

St. Francis second graders have questions for Santa

The St. Francis second graders, taught by Ramona Raile, had many questions and requests for Santa. Santa took time out of his busy schedule and answered them in his letter found with the questions.

Dear Santa,
How old are you? Do you always wear a red suit? How do reindeer fly?
KC Krien

Dear Santa,
1. What are your reindeer's names? 2. What is your last name? 3. How many elves do you have? 4. How many toys do we get? 5. Where do you get all the dogs?
Luv, Charlie Marie Smith

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! Can you bring me those shoes that I want, please? Santa, would you bring me "My Little Pet Shop" game on my DS?
Goodbye, Santa, Lauren Johnson

Dear Santa,
What will you give me for Christmas? Can you give me an Nintendo DS? Can you give an Xbox 360? Can you give an air hogs?
Alex Queen

Dear Santa,
How do you make the toys? How can you see me?
Love, Mason Schmid

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a motorcycle, Nascar track, a football, some money, a lot of football cards, a jersey, a stand, air hocks, and helicopter?
Connor Joseph Keller

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a Moped? Can I please have an Ipod? Can I please have a dog but do not want it to wet in the house.
Joslyn Kay Ketzner

Dear Santa,
Can I have a horse? A horse that is real and a cowboy shirt and pants?
Jorge Olivares

Dear Santa,
How many reindeer do you have? Are you normal like us? Have you been to the entire world?
Love, Shalyn Zwegardt

Dear Santa,
How is your day? How do you make the toys? Have a good day!
Jessica Confer

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a motorcycle and a BB gun and a toy pickup and a train on tracks? It will be a remote and 100 hundred dinosaurs!
Wyatt Hilt

Dear Santa,
Do you like being Santa? Can I live with you? Do you have to get married? Do you like your elves? Merry Christmas Santa!
Shelby Wolff

Dear Santa,
Do you wear a red suit? Do you have elves? Do you have a reindeer? Do you have a sleigh? Do you have a brother? Do you have a mom? Do you have a wife? Do you have kids?
Teagan Claire Landenberger

Dear Santa,
I wonder if there are baby elves? And how is Rudolph? Santa, how are you and Mrs. Claus? What will you give me? Will you come to my house first? Thank you!
Lindsey Anne Johnson

Dear Santa,
How old are you! How tall are elves when they are babies? Do you have a magic whip? How did you become Santa?
Draven Houtman

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a PSP game? The game is Star Wars!
Tiernan Poling

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? Why do you live in the North Pole? How do you make things?

How do you get from the North Pole to our house? Can you get me a Star Wars Lego? Can you get me a Nintendo DS? Can you get me an Ipod? Can you get me a Game boy and PSP? How do you get in to the chimney?
Timmy V. Lambert Jr.

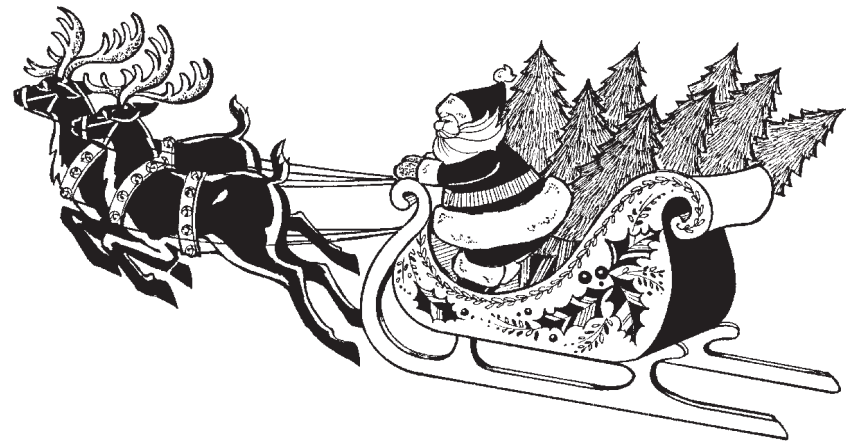
Dear Santa,
Please, are you going to give me a Nintendo DS and a tree house?
Emmanuel Fierro

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? What kind of presents

do you have to send?
Cody Baxter

Dear Santa,
Do you have a BB gun for me? Can I have a dirt bike? Can I have a remote control dinosaur? Can I have some horses? Can I have a cat named Peanut?
Bob Havel

Dear Santa,
Will you give me a PSP and a Matrix PS2 game?
Aaron Blair



Santa's letter to the children

Dear second graders,
Thank you so much for your questions. I took time out of my busy schedule so I could answer them.

As you probably have guessed, I have been around for many years — in fact, so many years that I have kind of lost track of my age. My father was Santa Claus before me and, since I was the oldest child, the job of making and delivering gifts was left up to me. My brother, Christopher, and sister, Christine, still help the elves fill all the Christmas lists. Our last name is "Claus." My wife, Mrs. Claus, learned all about Christmas and the jobs to be done from my mother. We have twins, a little girl and boy. Their names are Merry and Larry.

Our house at the North Pole is large and warm. There are many bedrooms, a large dining room and kitchen and a TV room. Even though the elves aren't very big, there a lot of them when we sit down to eat dinner.

Last year, we had to put a new roof on the house after a large package fell out of the sleigh on takeoff and put in a huge hole over the living room. That, boys and girls, is one reason I was a running a little late last Christmas Eve. But, I know that most of you didn't know that because you were sound asleep in your beds as all good little boys and girls should be.

My elves are special people. They are so tiny when they are born that one little elf will fit in the palm of my hand. However, they grow to about three-feet tall. The boy elves are my toy makers and do many jobs around the workshop. The girl elves help Mrs. Claus with

the baking, cleaning and making clothes for dolls and children. In all, there are probably about 220 elves. We work all year long getting ready for the big day (Christmas Eve).

"Red" has always been our color. It is a happy color and the reindeer recognize it. I have a number of reindeer but my team which I use at Christmas are named Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donnor and Blitzen and, of course, Rudolph. I also have quite a few dogs. Most of them are dogs that people didn't want and needed a home.

Rudolph is getting a little old these days and, once in a while, he gets lost. That's not good on Christmas Eve when I am trying to get to children all around the world. So, this year, I invested in a GPS system which attaches to my sleigh. It appears to work well on automobiles so I am anxious to try it out on Christmas Eve.

I have a little magic in my bag of tricks and gifts. It helps the reindeer fly and also helps me get down those difficult little chimneys, especially when I have big gifts.

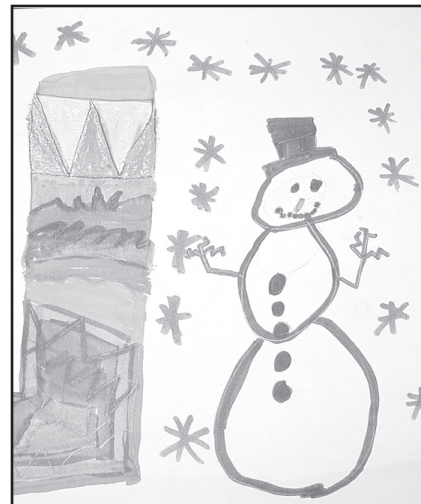
I'm getting a little fat and Mrs. Claus has had me on a diet. I can hardly wait for all the milk and cookies that you boys and girls leave me. I'll worry about the diet after Christmas.

As for all the presents, this letter is coming before Christmas so I can 'tell you what I am bringing you. That is a surprise but I hope you like it and I also hope you have a very merry Christmas.

Love,
Santa Claus
The North Pole

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