

Letters to Santa

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Fifth-graders in Mrs. Nulton's class at Dallas Elementary School perfected their newly-learned letter-writing techniques recently by writing to Santa Claus.

They didn't send him their own Christmas lists. Fifth-graders are big kids, who long ago learned the "truth" about Santa.

They wrote personalized Christmas letters for Mrs. Roeder's first-graders.

"Remember to put the date and inside address in their proper places," Mrs. Roeder admonished. "And be sure that Santa knows what snack treats he'll find - something more original than milk and cookies, please."

"I remember being a little kid in first grade and having a fifth-grader write a Santa letter for me," smiled Jennifer Dombroski, writing for John Bevilaque. "I think it keeps some of the magic in Christmas."

"You have to be really careful, because the little kids still believe in Santa Claus," confided Mark Kelly. "You don't want to disappoint them."

"It's still fun. It brings back a lot of good memories," said Chad Woolbert, penning a chatty letter from first-grader Nicole Sands.

And if the first-graders have anything to say about it, Santa may cut a trimmer figure this year. They plan to leave him delectable munchies such as low-cholesterol yogurt, whole-wheat treats and fresh fruit. And apples and carrots for the reindeer, of course.

Editor's note: Our thanks to Mrs. Roeder and Mrs. Nulton for sharing these thoughts with our readers.

Dear Santa,
How's Mrs. Claus? Get the reindeer ready to fly. I'll leave the reindeer carrots, apples, and a glass of milk. I'll leave you low fat yogurt and kook-aid. I am six years old. I would like you to bring me the claw, the animal, the bad dog, lego's, machine tonka, hess truck, a football, a race set with two jeeps, a remote control truck 4x4 and batman toys. I hope you don't get tired bringing me all these toys.

Love,
John Bevilaqua

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeer doing? I will be leaving you pizza and milk. I will be leaving carrots for the reindeer. Are the elfs busy? I'm 7 years old. I like to play with my friends. For Christmas I would like a backpack, puppy suprise, Barbie dolls, new shoes, coloring books, necklace, clothes, Trolls and a Troll case. I hope Santa is rested up by next year so I could write to you again.

Your friend,
Nicole Sands

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus? I am going to tell you about some things I want for Christmas. But first of all I am 6 years old. Some things I want are Fasttracks, Race Car, Race Track, a Work Shop (with tools), Power Wheels, Jeep, Remote Control Airplane, a Turtle Pillow, and a airgun Santa if you can get me these things. I will leave you some pizza and soda. Hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Tim Fleig

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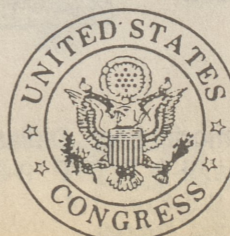
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