## Cheylin second graders have questions for Santa

The Cheylin second grade students of Kathy Weber had questions for Santa. Each ask the question and Santa has replied at the bottom. Hi Santa.

How are you? Are you happy that we leave the door open for you? Are you going to Chiwawa, Mexico? We need baby clothes, stroller, hairbrush, bottles, shoes, carriage, diapers, a high chair and car seat.

Ana Muniz

How do you make the toys?

Jordan Janicke

How do you look? Is it cold for you in the North Pole? How do you fly? How old are you? What are your reindeer's names? Do you have a brother? What is your mother's name?

Dear Santa,

How do reindeer fly? How many elves are at the North Pole? How is Rudolph doing?

Rachel Kay Keltz

Dear Santa,

Why don't I hear you in my house?

Dominique Johnston

## Santa writes to Cheylin kids

Dear second grade students,

It's almost Christmas and I don't want to miss answering the questions of any children. Your letters are always welcome.

I have a very long route again this year, which reaches down into Mexico and South America. That means I have to set my alarm clock really early to get everywhere but I don't mind — the air is so fresh and nice, and, when I get down toward Mexico, I need to take off my coat and hat because it is warm.

You know it is very cold at the North Pole — Sometimes there are days when the sun doesn't shine and it is only 1 to 10 degrees. Our workshop is kept toasty warm with a huge fireplace. Last year on one of my visits, I noticed a pellet stove that was keeping the children's home warm. It uses these little pellets or corn. So I bought one to keep our house warm.

My elves have been busy making toys. Some have been making the same toys for hundred's of years. However, with all the new toys and games such as X-boxes, iPods and computers, they have had to take some training. After all, I want the toys and games I bring you to be in good working order. I also have elves, especially the girl elves who are good at helping make and find the clothing, combs and brushes, hair ribbons and other things needed for babies. Mrs. Claus also helps them.

I have some very smart reindeer that learned to fly shortly after they got out of stable school. They are Dasher and Dancer, Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid, Donner and Blitzen and, then

there is Rudolph who has a "magic" nose with a built-in compass, light and radar. Without the reindeer, I would not be able to fly.

Fortunately, the reindeer have been well. The elves take very good care of them, giving them extra corn and alfalfa so they will have enough energy for the long trip. They also take some reindeer vitamins to keep them from getting

My family history is not very big. My parents, Seth and Sarah Claus lived at the North Pole before Mrs. Claus and I moved in. You know that I took over for Dad when he retired. My brother Samuel wanted to be in the building business and he learned how to construct huge igloos. His wife is also in the business helping fix up the inside of the igloo.

Before my father would let me take over, I had to take lessons on how to fly the sleigh, winking my eyes, going up and down chimneys and how to be quiet. As a child, I talked all the time so my parents were surprised that, when I wanted to become Santa, that I could be so quiet. That is why, Dominique, you don't hear me. However, two years ago in a home in Kansas, I just about spilled some milk when a cat jumped over the chair and scared me.

Well, I have talked enough. I hope you boys and girls have a very merry Christmas. In 2008, I hope you will study hard, mind your parents and do kind deeds to help others.

Love.



## Cheylin first graders talk about reindeer antlers

Cheylin first grade students of Kathy Weber were asked "Why do reindeer need antlers?" and "How do they get antlers?"

Reindeer need antlers because they to protect you. They get them because they grow them. **Destany Clemans** 

Reindeer need antlers because they fly. They get antlers because they grow.

Jorge Chacon

Reindeer need antlers because they need to protect themselves. They get antlers because their mother wants them to.

Granite Bock Why do reindeer need antlers, because they need them. They get their antlers by growing.

Reindeer need their antlers to fly. They get antlers because they grow.

Christina Frink

Reindeer need antlers because they need to protect their daddies. Reindeer get antlers by growing them.

Leigh Brown

Reindeer need antlers because they grow and get thin. They have antlers because they grow on the reindeer.

Jacob Serrano Reindeer have antlers to protect them from danger. How do they get antlers? They grow.

Reindeer need antlers because they protect them. They get antlers when they grow.

Reindeer don't need antlers, because they don't need them. They get antlers because they grow them.

Michael Mirto

Reindeer don't need antlers because you won't know which are girls or boys. They get the antlers because they grow them.

Jesie Frisbie



