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keeper. Santa I am going to leave you some peanuts on our table. I have really been a good girl. Thanks a lot Santa.

Syretta
Listened to and written by Shandra Henderson, 6th grade

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Since I have been so good I want a little television, Rudolph, clothes, robot and a radio. I will leave you a coke (maybe). Will you spend the night with me some night, bye!

Your pal,
Chad
Alex Schilling 6

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year. I have been helping my mom and my sisters. This year I want a Barbie Doll, a pink scooter, red purse, purple and green Pogo Ball, black watch, books, and a red necklace. Most of all I want everything to have a good time. Oh! I'm going to leave you a plate of cookies and a glass of milk. I hope you enjoy them. I wish you and everyone else a very Merry Christmas!

Your Pal,
Leticia
Listened to and written by: Mayhay Yvonne Smith

THIRD GRADE
Dear Santa,
I would like a Cricket doll, and a puppy, and a box of crayons, and a telephone, and a VCR, and a pair of shoes, and a doll called Julie. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Your Friend
Grade 2 Cynthia Stevens
Grade 7 Helped by Michael

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. I also want a Nintendo. I want a stereo, and a motorcycle, and a robot, and a horse, and a swimming pool.

Your Friend
Grade 2 Jason Torres
Grade 7 Helped by Michael

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a new pair of house shoes, new clothes, roller skates, socks, a new stocking, a Barbie doll, a lead rope, and I also want a horse.

Merry Christmas to all!

Your friend,
Amanda Weishuhn
P.S. I will leave you some cake.

Help by Chanty Brown of 7th grade

Dear Santa,
I want a truck
I want a watch
I want a bike

Your friend,
Rebecca
Helped by Matt Gallagher

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Your Friend
Grade 2 Freddy Rivera
Helped by Grade 7 Michael

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter and a diamond. I want a car for my mother and a swatch watch. I want a new house, and a Cabbage-Patch doll.

your friend
Chianti
Merry Christmas
Helped by Matt Gallagher Grade 8

Dear Santa,
I want a television, a telephone, a stereo, a VCR, a Julie doll, a four-wheeler, a cake-cola swatch watch.

Your pal,
Stephanie

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike and a motorcycle. I would like a play toy and a scooter. I want a tv and some new pencils.

Your friend
Isley Edwards
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your friend,
Vanessa
Helped by June 7

Dear Santa,
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your pal,
Delana

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I want a Santa Book.
I want a car for my mom.
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Santa I will leave you some cookies.

your pal,
Petra La Sha Sewell
Helped by Alfred Torres, Grade 8th

Dear Santa,
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your best friend
Chazara Scott
P.S. I want a Julie doll.
Helped by Chanty Brown of 7th grade

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your friend,
Kara

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Seneca
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Where the kids went at Christmas

(The following story was brought in by Msgr. Victor Schmidt, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Nida and written by Charles Higgins)

Mrs. Traphagen had inherited a couple of sizable fortunes, including her own Swiss chocolate company. But it wasn't her wealth or her chocolate factory that made every kid in the neighborhood anxiously await the annual visit to her home the Sunday before Christmas. There were other reasons.

The house was one. It was a marvel. Built in the early 1700s, it had been lovingly restored by Mrs. Traphagen with no expense spared. It was unlike other restorations of similar homes, which often remove walls to enlarge rooms and facilitate heating; Mrs. Traphagen had maintained the original floorplan. It seemed as if there were 100 rooms on the first floor alone, all connected by doors and narrow passageways. It was a maze of delight; every door opened to a new adventure, every hallway led to a new experience.

At Christmas the house had an especially mystical character. Every room was elaborately decorated with freshly cut greens and red ribbons. Real candles burned softly in each window. And in every room, no matter how big or how small, there was a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. I remember believing that the ornaments must have grown into place as the trees grew in the forest.

The most beautiful tree was the smallest. It stood on a table in a corner of the Green Room. Resting on the tip of every branch was a piece of popcorn, and the tree looked as though it had just been brought inside after a light snowfall. None of us dared to breathe near it for fear the slightest movement would start a chain reaction. I suppose it's just as well that we never found out if they were much older than Mrs. Traphagen had painstakingly glued each piece in place.

But the house was not the only reason we all looked forward to that Sunday in December. From the moment we arrived until we said goodbye, we had our choice of every cookie known to humankind (or at least to Mrs. Traphagen). And as you might expect from a woman who owned her own chocolate company, there was plenty of hot chocolate and candy.

And yet, what I remember most was her homemade Christmas bread. The instant you entered the front door the smell greeted you, wrapping itself around you like a big hug. No matter where you went in the house, that glorious intoxicating smell sought you out. And as we would leave, Mrs. Traphagen would give each of us a loaf, still hot from the oven wrapped in a special Christmas cloth that kept our hands warm until we got home.

In time, and I suppose because none of us could pronounce her name correctly, Mrs. Traphagen's home became known as the House of Bread. Mrs. Traphagen died several years ago and with her death a beautiful tradition in our neighborhood came to an end. Still, the memory of her home and her love is alive. It continues to be a reminder of the gift God gave the world in a place which, in Hebrew, is also called the House of Bread — Bethlehem.

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike, and a trans-former. And a motorcycle. Please get me a Horse For X-Mas, and I would like a dirt bike, and a Fourwheeler, and a remote control car. Please give me some pencils, and a soccer ball. I want a new car for my mother. I want a truck for my dad. I wish you a Merry Christmas. Me and my brother are very good.

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