

Cheylin students ask Santa questions

1st Graders

For Kayla Bursch's first grade class, the questions began with "Why do reindeer have antlers? How do reindeer fly? And why does Rudolph have a red nose?"

Gaby Gutierrez says that reindeer have antlers because they are dads. And reindeer fly because they are magic. Finally, Rudolph has a red nose because it helps them see where they are going.

Brissanelly Salcido answers that reindeer have antlers because they are reindeers, and reindeer fly because they are magical. And Rudolph has a red nose because he needs to see in the dark.

Gus Hesper says that reindeer have antlers because they are dads and can fly because they can run fast. And Rudolph has a red nose because he is in the lead.

Briana Vandike says that reindeer have antlers because Santa gave the reindeer magic and reindeer fly because Santa has magic string. Rudolph has a red nose because Rudolph leads all the reindeer.

Nora Castillo wrote that reindeer have antlers because they have to help Santa and reindeer fly because they are bringing me toys. Rudolph has a red nose because it helps Santa fly.

Miah Hackney said reindeer have antler because they are reindeer. Reindeer fly because they are magical and Rudolph has a red nose

because Santa has to see at night.

Joseph Melton answered reindeer have antlers because they are deer. Reindeer fly because they have powers and Rudolph has a red nose because he is the leader.

Andrew Shields wrote reindeer have antlers because they are connected to their bones and reindeer fly because people give them gold sprinkles. And Rudolph has a red nose because it's like a light bulb.

Soledad Bermudez said reindeer have antlers because they need to fly and reindeer fly because they need to fly in the sky. Rudolph has a red nose because a leader needs to glow.

Robby Ceballes wrote reindeer have antlers because they are. Reindeer fly because they are magical. Rudolph is the leader because he has a red nose.

Joseph Augusta said reindeer have antlers because they are deer and reindeer fly because of Christmas Spirit. Rudolph has a red nose because he was born with it.

Keigan Boyson said reindeer have antlers because they are deer and reindeer fly because they are magical. Rudolph has a red nose because he's the leader.

Colton McCarty wrote that reindeer have antlers because they are deer. Reindeer fly because Santa taught them and Rudolph has a red nose because he was born that way.

2nd Graders

Kathy Webber's second grade class asked the probing question, "What questions do you have for Santa?"

Where do you live? How can reindeer fly? Asked Sara Chumley

How many elves does Santa have? What kind of reindeer do you have? How can you fit in the chimney? Do you have a cat? Do you have glasses? Can your reindeer fly? Do you like hot chocolate? Asked Guiene Burr.

How do you make a toy? Do you have glasses? Do you have elves? What's your reindeer's names? Do your elves work? Asked Taighe Weeter.

Do you have elves? Do you wear glasses? Do you have a cat? Daniel Monteiro asked.

Jayden Boyson wanted to know, How many reindeer do you have? How are your elves? How many elves do you have?

Kimberly Velazquez asked, How do you fly? What is your last name? When is your birthday?

How do you fly? What is his last name? Who is your wife? How do you make toys? What do you like to eat? Asked Luis Reynoso.

Monserrat Solais asked Santa Claus, Do you come out at night? Do you deliver toys at night and make toys?

How does your sleigh fly? What is your last name? How many elves do you have? How many reindeer do you have? How do your reindeer fly? Kaylynn Hendricks wanted to know.



TOM FRISBIE escorts Doris Amsberry to the Senior Citizens Christmas dinner. Following is Lee Amsberry.

Santa's letter to the children

Dear Cheylin students,

Thank you so much for your questions. I took time out of my busy schedule to try to answer them.

We have been busy at our home and workshop at the North Pole and, this year, it has been extra cold. But the cold doesn't bother the elves because they are working hard at making all the toys — the dolls, bikes, computers and, this year, there has been a big call for Nintendo DS'.

On those really cold days, Mrs. Claus brings one of my favorite drinks, hot chocolate, and lots of freshly baked cookies to the workshop and we all take a break and talk about how good so many of you children have been this year. We also frown about those children who have been naughty.

At supper, Mrs. Claus makes lots of soup. My favorite soup is chicken noodle soup with a dollop of mashed potatoes right in the middle. The elves would rather have chili soup because they said it keeps them warmer and gives them more energy.

Elmo and Harry are my chief elves for taking care of the herd or reindeer. Since many of them are free to roam, they often come to the barn when it is cold for some extra feed and they are especially fond of alfalfa. Sometimes Harry will give them each a carrot.

We have 12 reindeer that are kept in the barn most of the year. They have warm blankets that they wear which keeps their coats shiny. They are fed extra feed and lots of cracked corn starting the first of December so they will have

the energy to make the long trip on Christmas Eve.

These reindeer are also fed magic pellets at that time so they will be able to fly. You know that their harness which keeps them together and hooks to the sleigh is filled with magic dust and the bottom of the sleigh has a space for more magic dust. That way, we will always be able to reach each of you boys' and girls' homes.

Luis asked about Mrs. Claus (you know Claus is my last name). Well, I met Mrs. Claus... let me see.... I can't remember just when we met but it was many, many years ago. She was a pretty, young girl at a party and she was just the right kind of girl to be my wife. We were married a week before Christmas (on my birthday, Dec. 15) because I needed someone to help me through Christmas and take care of the elves while I was gone.

Now, she bakes and sews for me and the elves. She helps me find my glasses when I lose them and she takes care of Sandy, the cat, and Gus, the dog.

She has also been very strict with me about my diet. Some of those chimneys are pretty small and hard to slide through so I am generally on my diet. Sometimes I feel like the reindeer because I have to eat all those carrots.

But, we both know how important it is that the presents are delivered and that everyone has a very merry Christmas!

Love,
Santa Claus
North Pole

