

Dallas students share holiday poems

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The students in Mrs. Nulton's third grade class at the Dallas Township school wrote "Holiday Five-Step Poems." The poems are fun to write. The first line is one word that names the item; the second line is two words that describe the item; the third line is made up of three words that tell what the item does; the fourth line is two words that describe the item and the fifth line again names the item. The poems appear here exactly as they were written by the students.)

Ornament
Pretty, colorful
Shines, glows, hangs
Nice sparkles
Ornament
Leslie Harrington

Tree
Green, prickles
Grows and glows
Big, pretty
Tree
Tiffany Suda

Ball
Green, red
Hangs on tree
Looks round
Ball
Alexander Anduze

Bells
Red, pretty
Shake, ring, call
Colorful ribbon
Bells
Mindy Haberstitch

Reindeer
Four feet
Pulls a sled
Big rack
Reindeer
Richard Butcofski

Santa
Funny, jolly
Walks brings presents
White, red
Santa
Jonathan Blome

Present
Red, small
Waits under tree
Nice paper
Present
Ruthie Yale

Sleigh
Red, big
Flies, brings toys
Little driver
Sleigh
Kim Keller

Elf
Little, jolly
Runs, skips, works
Old, cheerful
Elf
Aaron Gingo

Snow
Round, white
Falls, spreads, covers
Sparkly shine
Snow
Aaron Gingo

Candle
Big, red
Burns, glows, wiggles
Tall, small
Candle
Ryan Schuler

Lights
Pretty colors
Glow, blink, shine
Nice, bright
Lights
Kristi Dugan

Iceicle
Cold, good
Grows long, cold
Looks real
Iceicle
Eddie Nulton

Santa
Fat, old
Comes down chimney
Red suit
Santa
Fabian Langdon

Doll
Pretty, soft
Runs and jumps
Dress, hat
Doll
Heather Patton

Presents
Square, wrapped
Make me happy
Tree paper
Presents
Robbie Karasek

Reindeer
Brown, red
Jumps and flies
Big, strong
Reindeer
Sheila Smith

Sled
Big, blue
Goes down hill
Handle, seat
Sled
Kelly Hoover

Cane
Shines good
It grows small
Red and white
Cane
Kenny Marsola

Ornament
Blue, green
Hangs on tree
Round, picture
Ornament
Kathleen Krench

Snow
White, fun
Comes down softly
Bright, icy
Snow
Joan Bednar

Paints
Colorful box
Paint things bright
Pretty colors
Paints
Allison Jones

Angel
Joyful, pretty
Flies, brings joy
Cute, beautiful
Angel
Michelle Miller

Mistletoe
Green, white
Swings, turns, invites
Berries, leaves
Mistletoe
Sommer Fitch

Take care when purchasing toys

Let's take a ridiculous situation and put it in perspective. Buy a full-size 10-speed bicycle as a gift for a one-year boy. Put the child on the seat. Never mind that his feet do not reach the pedals, or that his hands cannot grip the handlebars. Now let him take it for a ride. Ridiculous? Of course it is. It is perfectly obvious that a full-size bike is not an appropriate gift for a one-year-old child. But the appropriateness of a gift is not always apparent. If the age of the child is within a couple of years of the recommended age for the toy there is a tendency to ignore the recommendation because the child will grow into the toy, the child is big for his or her age and will be able to handle it, or the child is very advanced for his or her age. Dr. Anne Keller, director of the state Health Department's Division of Rehabilitation, is a pediatrician and a mother. She says much

thought should be given when purchasing toys. They should be selected to suit the age, abilities and temperament of the child. "Toys for infants and toddlers should be too large to be swallowed, soft enough to 'give' if fallen upon,

contain no sharp edges, points, wire or pins, and be constructed so there are no small parts that can be pulled or broken off and swallowed. "Pre-schoolers should also not be given toys with parts that could be pulled or broken off."

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Letters

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Dear Santa,
My name is Jessica Tyler. I go to the Dallas Town Ship School. How are you? I hope you are good. How is Roudolph and Mrs. Claus, and the other reindeer? I've kined been good. I hope you bring me lots of toys. I will have milk and cookies and crots for the reindeer. I will play with my toys that you bring me. And I am 7 year old. What are you doing? I want a Cabbage Patch Kids. And a herman a grayskull castle Battle cat.

Sincerely,
Jessica Tyler

Dear Santa,
My name is Brian I want a transformer and I want a wuzzle and a pound puppy and a punching bag and a racing set and a Voterom I had a good report card. And a super star wrestling and hulk hogens.

Love,
Brian Pietracini

Dear Santa,
My name is Jason Brown. What's is it like in the North Pole? This is a

list of the thing I want for Christmas. Atari and a Bow and Arrow and Candy and a Mop Top set Three Story Books and a Chalk Board and Five G.I. Joes Men and a truck. I am going to leave you some Cookies and Milk. And I will your reindeer carrots.

Love,
Jason Brown

Dear Santa,
May I please have some cars and transformr? I am not in school today so some one is writing my letter I hope that you will give him some thing too. and a cabbage pack and a voltron raideo. and a four wheeler. Scanta, what is it like up there? Howi s the rainder? How is Mrs. Claus?

Love, Greg Jesso

Dear Santa,
I would like a pony castle and a Cabbage Patch hores and my brother wants a truck and a bike. Please bring some treats for my dog and horse. Are the elves busy?

Is it cold at the North Pole? I can't wait till Christmas.

Sincerely,
Jesse Miller

Dear Santa,
How do your raindeer fly? How do you santa claus? I will put a glass of milk on the table for you. I will put carrots for th reindeer. I will put food on the table too. I was wondering if you could bring me a pound puppy? I was wound could

bring me cabbag pach kid twins that are red head? I was wondering if you could bring me a dressing tabel for my dolls. I would like a care bear named Cheer Bear. I'm tring be a good girl. I would a Care Bear named Wish-Bear My name is Wendy Naugle, I live in pennsylvania - I got a good report card

Sincerely,
Wendy Naugle

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