchen and help find Fred's phone and help clean the house! Some things I want is that. Can you please help my mom because she is struggling to get herself together. She went to jail three times, so can you please help my mom? Santa, I love that you give little kids toys. That's why you are the best!
Love, Karma Martin

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I have been wanting a crocodile, a shark, a lizard and a bird!
Love, Isaiah Neidlinger

Dear Santa, I've been so good. I like elves so much. Can I have an Ipad, phone and some money?
Love, Emerich Hildebrand



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Dear Santa,
I have been kind of good. The good things that I have done are making people nice cards and helping people. What I want for Christmas is a glow in the dark fishing pole, ear muffs for hunting, some Nintendo Switch games and more. You are amazing.
Love, Aubrey Oden

Dear Santa, I have been naughty and good. I will try to swap it around, before Christmas day. Can I please have a rubix card and some blue nikes for me and for my teacher, Ms. Parmalee, please?
Love, Raven Oelschlaegar

Dear Santa,
I have been kind of good. I have been helping people. I will help them pick up toys. For Christmas, I would like to have a small tractor and sled, some Hey Dudes, a farm table, a remote control speed boat for my pond and a Smokey and the Bandit kit to make the truck. Thank you, Santa.
Love, Gus Ridgley

Dear Santa,
I have been good, so I want a PS4 with GTA 5, Fortnite, a phone. Thank you.
Love, Noah Tochtrop

Dear Santa, I have been good and sometimes bad, but mostly good. Santa, you are the best. I want a cute notebook, a cute pen, cute clothes, cute shoes, cute baby clothes, cute baby shoes, a baby set and two baby twins! Thank you!
Love, Calleigh Tucker

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want a big teddy bear, a PSS, an RC car, soft cover, soft pillow, a bedroom set, a TV that comes with a remote, a piano, a punching bag and a bike. I am on a higher reading level and I help my sisters a lot. I am 8 years old. I want toys and a phone.
Love, Memphis Wiggs

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I have been good by helping my grampa and I have been nice to my friends. So I would like a deer target, a deer rifle and a lava lamp, and a crossbow. Top secret: I want to get my teacher some lotion for her!
Love, Levi Wolfe

Dear Santa,
I want a big toy and a monster truck.
Love, Jase

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I help my family and everything. I want more graphic novels, some LEGO sets and Spidey and His Amazing Friends toys and plushies.
Love, Charlie

Dear Santa,
I hope you're feeling well. I've been really good this year. I hope Mrs. Claus is feeling good, too.
What I want for Christmas is a hoverboard and a camera.
Love, Chloe

Dear Santa,
I have not been good in school, but I have been good at home. You could get me a bike because mine is too small for me. Maybe get me some Pokemon because I'm trying to fill my binder with rainbow cards. Also, I want an Iphone 14 case, a Nintendo Switch, an Apple Ipad and an RC car that goes 32 miles an hour. Thank you for reading this letter.
Love, Jackson

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year because I helped my mom. So I really need a new bike, Pokemon cards, a Nintendo Switch and more fidgets.
Love, Emily Biter

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year because I helped my mom and dad, helped with cleaning the house and did well in school. So I really need more fidgets. I really need more chapter books because

I love to read. I need a Simon Says game and some LEGOs.
Love, Mya

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, can I please have a real Iphone 12 that I can play with? Can I please have a brand new real Ipad? Can I please have pink and purple LED lights for my room? I have been really good this year. Can I also have a really cozy soft blanket for my mom because she loves very cozy blankets. Can I also have a coffee cup that has a big truck on it for my dad, please? He loves coffee. Can I also have a real computer? Can I also have 30 dollars, please? That way, I can maybe get one of my family members something like maybe a new blanket for one.
Love, Braillynn

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I help mom do the trash. I want Pokemon cards, a PC, a new bike, money and 100 Mine-craft tokens. That is all.
Love, Weston

Dear Santa,
I have been good because I helped dad sometimes. I want a LOL doll, bike, more Pokemon stuff, candy, stuffed animals, a sleep bag at Wal-Mart and two Christmas books. Tell dad that I want Christmas sleep clothes before Christmas and I want five dollars.
Love, Maddy

Dear Santa,
I want a basketball for Christmas because all of mine are flat. I want a bike because my bike is broken. I've been really good.
Love, Jacob

Dear Santa,
I want a phone and 20 bucks.
Love, Ian

Dear Santa,
I've been really good this year. I took out the trash, washed the dishes, fed the dog and did homework. I want some LEGOs.
Love, Kaiden Ludy

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year at school and at home. I did chores and fed and water the animals. So can I have a pet rabbit and a stress ball Pop-It?
Love, Kenzie

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I have been kind to my family. I want a lot of stuff. I want a tablet because I broke my old tablet. I want stuffed animals, more pajamas and a unicorn night light because I am scared of the dark.
Love, Rikki

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I have been letting my baby brother have my Nintendo switch. I have been good at school.
Love, Hunter

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very good. I have helped mom with dinner and washed the dirty dishes. For Christmas, I would like a straight bracelet that is an animal and then it turns into a toy. I would like a sewing machine that I can use on my own.
Piper

Dear Santa
I have been good this year. I helped my mom with the dishes. I have been good in class and I have been kind to other people. So for Christmas this year, I want a LOL house, more big stuffed animals, a unicorn night light because I am scared of the dark, a tablet because my tablet is not charging and more pajamas.
Love laila

Dear Santa,
I have been good in school. Can I please have Pokemon cards because I am going to make a binder of cards. May I please have a phone so I can get a spelling game to spell words and get games?
Love Dom



Letters from Montgomery City Elementary

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year. Some of my friends don't think you're real, but I know you're real. I have two questions. How old are you and what is your favorite kind of cookie?
Love, William

Dear Santa,
I love you so much. I wish you could live with me.
Love, Nola Taylor

Dear Santa,
I don't want a lot for Christmas, but my elves have been naughty. But you are the best.
Love, Jalyynn

Dear Santa,
Can you tell me when my Elf Oodles are coming to my house?
Love, Briley Plumb

Dear Santa,
I want a microphone and a Harry Potter toy. Thank you!
Love, Adelaide Healy

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas are a hoverboard, a bunny and a hamster.
Love, Eliza

Dear Santa,
My mom says I have been good this year. So what I want for Christmas are a laser chair and a monster truck.
Love, Ariel

Dear Santa,
It's me again. I have questions. What do you think about your elves? Will you always eat cookies? What's your favorite color?
Love, Dawson

Dear Santa,
I really want an elf to watch over me and my family. I also really want a new pair of shoes. They can be Converse red high tops to be exact. Please give my mom something nice. She deserves something. Even flowers will do. Please just give her something big. She never stops working. She is a good mom. She is the best mom in the world. Please give her something.
Love, Josalyn

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, a squishmallow and a book.
Love, Trynitey

Dear Santa,
I want more LOL dolls for my LOL doll collection. I need a LOL doll house because the more the merrier.
Love, Skylynn

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike and a basketball.
Love, Walker Matthews

Dear Santa,
I've been really good this year. I hope you are OK. This year, I would like for my friends and family to be happy.
Love, Cilas Irvin

Dear Santa,
I would like a Wendy's gift card, books and coloring books. Thank you for your free time.
Love, Elaine

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I want cookies and a phone for Christmas. I deserve these because I am good and I am too helpful.
Love, Tryey

Dear Santa,
I would like a Harry Potter LEGO set when he is on his broomstick, please.
Love, Joseph

Dear Santa,
This year, I've been nice. I want to have an Ipad that comes with a pen you can draw.
Love, Olivia

Dear Santa,
I want a hat, stuffed unicorn, stuffed dogs and stuffed cat. I want those things because I have been nice to two of my friends.
Love, Amelia



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Hallelujah!

During this most holy time, we pause to remember the Christ Child and the peace He brought to each of us.

Have a blessed holiday!

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December 26 – CLOSED • January 2 – CLOSED**

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Craig Allison – Sheriff
Larry Bade – Surveyor

Dear Santa,
I want a Playstation for Christmas. I deserve these because I have been good.
Love, Liam

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I want TikTok and a doll for Christmas. I deserve these because I love Santa Claus. This year, I'm going to leave you cookies, hot chocolate and candy.
Love, Tayla

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I want a music box and LEGOs for Christmas. I deserve these because I am kind.
Love, Madeline

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is some kind of animal and supplies for it.
Love, Mercer

Dear Santa,
I would like anything you would like to give me. But I would specifically like a trip to Tennessee and a happy Christmas.
Love, Juan

Dear Santa,
I'm really happy. I've got an arctic fox for my elf pet. And I will always remember there's nothing more powerful than hope. The items on my Christmas list are a \$100 Roblox gift card, a water bottle for school, Mario Odyssey (for Nintendo Switch) and a guitar.
Love, Sydney Rae Poin-dexter

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I want a Nintendo Switch for Christmas. This year, I'm going to leave cookies and milk.
Love, Gage

Dear Santa,
I want a basketball hoop, baseball and a football.
Love, Gunner

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a Yorkie dog. If my mom gets me one, then don't worry about it. Merry Christmas.
Love, Chase

Dear Santa,
I want a phone for Christmas.
Love, Viktoria

Dear Santa,
Do you feel good? My name is Brielle. I am 8 years old and I love Christmas. This year, I would like a stuffed animal for Christmas.
Love, Brielle

Dear Santa,
I want a Nerf gun.
Love, Liam

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm Leah McHenry. If you are doing good, I'm doing good, too. I want a surprise doll and an Iphone.
Love, Leah

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I want a camera and some LEGOs for Christmas. I deserve these because I clean the dishes. This year, I am going to leave you cookies and milk.
Love, Alara

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the stuff you gave me last year. I also learned about you, Mrs. Claus, the elves, the reindeer and much more! And I love the elves coming to my house, too! I want a \$100 Roblox card, a teddy bear and anything else you can find because I am running out of ideas to come up with. Merry Christmas.
Love, Gemma

Dear Santa,
I want a notebook that has a lock on it.
Love, Avery

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll that looks real, an art kit, a new soccer ball, a baby hamster, an Iphone 14 Pro Max, a PS5, a hair clip kit, new headphones and a new water bottle. Merry Christmas.
Love, Rea

Dear Santa,
I want a LOL doll, a Monopoly game, a flute and a

Where In The U.S.A. is Carmen Sandiego game.
Love, Keyara

Dear Santa,
I want rollerskates, a pushing bag and an Ipad.
Love, Cooper

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want two Nintendo Switch gift cards and a PlayStation 5.
Love, Colton

Dear Santa,
There are four things I really want this year. No. 1, trinkets for mom and dad. No. 2, a Baby Alive doll that eats Play-Doh. No. 3, a Rubik's Cube. No. 4, a Nedo ball. Thank you so much, Santa!
Love, Lydia Brinker

Dear Santa,
This year I have been good. I want Nintendo and Battlebots toys for Christmas. I deserve these because I have been good. This year, I'm going to leave you candy.
Love, Ryan

Dear Santa,
I wanted to see how you are doing. I want an Xbox, a new phone, a LEGO set and a dirt bike.
Love, Hayden

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I want a skateboard and a dino game for Christmas. I deserve these because I have helped my mom and dad. I also helped my grandma and grandpa. This year, I'm going to leave you cookies, milk, hot cocoa, candy and vegetables.
Love, Dustin

Dear Santa,
This year, I've been nice and naughty. I want a bike with training wheels.
Love, Ruth

Dear Santa,
I hope your day at the North Pole is going great. I want a Barbie, Play-Doh slime, coloring books and an LOL doll. That's all I want for Christmas.
Love, Justice

Dear Santa,
I want a Kansas City Chiefs helmet.
Love, Gideon

Dear Santa,
How are you doing, good or bad? I want Chiefs tickets for Christmas because I want to see them play.
Love, Easton

Dear Santa,
This year, I've been nice. I want an Xbox, two controllers, molding clay, tools and LEGOs.
Love, Robert

Dear Santa,
I've been really nice this year. I really want a Hello Kitty plushie and a new blanket. Did you see me get my dog?
Love, Zoey

Dear Santa,
I want new long sleeved shirts for Christmas.
Love, Cerynitey

Dear Santa,
I want only four things for Christmas. No. 1, the full rainbow set of Care Bears. But my aunt might be getting me a Care Bear, so just a heads up. No. 2, the full rainbow set of rainbow high dolls. No. 3, a surprise for the rest. No. 4, To see you, the elves and the reindeer. Hopefully, you're having a good time at the North Pole. Tell Rudolph and all of the other reindeers and elves I said hi!
Love, Finley

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm doing fine. This year, I would like a belt, a pack of darts and a box of bee bees.
Love, Ford

Dear Santa,
How are you? Just want to let you know that I love you. This year, I've been really good at school and at home. I would like an Iphone 14, LOL dolls, clothes, shoes and a stuffed dog. I love you.
Love, Alani

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie doll, a stuffed animal, a soft blanket and an Iphone 14.
Love, Marley

Dear Santa,
Can I have a slime and glitter kit, a PS4, a PS5, a new phone and new stuffed animals? Please and thank you!
Love, Jordyn

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a slime kit, a phone, a tablet, a new notebook and a couple of new good books. Please and thank you.
Love, AnaBelle

Dear Santa,
I like what you do because you deliver presents to people. I like your reindeer. You are very nice.
Love, Bryson

Dear Santa,
What's up? How are the elves? Tell Cupid, Comet, Prancer, Dancer, Blitzen, Rudolph, Dasher, Donner and Dixon I'll have plenty of carrots for them. Also, Merry Christmas. I want an RC car, a LEGO boat, a LEGO plane, a pair of size four boots and the truth that you are real and how you get all of the presents to everyone.
Love, Jett

Dear Santa,
I really want a new Iphone, new shoes, a baby elf on the shelf and a puppy.
Love, Charlotte

Dear Santa,
I have been good for a long time. I want a PS4 for Christmas. Also, thank you for the elf. Merry Christmas.
Love, Lukas

Dear Santa,
I want a robot siren head that chases you when you turn a button on. I want it remote controlled.
Love, Charlie

Dear Santa,
How are you doing, good or bad? How are the elves, good or bad? By the way,

it's Bentley. I am 8 years old and I want another elf please. Can it be a boy elf and not a girl elf? I also want a hoverboard.
Love, Bentley

Dear Santa,
How are you, Santa? My name is Bryan. I am nine and I want a hoverboard for Christmas.
Love, Bryan

Dear Santa,
This year I have been good. I want a phone and a PS4 for Christmas. I deserve these because I have been helpful and kind and I've been saying nice words.
Love, Lukas

Dear Santa,
This year, I want two walkie talkies and a Grinch costume.
Love, Payton

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want an illustrated Harry Potter book, a Ipad, a blue foldable case with a keypad, Harry Potter stickers, a white pen for an Ipad and Harry Potter decoratives for my room.
Love, Kade

Dear Santa,
I want a hoverboard. I have been good this Christmas. Merry Christmas.
Love, Paiden

Dear Santa,
Many of my friends say that you are not real. But I don't believe them. I know you're real. You will always be in our hearts, even if we are naughty or nice.
Love, Dawson

Dear Santa,
I want a LEGO Minecraft set and a PS4.
Love, Amelia

Dear Santa,
Is your day going good? If you are doing good, I am doing good, too. I want some LEGOs, a new Iphone and UNO cards for Christmas.
Love, Canterbury

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Wishing you and your family a joyous holiday season.



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Dear Santa,
I hope you are ready for Christmas. I am. I'm so excited for Christmas. I hope I have been good this year. Have a good Christmas.
Love, Charlotte

Dear Santa,
I want a Gorman watch, some more dresses, running clothes and bed sheets and pillow covers. Could you please deliver the presents on Santa Day? Thank you!
Love, Julia Elder

Dear Santa,
Every day, I help someone. Today, I helped someone quit talking because we were in the hall. I want a switch and a PlayStation.
Love, Remington

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a baby doll and some toys. I hope you bring my friend Emma some toys, too.
Love, Ellie Goggin

Dear Santa,
I want a noodle dress, a Gorman watch, winter pajamas and two beautiful dresses.
Love, Lillian Elder

Dear Santa,
I want a PS5 and an Xbox 360.
Love, Noah

Dear Santa,
This year, I would like a tablet, Hot Wheels and 50 bucks.
Love, Dexter

Dear Santa,
I want an RC car and an RC boat for Christmas. I deserve these because I've been kind.
This year, I'm going to leave you cookies, milk and vegetables.
Love, Issac

Dear Santa,
This year, I've been nice. I want a puppy, a basketball and dirt bike.
Love, Hudson

Dear Santa,
This year, I've been good because I want a LOL surprise and a phone for Christmas. I deserve these because I am kind. This year, I'm going to leave you cookies, milk and vegetables.
Love, Everleigh

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I want a phone for Christmas. This year, I am going to leave you cookies.
Love, Charlee

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I want a toy and a dog for Christmas. I deserve these because I helped my mommy. This year, I am going to leave cookies, milk and vegetables.
Love, Camila

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I want a candy cane for Christmas. I deserve these because I worked really hard in school. This year, I'm going to leave you cookies, milk and vegetables.
Love, Emery

Dear Santa,
This year, I want a hoverboard because I've been good. Merry Christmas.
Love, Annabelle

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I want a laptop and a hoverboard for Christmas. I deserve these because I've worked so hard to be good. This year, I am going to leave you cookies and milk.
Love, Luke

Dear Santa,
My name is Isaac. I have been good. I would like these gifts: Nintendo Switch, bike, Pokemon cards and blanket.
Love, Isaac

Dear Santa,
This year, I've been nice. I want a puppy, a cute cat, a Nintendo Switch and a skateboard.
Love, Jace

Dear Santa,
How have you been doing? I've been good. May I please have a big dino robot and a joke book?
Love, Auggie

Dear Santa,
I would like a nice dress because I have been a good girl.
Love, Lillian

Dear Santa,
I want a Nerf gun and a new bike because I have fixed my mistakes.
Love, Miles

Dear Santa,
I want an Xbox and the Bad Guys book.
Love, Kai

Dear Santa,
Rudolph has been good and I know that I have been pretty good. My name is Oakley and I love Christmas. I want a squishmellow and a headset.
Love, Oakley

Dear Santa,
My name is Leah Naughton. I want everyone to be happy.
Love, Leah

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Can you bring me a cat, a tiger and a bike?
Love, Peyton

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I want a blanket and toys for Christmas. I deserve these because I help out at school. This year, I'm going to leave you cookies, milk and vegetables.
Love, Alva

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I want a bunny. I deserve this because I was good. This year, I am going to leave you cookies, milk and vegetables.
Love, Neveah

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I want headphones and a TV for Christmas. I deserve these because I have been good. This year, I am going to leave you cookies, milk and vegetables.
Love, Adlynn

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I want a car for Christmas. This year, I'm going to leave you cookies and milk.
Love, Jayda

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good and bad. I want a TV in my room and a big unicorn for Christmas. This year, I'm going to leave you cookies and milk.
Love, Azlee

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I want Hot Wheels for Christmas. This year, I am going to leave cookies and milk.
Love, Cindy

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I want a bike with a helmet and a Barbie camper for Christmas. I deserve these because I help my mom so much. This year, I'm going to leave you cookies, milk, hot cocoa, candy and vegetables.
Love, Ella

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I want Hot Wheels and PS4 for Christmas. This year, I am going to leave you cookies, milk and vegetables.
Love, Parker

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I want a pencil sharpener for Christmas. I deserve this because I lost my pencil sharpener. This year, I am going to leave you cookies and milk.
Love, Emma

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a pillow for Christmas.
Love, Hunter

Dear Santa,
I want a toy puppy, a toy fox and a robot cat that flies.
Love, Piper

Dear Santa,
I want a treehouse for Christmas.
Love, Nova

Dear Santa,
I wish I could have a remote control airplane. Merry Christmas.
Love, Gatlin

Dear Santa,
I wish for a toy car. Am I on the nice list? I hope I am on the nice list. Can the elves make me 101 stuffed dalmatians and an elf, please? P.S. Say hi to Mrs. Claus. Merry Christmas.
Love, Adelyn

Dear Santa,
I want Mickey Mouse.
Love, Brent

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. My mom said that I have been good this year. I want a WWE belt or a real puppy. P.S. Say hi to Mrs. Claus and Rudolph for me.
Love, Ariel

Dear Santa,
I hope you don't fall off the roof. I hope you have a great Christmas evening. Will you give me a lot of toys on Christmas?
Love, Owen

Dear Santa,
I wish to have Roblox plushies and a wooden cross so I can pray. For all of the good things I did to make people laugh, I've been a good kid.
Love, James

Dear Santa,
I hope I get a Nintendo Switch and a phone.
Love, Easton

Dear Santa,
I want a dinosaur toy and an egg that will hatch into something when you put it on manic.
Love, Ainsley

Dear Santa,
How are you? I know that I'm all ready for Christmas. I have been good this year because I did good in school. I want a microphone and Harry Potter toys.
Love, Adelaide

Dear Santa,
I want a lot of presents. I want a WWE ticket, an Iphone, Mighty Jack, Dogman and Captain Underpants comics, a new Nintendo Switch and a PS4.
Love, Tate

Dear Santa,
I was good. I want toys. Merry Christmas.
Love, Audi

Dear Santa,
I wish for a Pop-it.
Love, Peyton

Dear Santa,
This year, I've been nice. I want a puppy, a phone, LEGOs, Nerf guns, a tarantula and Pokemon toys.
Love, Evan

Dear Santa,
I want a guitar because I was being good. I want a guinea pig and a rabbit because I was being good to my brothers.
Love, Jesse

Dear Santa,
I want love because I love my mom.
Love, Eleanor

Dear Santa,
I want a Nerf gun, a puppy and a rabbit because I've been good.
Love, Clint

Dear Santa,
This year I have been good. I want a PS4. This year, I'm going to leave you cookies and milk.
Love, London

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I want a lizard pillow and a pet lizard for Christmas. I deserve these because I am kind to others. This year, I'm going to leave cookies, milk, hot cocoa, candy and vegetables.
Love, Hudson

Dear Santa,
I am kind to others. This year, I'm going to leave you cookies, milk, hot cocoa, candy and vegetables.
Love, Alaina

Dear Santa,
I want a basketball, a book, a white board with dry erase markers, more Pop-its and squishy balls and some shoes.
Love, Jaycee

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I want a phone for Christmas. I deserve this because I was good. This year, I'm going to leave you cookies and milk.
Love, Abbi

Dear Santa,
This year, I've been nice. I want a PlayStation 5.
Love, Collin

Dear Santa,
Can I get some new shoes, clothes, Nerf guns and football gloves?
Love, Brycen

Dear Santa,
This year, I've been good. This year, I'm going to leave you cookies, milk, hot cocoa, candy and vegetables.
Love, Octavia

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a good Christmas this year. I don't really care what I have because Christmas is about spending time with your family. I spend lots of time with my family. If you would like to get me something, it can be a slime lite. Please and thank you.
Love, Darla

Dear Santa,
This year, I've been naughty. I want Pokemon cards.
Love, Jacob

Dear Santa,
I would like a big TV.
Love, Brantley

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Letters from Wellsville-Middletown R-1 School

Dear Santa,
I want a new doll house, a toy puppy and a toy cat.
Love, Karlee Schumacher

Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. I helped feed my cat, Sparky, and I helped mommy with the dishes. This year, I would like a golden rainbow corn toy and a My Little Pony set. I would also like a Lady Braids LOL fashion doll. I will leave cookies and milk for you.
Love, Evie Bradley

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing well. This year for Christmas, I would like a hamster. I would also like a swing set with longer monkey bars, squishmallows and fidgets. I hope you have a great year.
Love, Hazel Houchins

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year and doing really good in school. This year for Christmas, I would like to have a Magic Mixie globe and hair chalk. I would also like a hamster momma surprise. If possible, can you make it snow on Christmas so my sister and I can build a snowman?
Love, Teagan Speagle

Dear Santa,
I am nice. I cleaned my toys, cleaned my room and helped mommy cook dinner. I would like a polly pocket playset and an on-the-go baby Rapunzel doll. I will leave cookies for you and carrots for your reindeer. Please come visit me. I want to see you.
Love, Katie Bradley

Dear Santa,
I want a drone and I am giving you cookies.
Love, Ronan Page

Dear Santa,
I want lots of makeup. I want lots of squishmallows. I want lots of LOL dolls, lots of slime, scrunches, squishes and earrings. Thank you for the Christmas presents last year.
Love, Natalie Taylor

Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me an animal Barbie doll and an American Girl doll. Can you also bring me a guinea pig with a cage, some fancy boots, a squishmallow Star Wars set, a rainbow microphone and sketchbook. Thank you Santa for giving me that stuff. Merry Christmas.
Love, Abigail Rawls, age 7

Dear Santa,
This year, I would like a toy airplane, a remote control airplane and an RC car.
Love, Jack Maskey

Dear Santa,
This year, I will be at my cousin's house in Wellsville. I have tried so hard to be good. I would like a Nintendo Switch, LEGOs, a go-kart, Nerf guns and remote control cars. If you want to bring me clothes, bring me some Nike and Wellsville-Middletown gear!! Please remember to bring something for Aiden, Alyssa, Ashlyn and Josie!! Thanks for everything!!
Love, Ja'Kobe Beach

Dear Santa,
I hope you're staying warm in the winter. I have been the best girl. I am learning how to count and read. I wanted a Barbie Dreamhouse this year, but it's OK if you can't get it. I love my family.
Love, Tania Ervin

Dear Santa,
I want a present called "Tangled and the White House" for Christmas. Also, I want a big Barbie named Ariel, a pink clock, pictures and papers on my fridge, baby pictures, a pink phone, a TV, a deer with blue legs, a tea set and teapot with glass on it. That's it.
Love, Rylan Page

Dear Santa,
I tried hard staying on your nice list! I helped clean the house, bring in groceries and cook dinner. For Christmas, I would like a rock-n-roll guitar, a basketball hoop and a scooter. Please don't forget my sister, Scarlett! We'll leave you cookies and milk and carrots for your reindeer.
Love, Everett Sommer

Dear Santa,
I want crayon markers, puppy toys, kitten toys, a toy cathouse, fake nails and Barbie stuff.
Love, Sophie Smith

Dear Santa,
I love you. For Christmas this year, I would like Barbie and LOL dolls. I like being with my brother Jack and my mom and dad. Thank you for last year's gifts and blessings.
Love, Willow Maskey

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me presents on Christmas and making it a special time for everyone. This year for Christmas, I want a Nerf gun and a gaming chair like my brother. Don't forget to take care of the reindeer! We will have cookies, milk and carrots for you.
Love, Kleighton Jones

Dear Santa,
I want a little puppy with a leash that you can walk it with. I want a unicorn that flies. I also really like dinosaurs and all kinds of puzzles. I want some hats for Christmas, some Thomas the Train toys and coloring books. I think that's all I want for Christmas. Thank you Santa!

P.S. I would also like a cowboy toy with a horse and Trolls toys.
Love, Karma Stotler

Dear Santa,
I was wondering how many toys you make? I think it is four million. I can't wait for Elfie to come to my house. I love him. I want to show him that I've been good. I'm always nice to my family, especially my dogs, Bell and Moe. Will you bring Moe a new toy and Bell a new treat? They have been good dogs. Will you please bring me a Cry Baby BFF doll and Crystal Ball Mixie? I will keep being nice and giving hugs. I can't wait to see you soon! We will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk.
Love, Kennedy Caldwell

Dear Santa,
I will try to stay on your nice list to get some toys to play with. Just bring me what you think I will like. Thank you Santa.
Love, Bryce Gilbert-Quigley

Dear Santa,
My name is Skylar and I am nine years old. Thank you for all of the gifts you got me last year. This year, I would like a phone, some clothes and shoes and a dirt bike.
Love, Skylar Walker

Dear Santa,
I want Pop-its, toys, dolls, a bike, clothes, books, jewelry, toy dog, a bunk bed, shoes, muck boots, a gym ball and a trampoline with a net.
Love, Ellie Lynch

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I'm very excited for Christmas this year. There are only a few things I would like for Christmas. I would like a Nintendo Switch, Xbox games, Xbox gift card

and a new Xbox controller. I will leave cookies and milk and food for the reindeer.
Love, Jaiyden VonVain

Dear Santa,
I want trains.
Love, Ryan Lybarger

Dear Santa,
I want a PC, a Nerf mini-gun, a large coloring book, a gaming chair that can spin, a big pack for Nerf darts, a big pack of Nestle Crunch, a NERF Sniper, a bigger TV for my room, a big whoopee cushion, a Godzilla or Gamer bedding, a two-foot Godzilla toy, snow pants, new running shoes, snow boots, more winter socks, the rest of the Wings of Fire book series (4-12) and a belt that looks like dragon scales and a book of word searches.
Love, Ferrell Rainwater

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike, a truck, an RC car, a Tonka crane, a toy camper and love.
Love, Evan Lynch

Dear Santa,
I would like bunk beds for my brothers and I, brown or black boots, slime, kinetic sand, chapter books and for everyone to have a Merry Christmas.
Love, Kadence Jones

Dear Santa,
Can I have babydoll stuff and big Barbie stuff please? Can I have a big Barbie doll house? Thank you, Santa Claus. Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Claus and the elves.
Love, Lexi Maycock

Dear Santa,
My name is Alivia. I have been very good this year. We don't have a chimney, so I'll leave the key outside. I really want a doll set, camera, another dog and hamster.
Love, Alivia Woltman

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy RC car. I want a RC boat. How about a sled for my mom and dad and A.J.? I need a new pair of boots and a coat for the wintertime. I want a puppy. I need a toothbrush and toothpaste because I had two cavities. I really want to see you Santa Claus. Thank you for all of the gifts you

gave me last year. I tried to be good this year. Could you also please bring me a bed?
Love, Jonathan Sherwood

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts from last year! This year, I would like a scooter, a Nerf gun, a Nerf scooter that comes with darts and a new hat that has diamond G on it.
Love, Eli Griesbauer

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me the toys you gave me last year. I would love all of the dinosaur toys.
Love, Quinton Haarmann

Dear Santa,
I want a kitty. I want a puppy. I want a lizard. I want a rabbit. I want Black Panther toys. I want make-up. I want toys that teach me how to dance. I want a Sharpie.
Love, Emerson Parrish

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year! I work hard in school and do my best to get good grades. I make my bed every morning and clean up my room when my mom tells me to. I'm super excited for Christmas this year! Please bring me some Nerf guns, Nerf gun target, dinosaurs, Nintendo Switch, hoverboard, Star Wars sword, drone, blue phone and a garden pulling tractor. I will leave you milk and cookies and carrots for your reindeer. Thank you!
Love, Colton Pritchett



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Dear Santa,
I would like toys for Emma and Huxley. I would like a Barbie car, some candy, markers, new colored pencils and crayons. I would also like some new clothes and a new Xbox controller. Don't forget my brothers Evan and Gage and my dog Minnie.
Love, Isabella Bryson

ant Pop-it, I-phone, Mortal Kombat toys, Michael Myers toys, a cool science kit, The Super Mario Brothers movie, a ninja turtle and an Ash Housewares costume. Will you please bring my brother something so he leaves mine alone? He likes Baby Shark and Peppa Pig.
Love, Franklin Hovanessian

Dear Santa,
My name is Jordin. I'm 7 years old. I think I have been pretty good this year. How are Mrs. Claus and the elves. I would like a Nintendo Switch, games, Minecraft stuff, Play Store gift cards and something nice for my mom and dad. Have a good Christmas. I'll leave milk and cookies.
Love, Jordin VonVain

Dear Santa,
I would like a Patrick Mahomes jersey, a football helmet, a fishing and football game for my Nintendo. I would also like tickets for a supercross event. Also, a farming game for my Nintendo. I love farm equipment and I can always add to my collections. I enjoy coloring and would like my art supplies. I always need new clothes and shoes as I grow fast! Can you bring my sister a squishmallow and Barbies? She loves playing with makeup, so she needs more of that as well as hair supplies. She always wants more dress up clothes. I also would like a remote control skid loader with all of the attachments. We both have been good this year.
Love, Kooper Cornelius

Dear Santa,
My name is Gunnar Conder. For Christmas this year, I would like a dirt bike, Xbox 360 games, a new big blue bicycle and a new Nintendo Switch. I would like to thank you for all of the nice toys and clothes you brought me last year. P.S. I will be sure to leave Oreos cookies and milk for you under the tree. Tell Rudolph I have lots of carrots for him as well.
Love, Gunnar Conder

Dear Santa,
My name is Winter. I am 6 years old. I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things. I always pick my toys up when I'm done playing. I play with my younger sister. I help my classmates. I listen to my parents and put my water bottle back after I'm done drinking. What I want for Christmas are a rainbow Pop-It and a toy house. Thank you, Santa.
Love, Winter Ferguson

Dear Santa,
I want a baby robot, a Nerf gun, a bike, an Xbox game and toys.
Love, Jax Schumacher

Dear Santa,
I would like a mermaid that will not break. Also, I would like a baby Yoda and a nice book for my mommy. I love you, Santa. Can I have a Paw Patrol house?
Love, Elliot Penn



Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I would like an Army of Darkness toy, N-Bucks gift card for my Fortnite game, a gi-

Ginger Snaps Recipe

Ingredients:	5 cups sifted all purpose flour
1 cup canola oil	1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup white sugar	1 teaspoon salt
1 egg	2-3 teaspoons ground ginger
1 cup molasses	1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 tablespoon vinegar	1 teaspoon cloves

Instructions:
Cream oil and sugar together and then beat in egg, molasses and vinegar. Sift together dry ingredients and add to wet mixture. Chill 3 hours. Roll out dough to 1/8" thickness on lightly floured surface. Cut into gingerbread shapes or whatever shape you like. Place on greased cookie sheet 1" apart. Bake at 375° for 5-10 minutes. Makes 5-6 Dozen. Enjoy!

Merry Christmas to all our friends and neighbors.
May you find peace, love and happiness in the coming year.
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