



Season's GREETINGS

Deck the halls and trim the tree,
wrap the gifts and share the glee.

The holidays are in full swing,
and on our list is one last thing:

A note of thanks and
our warm wishes, too,
for peace, joy and friendship
to last the year through!

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JR/SR high schoolers get creative

BY AZURY CHAPARRO RANGEL
11TH GRADE

On December 26th, around 5:00 am, Mrs. Claus woke up to a call from the reindeer. The reindeer told Mrs. Claus they needed her help to make it back home. Santa was exhausted from a long night of gift-giving and passed out on their way back to the North Pole. Without Santa's guidance, the reindeer had no clue how to make it home. Mrs. Claus is Santa's right hand wanted to help so she hopped on the sleigh and headed on her way to rescue Santa and his reindeer. She had a long way ahead of her; she traveled through New York, Denver, the Dakotas, and many more places around the United States.

When she arrived, she noticed not all the presents got delivered, which made her worry. She had to make sure every kid gets Christmas or their Christmas dreams would be shattered. She then rushed to gather all the gifts and hopped on the sleigh with Santa still fast asleep. The reindeer started to run, and suddenly they were up in the sky. As they glided through the sky, she realized how beautiful the world truly is. She delivered all the gifts on time so the kids never had a clue.

Santa suddenly woke up in the middle of delivering the last gift and saw the reindeer were too tired to fly back to the North Pole. Santa asked Mrs. Claus to stop so the reindeer could rest before returning home. Once the reindeer rested, they headed back to the North Pole. As they arrived, Santa, with all the joy in the world said: "you did it Mrs. Claus, you saved Christmas." Mrs. Claus, Santa, and the reindeer couldn't be happier.

BY JERREN HUNTER
11TH GRADE

On new year's day, Rudolph had one mission set on his mind. The mission that Santa sent him on was to take back the presents they gave to kids around the world. Santa has a short budget for next year's Christmas. So Rudolph was going to take a trip around the world. The North Pole was his first stop. He went from house to house looking for the toys Santa gave out. After the north pole, he flew south to Russia. House by house Mr. Rudolph took the presents back from the sleeping children. Then Rudolph zoomed down into Africa, one by one, until Rudolph had secured the packages. He was about to go to the states but he remembered he couldn't go because of the time zones and he didn't want to be in New York when the ball drops. So he went back to the North Pole to unload his cargo.

About the time Rudolph had finished unloading the bag it was time for him to head to

Merica. He started in California and worked his way east. Of course, he sat on the beach for a while to enjoy the waves. He also stopped in Colorado to enjoy the icy slopes. In one of the houses in Colorado, he got caught taking some gifts back in a yellow house. A toy soldier caught him. The toy soldier was eating a cookie, so Rudolph decided he was going to take the cookie from him and eat it. After a few minutes of them fighting, Rudolph got the cookie from the toy soldiers.

Rudolph went on his way to finish the job that Santa sent him. He had completed his trip around the world to collect the presents for next year's Christmas. So he went back to the north pole to deliver the last of the gifts for Santa so he can rest.
THE END.

BY LESLIE CARRASCO
11TH GRADE

On a Christmas morning, there was snow all over the trees, roads and cars. Across the street there is a little yellow house, and inside that house there is a beautiful tall green tree with red, silver, ornaments all over with bright lights. Underneath the tree, there are a lot of big, small colorful presents. A little green toy soldier was under the tree. The little soldier was peacefully eating a cookie with sprinkles and white frosting. Until he was disturbed by a red nose reindeer. The reindeer was shaking the presents left, right, up, and down all over town. The deer came to the green soldier and stared at him for a little while. The soldier was furious because he felt uncomfortable and couldn't eat peacefully anymore.

He yelled at the red nose, to stop it. The deer without a reply, slowly going up the braveless soldier. And swooping his cookie from him, took the biggest bit ever on his cookie. The soldier was so hungry, told the deer, "its not nice to steal a fat person's food." The deer with a huge smile took another bite. The angry soldier went up to him and snatched his cookie back. "GRRRR" said the soldier. The red nose lighted up so bright it looked like the sun. The deer pushed the soldier. And said, "Sharing is caring." Little soldier yelled, "But I don't care."

The deer went from shock to sadness really fast. With a sad face the deer turned around. The soldier, happy with his cookie, took a little bite, looked up. And felt guilty, the soldier ran up to the red nose. The red nose turned around with tears on his face. The soldier with a pounding face, spit the cookie and gave it to him. The red nose with a bright smile, ate the cookie and said thank you. And out the window the deer went. The soldier felt better about

himself and enjoyed the rest of his cookie. Looking up the soldier saw a speedy red light zooming through the sky.

BY BRYSON DIRKS
11TH GRADE

The Toy Soldier
The year was 1943, I was with a group of soldiers traveling in a harsh snowy environment. We were trying to get some intel on the enemy's whereabouts and were losing track of time. I knew it was around Christmas time because of all the lights hanging up around me but didn't know how close or how far past Christmas was. I was just worried about getting out of the snow and getting nice and warm.

My fellow comrades and I were finally starting to get into a position where we could see the enemy and gather intel, then all of a sudden this big gust of wind with the same attributes as a hurricane came in and blew us away and knocked us out. When I woke up, I had no sense of time or direction. I was guessing somewhere north. I was lost and my whole team was nowhere to be found.

I started a new adventure and started walking. In the distance, I could see this big red house with lights and people hard at work. I was startled because I didn't know what they were building or if they were the enemy. As I kept getting closer and closer, I could see these little people with big ears dressed in all red and long hats. I pulled out my binoculars and couldn't believe what I was seeing, they were elves!

I knew I wouldn't get hurt so I went up to them and asked, "Where am I?" As one of the little elves was about to speak, this fat man came out and started yelling, "Ho Ho Ho!" It was Santa! He then explains to me that I was at the North Pole and I just couldn't believe it. The elves were finishing up toys and packaging anything, so I assumed they were getting ready to go out and it was Christmas Eve. I then got to sit down with the other toys, and the kid who was playing with me was called down to eat dinner.

BY TANNER HARDESTY
12TH GRADE

Christmas eve Santa and the elves did one last check before the flight the next day. It turns out tall palm trees cause more issues than evergreens. For the recession unknown perhaps it's an anomaly. Seems to happen every year hitting a palm tree and cursing the reindeer to form a singularity. It gets sorted out, yes but it seems to happen every year. Anyway, the elves finished their checks. Just in time. It is now midnight in New Zealand so Santa begins the journey. Everything went well and many toys were delivered. Granted, he had to use the doors which messed up his rhythm because there was no chimney. Then he went over the then Asian continent that went faster as Santa got into the rhythm of using the doors. Then over southern Europe. Then the part he dreaded South America was going well until he made his way up to Florida. Wosh wahm crash avoiding one

palm tree turning sideways to boom another palm tree belting the reindeer and sleigh. And he was stuck in a palm tree with a head-splitting headache.

Meanwhile, the people at Norad were a bit concerned as this was the longest Santa has stopped. And the point where he was stuck was not being too far from the base. They called over and sent someone to investigate. And sure enough, the person they sent found Santa and the reindeer in the tree. Thus he helped out Santa and Santa was on his way. Before the person Norad sent could say still the palm trees were still the issue.

BY OMAR HERNANDEZ
12TH GRADE

A week before the cold Christmas morning the grinch was planning on how to ruin Christmas. Hours go by and he is struggling on how to ruin Christmas. Usually every year he goes around stealing the gifts that Santa has delivered already. Basically the green ugly man goes behind a couple houses from Santa Claus taking the gifts he puts down.

Finally after a couple hours of thought he finally decided on something he wants to do. He has now decided to completely ruin Christmas but this time not by taking just the gifts. This year he was gonna take it all away by taking anything Christmas related. For example, he's gonna take mistletoes, christmas trees, christmas movies, anything that has Santa on it he was gonna replace it by putting his own face over him.

This plan doesn't seem super organized but luckily he had a couple more days until Christmas. He at least wanted to figure out where he was gonna store all these things and how he was going to get so many things to fit along with him throughout the night. He simply had no idea how this plan was going to work. After a rough couple of hours he gave up, so he decided to burn the pictures of Santa and the Christmas trees. He would carry all the mistletoes until the end for a huge bonfire on top of the cliff in Wray, Colorado. The grinch had never been more excited than now.

The grinch decided to have fun for the next couple days before his busy night on December 25th. He went sledding for a day and snowboarding for the next. After that he spent the day playing a lot of different sports. Finally, it was early Christmas Eve and the green man was nervous for tonight. He doesn't do anything fun for most of the day but once the clock was set to 11:59 PM he turned on his supercharged all terrain vehicle and chases the big red man in a sleigh, the man known as Santa Claus.

He was able to get everything in order, throwing the trees in a pile and the pictures of Santa along with them. In his ATV he collected all the mistletoes as he listened to the top 20 rap artists. At the final house he got the tree, the picture, but he wasn't able to find any mistletoe and he was starting to get mad. He walks around the house and he never notices but he's right under the last mistletoe.

BY ASPYN KINNIE
12TH GRADE

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Cindy Lee Who. She was a very bubbly little girl who everyone loved. Cindy and her family decided to take a trip around the world in their sleigh after Thanksgiving. When Cindy Lee and her family got in the sleigh they had some kind of malfunction and it wouldn't start.

When Cindy Lee called the people who fixed sleighs they told her they couldn't come for another week. Cindy Lee thought I could try and fix it myself but she messed it up even more. Cindy's dad and brother asked her if she needed help to fix it but she said no she wanted to do this on her own. She remembered she had some special liquid that no one in her family knew about. Remarkably, it worked so they all got in the sleigh and started their journey flying around the world.

They got about an hour into the journey and the sleigh started having problems again. The biggest problem with that is they were way up in the sky so they all started freaking out. Cindy told them, "Calm down and prepare for landing." Luckily Cindy Lee was a great driver and was able to land in the middle of the mountains. They looked around and were scared because nobody knew what to do or where they were. Cindy Lee tried to find her magic liquid but she couldn't find it anywhere.

Off into the distance, they heard music so they started heading that way; maybe someone there could help. When they found the place with the music they found a man in the garage. He was a nice old man with a big belly, and a white beard. He said, "I might have exactly what you need." He pulled out a can of Cindy Lee special liquid. She was shocked because she didn't think anyone else had this. He winked at her and said, "Have a wonderful trip around the world." They all got back into the sleigh and finished their trip without any hiccups.

BY KARLIE MARTIN
11TH GRADE

Early one morning Rudolph was awoken to the sound of his alarm; *Bzz Bzz Bzz* SIX MONTHS UNTIL CHRISTMAS!!! He rushes down to Santa's workshop to make sure all of the elves are doing what they are supposed to do to start preparing for Christmas. He could not wait until Christmas. Rudolph gets so excited to lead Santa's sleigh every year. He wants to make sure Christmas is going to run smoothly this year. He goes around to each and every elf station to see what they are all working on.

Once he made sure everything was on track, he went to find Santa to make sure that the sleigh was getting serviced for Christmas, but Rudolph could not find Santa anywhere. He started to panic a little bit. He went and found the other reindeer to see if they knew where Santa was. Prancer said he had not seen him in at least a week. Dancer said, "Oh yeah I just saw him the other day." Donner said "Nope, not for a while." Cupid responded, "Yes, he is down at the barn fixing the sleigh."

Rudolph makes his way down to the barn to check on Santa and the sleigh. Once he reaches the barn he swings the doors wide open. But, there was a slight problem.

The front of the sleigh was torn off. When he asked Santa what was wrong with it, Santa explained, "The rats must have got into the barn and started to eat at the wood. I am going to have to have you go get the other reindeer and come back down here to help me put the sleigh back together." Rudolph runs as fast as he can to gather up all of the other reindeer. He tells them all the problem so off they run back to the barn to help Santa put the sleigh back together.

Finally, with a whole bunch of hard work and teamwork, they get the sleigh back together and take it out on a test drive to make sure it is going to work. With Rudolph guiding the sleigh they successfully found out that they had fixed the sleigh. Once they landed and parked the sleigh they made sure that the rats could not get to it again. Finally, everything was ready for Christmas. Rudolph was as happy as could be. Six months til Christmas he kept telling himself. 180 days. 179 days. 178 days... the count-down continued until it was finally Christmas.

BY TYSON MOSENTEEN
11TH GRADE
Santa in Holyoke

The dawn of Christmas morning Santa was coming through Holyoke Colorado. In Holyoke Santa had a lot of gifts to give to little kids. All the little kids besides one were all good kids this year so everyone got gifts for christmas. The one kid that was being bad all year was the most important to Santa. He was Santa's favorite because he was a little naughty but a very good kid to the elders. The little boy was very good to the elders because his parents raised him right. The little boy was the naughty one in school but whenever his dad would ask him to do something he would do it

without a heartbeat. When Santa got to the little boy's house he was like "I'm still going to give this little boy a present, but I'm going to write a note that says be better." He gave him one of the best presents he has ever received because he was helping the elders. If he would not have helped the elders he would not have received any present.

When he was leaving the boys house he got stuck in the chimney. When the little boy noticed that Santa was stuck he woke up and helped him out. When he helped him out, Santa grabbed his hand and pulled him up as well. He pulled him up because he wanted to help deliver the presents. Santa did not return the boy to his house because he took him to the North Pole. At the North Pole the young boy grew up making the toys for Santa. The next year Santa took the young boy back to Holyoke and he lived happily ever after.

BY BRENDAN NELSON
12TH GRADE

A Toy Story Christmas
On christmas eve, something no one would have thought of, happened. This was something amazing, magical, and even quite impossible. It was a quiet night, except the snoring of a young child by the warm fireplace. Under the tree where the toys sat to be opened in the morning, two toys started jostling around. Eventually they got

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We're sending our prayers and best wishes to all of the men and women in uniform who protect our country, our communities and our traditions. Whether you're across town or across the world, our thoughts and gratitude are with you at the holidays and all year. We thank you for your service, sacrifice and dedication to our country. May God bless and protect you today and always.

Happy Holidays!

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5th graders share holiday poetry

CHRISTMAS
BY DAYANA ANDRADE FUENTES
In my first Christmas I saw snow.
I smelled hot coffee at Christmas because it was cold.
Me and my family opened the presents that Santa brought us.
I also smelled something tasty food I went to see what it was and it was mole.
I touch a soft and warm quilt.

CHRISTMAS
BY CHLOE GORDON
blue sky
south poul
clear white sky
fast snow pouring down
Ugly sweater
christmas dinner,
sister's snowman
That is my christmas.

CHRISTMAS
BY LAITYN BIEBER
Matching pajamas lying beside the fireplace
the wood in the fireplace burning to ashes
Hallmark movies and Christmas music playing in the kitchen
turkey, pie, and stuffing with mashed potatoes that melt in your mouth
crinkly wrapping paper and silk bows
Christmas

CHRISTMAS
BY JAYDEN AGUILAR
my cousins and brothers all around the new game
my mom's mild spicy turkey cooking in the oven
the children all screaming of joy as they open their presents
the bacon, cheese, and onion mashed potatoes
the cold snow as I build my snowman
Christmas

SNOWFLAKE
BY LEVI CLAYTON
from in a cold a cloud coming down
start to create on the grass coming down on the ground from cold weather and wind but then it slowly melts away

ICE
BY YARELI GOYTIA
It comes from the sky and it gets cold.
It makes it cold and slippery. on the ground.
By falling.
By melting from being there for a long time or of the heat..

CHRISTMAS
BY LUCAS JORDAN
The sparkling snowflakes falling outside
the nice warm food that comes out of the oven

the wrapping paper from the present wrapping all over the floor
the cold icy snowflakes falling on my tongue
The soft cold snow as I brush my fingers against it
Christmas

CHRISTMAS
BY ADRI MALLARI
The red, green, yellow, and blue Christmas ornaments hanging on the Christmas tree
A minty smell coming from all the candy canes
Cheerful neighbors singing with their Christmas caroling
Delicious traditional turkey and ham cooking in the oven
Smooth, new gift wrapping covering the present
Christmas

WATER
BY GABRIEL MATEO ZAZO
from the clouds
water gives a home for many animals.
From the clouds it starts in a body of water
It dries out sometimes.

CHRISTMAS
BY KREE McCONACHIE
snow falling from the green tree
pancakes and bacon in the morning
wrapping paper getting ripped by kids
the bacon in the morning
crispy
the softest blanket in the morning
Christmas

CHRISTMAS TIME
BY CLIFFORD RUSSELL
The dark green pine trees with bright ornaments
Sweet cheese cake with cookies and brownies
The laughs of excitement and joy
Sweet fudge brownies with lots of chocolate
Bright and cold snow
Christmas

WINTER SNOW
BY MAITE SANCHEZ BARRERA
Shimmery white snow
Falls out of the winter sky
Cold and fluffy on the ground
Peaceful, calm snow breeze
Swishing, swooshing like a dress in the wind
Falling, flying like a bird in the sky
Flies in the foggy sky
Shimmery white snow

CHRISTMAS
BY KIANNA SANCHEZ
Lights around the big tree
spicy sweet cinnamon from the new branches
kids unwrapping their

presents
tamales and enchiladas
the fluffy new blanket around me
Christmas

PRETTY WHITE KITTIES
BY AMY STRUCKMEYER
Pretty white kitties
Pounce in the winter snow
glittery, shimmery, backyard shimmery, glittery snow near and far
jumping, rolling like a little white towel
dancing, swaying, like a white, waving branch
never resting little winter snowball
Pretty white kitties

BELLS
BY DAVID VAZQUEZ
family sitting around the fireplaces
You taste the carlo
You smell the wood from the fireplaces
And hear the jingles
Touch a wrapped red present with a giant gold bow
Christmas

THE FEELING OF CHRISTMAS
BY ISAIAH MURRAY
families playing their new stuff they got
delicious cooking
opening presents with paper everywhere
Cider
the heater feeling so nice on me
Christmas

CHRISTMAS
BY ADIEL MORENO
I see my Christmas tree with lights
I smell cake and cookies
My siblings opening presents
I taste cookies
Presents
Christmas

CHRISTMAS
BY DELANIE DAVIS
a big green tree standing tall in our living room
the smell of minty candy canes
the sound of my family caroling
the taste of warm delicious hot chocolate
the feel of smooth wrapping paper from our presents
Christmas

CHRISTMAS
BY TENLEY BECKER
I see the decorative Christmas tree waiting
I smell the delicious ham but also pie
I hear the noisy jingle bells
I taste a wonderful pumpkin pie
I touch my wonderful presents
Christmas

CHRISTMAS
BY IAN HERNANDEZ
All the houses are full of lights.
All the food that's on the table.
The Christmas songs.
The snow outside.
The presents under the Christmas tree.
Christmas

NEW YEARS!
BY AUBREE KAMMER
Beautiful fireworks shine as pretty as a painting
Amazing cake and pie that we eat for dessert
Kids yell 1 2 3 happy new year as loud as we can
Amazing hot chocolate we drink when we sing songs
Colorful balloons that fly above us when we dance
New Year!

ELK
BY JOSEPH KLEVE
Majestic brown elk
Prancing in the winter
Sneaky spying in the woods
Cold snow storms come with frost
Keeping warm with warm fur coat
Free, free as can be
Cold winter season
Majestic brown elk

CHRISTMAS EVE
BY AINSLEY JO KRAMER
When it starts to get cold and snow starts to fall it means that it is Christmas season
Then you start to smell the nice fresh cookies and the hot chocolate
Then you hear cheer and laugh
Then you start to taste the Christmas dinner
And something you can even just the cold snow
Christmas Eve

CHRISTMAS
BY JULIAN LEGARRETA
Lots of presents under the tree,
lots of food on the table,
presents getting wrapped to put under the tree,
lights to put on the tree so it could look cool before Christmas.

CHRISTMAS
BY HUDSON LUETH
trees with snow on them
ham and potatoes cooking
people caroling for 4-H
Eating pumpkin pie
tearing and ripping presents
Christmas

CHRISTMAS
BY SOPHIA MARTINEZ DANIEL
The white snow on the ground
Christmas cookies sitting on the counter waiting for Santa

Kids laughing and playing
Drinking eggnog and watching Christmas movies
The tape from the presents sticking to my fingers
Christmas

CHRISTMAS
BY CADENCE MORRISON
presents and the Christmas tree.
pumpkin pie and the smell of ham.
presents getting ripped and the stockings getting dumped out.
pumpkin pie and some stuffing.
yummy treats and toys.
Christmas

HAPPY NEW YEAR
BY IRVING NORIEGA CRUZ
the beautiful fireworks
onion and tomato hotdogs and the beach
crackling sounds of the colorful fireworks
I taste lots of sugary food on my mouth
the awesome sparkling sticks
happy new year

CHRISTMAS
BY JOZELYN PEREZ
family dancing and laughing
turkey and stuffing being made
music playing and family singing
drinking hot cocoa while spending time with family
ripping of the wrapping off the presents
Christmas

WINTER!
BY ADI PRIDDY
Thick white snow
Enjoy winter's snowy weeks
Very beautiful Maybell
Shiny wintry snowy days
Enjoy the wintry winds blow through your hair
It is as snowy as a crazy blizzard
Enjoy winter's snowy weeks
Winter!

CHRISTMAS
BY GAELE RAMIREZ TEUTLE
as the Christmas tree stands above us
and the smell of a thunder turkey
the sound of family and friends gathering around as the of the turkey and mashed potatoes fills my mouth
and the feeling of tearing boxes to get your present is fantastic

WINTER
BY CHRISTIAN SAMANIEGO
cold white snow
cold winter snow
hot warm fire pit
Freezing cold winter
dropping, dripping like icicles
dropping, dripping like water
landing winter snow
cold white snow

CHRISTMAS EVE
BY EVA SCHLACHTER
small snowflakes falling as you feel the excitement of Christmas tomorrow
the cheesy smell of fondue as it pours into a bowl
the Christmas carols repeating in your head and on the TV
the warm hot chocolate you savor as it warms your body
the warming fireplace you rub your hands next to as you drink your hot chocolate
Christmas eve

CHRISTMAS
BY JARAE SHOLES
Presents under the tree in the morning
Steak being cooked for Christmas dinner
My two cousins, Kase, and Kenna, when they giggle when I get their tickles
The candy ham when it's done cooking in the oven
When I get a new toy, I love the texture of it
Christmas

CHRISTMAS
BY BO STEGGS
beautiful wrapped presents under the tree
the lovely smell of rice and brisaket
pool balls clanking around
candy cane while looking
admiring the tree
a cold glass of water while playing go fish
Christmas

CHRISTMAS
BY CRUSE WEBER
Walking in the church with snow on the ground, I see family's around.
walking in the church kitchen with a smell of delicious food.
Hearing jingle bells and families talking in the church.
Sitting down and eating delicious food with a side of lemonade of course.
Leaving church stuffed and getting home jumping in snow.
Christmas

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from all of us to all of you!

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season from the employees of**



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themselves opened and out from the boxes, jumped Woody and Buzz Light-year. Thankfully the child was soundly asleep, so she couldn't hear the toys escaping out from their boxes. Christmas was a new concept for Woody and Buzz. They have never seen a tree, ornaments, or even knew why they were wrapped up in wrapping paper. Buzz decided to climb the christmas tree to get a good look of the house and his surroundings. He slid down the branches and

whispered to Woody, "Let's go exploring!" Woody agreed and the two went around the house being careful not to make any noise. After climbing up onto the dining room table, they noticed the warm milk and fresh baked cookies. Being hungry from the long adventure around the house, Woody and Buzz decided to lay down on the table and snarf down the cookies and finish off the tall glass of milk. Eventually, the little girls' mom went out to the living room and gently placed some more presents under the

christmas tree, but noticed some small shreds of wrapping paper around the other gifts. The woman eventually realized that two of the presents were opened. She frantically went looking around the house for the toys that somehow escaped their boxes. After hours of searching under the couch, behind the other furniture and appliances, and going through her daughter's bedroom, she finally found them laying on the table with all the milk and cookies gone. She gently picked up Woody and Buzz, put them back in their boxes, and rewrapped them. The next morning, the little girl had no idea what had happened the night before and the family had a happy Christmas morning.

BY JORDYN SCHLUNTZ
11TH GRADE

Just like any other year, Little Sally hung up her stocking next to the fireplace so it would be all ready for Santa when he came down the chimney. Sally knew that he would be there later that night because just like all the other Christmas Eves before he came to bring her gifts. She had also seen pictures hung up all around the school of Santa.

Even though just like all the years before he had left such beautiful gifts Little Sally still wasn't satisfied. Deep down in her heart, she was a little uncertain because it is hard to believe something when you haven't truly seen it with your own eyes. Even with all this uncertainty, Little Sally said "He'll come, I just know he will be here before the morning I just wish..." but before she could say anything else a close voice quietly said, "what do you wish?"

While looking around for where the voice came from she says " I wish I could see Santa with my own eyes". I'd love to go and see his house and ride in his big red sleigh. Little Sally was certain that if she saw all these things she would know for sure. The voice spoke again asking Sally " Why don't you go? It

is easy enough just to put on these shoes and hold the light. It will guide you where you need to go."

Before Sally could even look down she was taking off her slippers to slip into these magnificent shoes, but once seeing them they looked too small, but to her surprise, they fit exactly right. Sally put on the shoes and took the light in her hand and a gust of wind came and took her up the chimney. Away little Sally went higher and higher until she looked like another one of the stars in the sky and before she knew it she was at a house. Before she could even ring the doorbell the door opened wide and to her surprise, it was Santa standing there. So in went Little Sally, it was the jolliest, most cheerful place and little girls and boys running around said their names were "Merry Christmas" and "Cheerful". There were so many she knew that she could never count all of them.

All around there were piles and piles of boxes and toys and in the yard stood the biggest red sleigh she had ever seen. Sally finally realized that this wasn't a dream and when she came to she heard Santa say "Who is this and where did she come from?" Before Sally could respond Santa shouted, " I have to get going, it's a quarter to twelve." Sally shouted out over all the elves talking that she would love a ride back to earth and before she could get an answer Santa was gone she was hard asleep. When Little Sally woke up in the morning she didn't remember anything and just like years before there were more gifts from Santa.

BY YOSELIN PEÑA
11TH GRADE

Zach was an elf who one Christmas unintentionally climbed inside Santa's sack. Along with the other elves, Zach was raised on the North Pole. Zach had obligations to fulfill just like any other elf and was an elf like any other elf. Perhaps a little more than the other elves, he enjoys Christmas, but he nevertheless thinks it's fantastic,

especially when it comes to getting ready for it. He enjoys crafting all the clothes, toys, and other presents for Santa.

Although Zach felt that this year was moving too slowly, it was unlike any other. He's been waiting so long and is eager to enjoy Christmas. Zach came up with a scheme that was certain to succeed. His plan was to start off his day unlike any other and assist Santa with whatever he needed, but once they were done, he would sneak into Santa's sleigh and wait until everyone had left so he could leave in Santa's sleigh and have an adventure through the world visiting homes and decorating each and every house with Christmas decorations so that instead of celebrating Thanksgiving, they could celebrate Christmas, which was significantly more important than Thanksgiving.

Zach put his plan into action and he did everything smoothly. Once he was on Santa's sleigh he took off into his adventure. The only issue was that he didn't know how to operate Santa's sleigh or how to manage the reindeer. He assumed it would be simple because he frequently seen Santa handling the reindeer.

When Zach took off, he was at first able to control the reindeer but then all of a sudden he lost control. He was falling quickly and was unable to steer Santa's sleigh. He crashed into a house while riding in Santa's sleigh. After he had recovered from the collision, he stood up and assessed the damage. Santa's sleigh was completely broken, and he was at a loss as to what to do. Since he fled and

took Santa's sleigh without permission, he was certain that Santa would be furious and punish him. Santa was prepared to go and retrieve Zach because he had previously detected that Zach and his sleigh were not at the North Pole.

Zach was anxious and stressed as Santa prepared to go since he had no idea how to mend the harm he had caused. Everyone would soon awaken and be able to see the havoc Zach had made, particularly with the partially demolished house. He was aware that he had completely ruined Thanksgiving, especially because there was nothing he could do to mend it. Zach was attempting to repair the harm he had caused as Santa was already on the way and could see what had transpired.

When he arrived, he checked on Zach to make sure he was okay before using magic to mend the house and his sleigh. Once they returned home, he would see to it that Zach had his lecture. He also took care to let Zach know that he wasn't angry, just disappointed. Zach was aware that it was never a good idea to steal something, especially not his own. He had realized his error.



The King's Message

BY JORDYN LAMBERT

"Gabriel," came a Voice. Gabriel bolted up in bed. He gasped, knowing that he was being summoned to the throne room where the King sat. He threw off the covers, ran out the door, and flew straight there. Landing at the entrance, he cleared his throat and asked, "My King, You called?" He slowly entered. "Gabriel, I have a special message for you to give." "Yes, my Lord," he replied, bowing. "Who shall it be?" "To one who loves Me. She is a virgin and I want you to tell her that she will conceive the greatest Gift of all." "Gift? Oh that Gift." He nodded, and bowed before he left. He took a running leap and soared through the pearly gates. Gold clouds went by, slowly turning purple and then blue, until finally they became gray. After emerging from them, he scanned the world below him. There were fields and towns, all busy for the census. Gabriel saw numerous people, some entering buildings, some with the flocks of sheep, and others bustling in the streets. There were even guards dotted around the city. "How will I find her?" he thought, scratching his head. Then he smiled to himself, realizing that the King already knew. "Lord," he prayed. "Show me the one You have chosen." Instantly, his heart began to feel weightless and

his cheeks felt vibrant, as if a new energy arose within them. Immediately, he knew. Galilee. "Thank you," he whispered. With renewed courage, he flew off towards that direction. When he arrived, he decided to approach calmly, so that he wouldn't scare her. Gradually drifting into the home, he appeared to the young woman. "Beloved Mary, I bring good tidings!" Gabriel declared, lightening up the room. The virgin was taken aback. She held up her hand to shield her eyes. He could tell she was uneasy. "Peace, don't worry, for you have been chosen for this wonderful task of bearing the King's Gift. You will have a son, and He will be the greatest Gift of all!" She replied asking, "How? I am not even married." "An Advocate will come, and the power of the King himself will watch over you. Your Son will be holy and you shall name Him Immanuel. This is the King's command!" Mary seemed overcome with many emotions, but Gabriel could tell that she understood. Then she responded, "Whatever the King asks of me, His servant, I will do. May it be just as you have said." Gabriel left her, his own emotions flurrying. As he was heading back, he heard her singing joyfully. He always knew the King was great, but today, in his heart he truly felt it.



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Heidi's at The Oak Tree

Christmas Blessings



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Thank you to those in the community who supported the community food boxes.

Zion Lutheran Church

4B exercises creative spirit with elf journals

CUPCAKE’S ELF JOURNAL
BY ANDREA ALONZO

Thursday – On Thursday night everything was going fine. The elves were sleeping in the cold ground full of snow shivering with their little blankets because we had to get up early to go to make some toys: Barbie, Barbie’s Dream House, and Barbie’s Dream Car. We are known as Barbie’s Bunch of Elves!

Friday – It is a Friday morning and we are now making some fidgets. I already finished doing fidgets so I went and helped Sprinkles to make some books. When I was done there I went and helped Mrs. Claus with her dishes that she hasn’t done for over the days now because she was really busy with everything going on. Put on your thinking cap on Cupcake. Now I went and put the lights on the Christmas tree. I finished putting the lights on the tree. The falling icicle cut like a dagger through the snow and almost hit me. Tomorrow is gonna be a long day so we have to take some rest.

Saturday – “Ahhhhh!” It is a Saturday morning, Christmas eve, and we woke up late. Everyone was running as fast as cheetahs. Worst of all, Santa’s sleigh broke down on Friday night and we have to fix it fast. We were wrapping presents as quick as lightning. Now we had to feed Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Dunder, Blixem. “You want some food?” I asked them. Elf Flake and I fed them hay sprinkled with the magic flying dust to make sure they could fly all night. Now it is night time and I’m helping Santa pack his sleigh for him to go give presents to kids around the world.

Sunday – Finally all the toys are delivered and it’s time to have some fun with Santa and all the elves celebrating Christmas time. It is 11:00 pm at night and it is time to have some dinner with Santa and Ms. Claus. It is really late for us to be awake.

CANDY CANE’S ELF JOURNAL
BY ELIAN ARAMBULA

I have to make a toy Robot before Christmas. Santa is getting at the North Pole to load up his sleigh I help him to make more toys. I make Legos for the good kids. I am helping Mrs. Claus cook gingerbread houses. The bad kids get coal for Christmas. My wish is to make a big turkey. Merry Christmas.

SONIC’S ELF JOURNAL
BY LEONEL CALIXTO COVARRUBIAS

Friday – 2 days away from Christmas Eve. I am in charge of taking care of the reindeer. First, I fed the reindeer yummy, big, orange carrots. Then, as quick as lightning I brushed all the reindeer. Last, I watered the reindeer Tails, Knuckles, Shadow and Elvis. My face

turned white as a ghost. Oh no! Reindeer Tails had escaped. I have to find Tails or they will not let me take care of the reindeer.

Saturday – Christmas Eve Day. This morning I searched everywhere for Tails. I was ready to throw in the towel when I remembered he liked sweets. I found him locked in the candy shop and sick as a dog. We exercised all day to get him in shape for Santa’s Sleigh Launch. Christmas Eve came and Tails was ready to fly.

Sunday – Christmas Day. Santa came to check on the reindeer. He told me I did a great job taking care of them. He turned and gave me a wink.

PEPPY’S ELF JOURNAL
BY YUREM CHAVEZ

Thursday – I played in the snow and drank coffee with cookies. I ate candy canes because they taste delicious. Santa was giving me an elf hat. I could decorate the tree very fast. I could travel around on the reindeer. I was making presents but we don’t have any more presents for kids. They were going to give presents to kids in their house. Santa was eating carrots, milk, and cookies. They were good so they put an elf on the shelf so they would see you and put you in the good list or if you were in the mean list the elf would tell Santa that you were on the naughty list.

Friday – The Reindeer was eating the magic cheese so he could fly. He was yelling because he opened his presents. I got the toy I wanted! The kid was unhappy because Santa didn’t know that he forgot his presents. The elf was putting on his thinking cap so he could solve the problem of why the present went wrong. I was making presents for the kids. We are making toys to deliver the presents.

Saturday – I was putting presents in the sleigh in the back. So Santa went out and went to the states. We saw the city. Santa was inside the house. He was putting the present in the tree and he said ho ho ho Merry Christmas so he left and the kids and the parents heard it. After he is done he goes back to his house. The kids woke up and their parents and they opened the presents and they were happy to play with their toy.

Sunday – Then we were playing a game and riding with the reindeer. We were making a snowman and reading books. When we were done playing and reading we were going to sleep and they were telling peppy to get water and peppy went to the kitchen to get water for Santa because he was thirsty.

Monday – When we woke up Mrs. Claus was making food for Santa, elves, and me. I’m peppy and now we started work to do something for their house. The elf was stuck

in his head in the snow so his friend’s elf helped him out of the snow and they had a great Christmas.

NUTMEG’S ELF JOURNAL
BY HAEDEN DANIEL

Tuesday – I have two more years at elf school until I work in the workshop with my parents. My homework today is to make a Suprisamal. My friends and I are hitting the books on Christmas history in social studies. Learning about what will happen if electricity hits a toy in science. Watching “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” and noting his actions in writing. We are doing an escape room in reading about who stole Christmas this time. My ally is Timothy. Have you ever done an escape room? Bye.

Wednesday – I helped make a full toy in the workshop. I got lots of approval. All of the reindeer got Lyme Disease. We are replacing the reindeer with puppies! My elf-in-training homework today is to make Legos which are really hard. School is out tomorrow due to an unexpected blizzard. I can already hear the nippy wind howling at the door. See ya.

Thursday – The workshop needed a lot of help because of the blizzard. The toys needed dusting and I started the fire so the other elves could stay warm. I helped Mrs. Claus in the kitchen. We made snickerdoodle cookies for milk for Santa. I made a cute Cutetito all alone. I saw Timothy in the workshop. He said that his dad got touched. (He lost his magic.) Everyone is putting their lights for Christmas. The lights are as bright as day. Do you like Christmas? Gotta go.

Friday – This was Timothy’s last day at elf-maker school. He is going to start practicing to be a helper elf. My homework today is nothing, so all I have to do is make dinner and make the fire. Today Timothy and I finished the escape room for reading. For the history of Christmas we haven’t finished it yet so over Christmas break we need to read it. Santa loved the cookies that Mrs. Claus and I made! He had me and all the other kids make coal for his feet and for the naughty kids. Good night.

Saturday – It’s Christmas Eve. I had to help make presents for all the elves and the children of the world. I need to help Mrs. Claus make cookies, pies, bread, and “Santa and the helper elves are back and they’re finished until next year” cake. I also practice my speech that I have to give to all the elves about all the hard work that everyone put in. Everyone talks about their parents and what they do to help Santa after my speech. And I also need to put all the presents in the sleigh. There are a lot of things to do and not a lot of time to do it. My family is probably

going to order Elfway (a.k.a Subway). I better go so I have everything ready. Merry Christmas to you!

SNOWFLAKE’S ELF JOURNAL
BY MLA JIREH DIAZ VASQUEZ

Thursday – There’s three more days until Christmas! I guess we have to work hard and fast. I have to go feed the reindeer some candy canes but it is so hard because sometimes they kick you. It is really hard for me and I’m going to ask Santa if I can have someone that can help me feed the reindeer. I went to Santa’s office and I asked him he said yes so my partner is Peppermint the smartest elf in the North Pole. I guess I was lucky. I explained to Peppermint what he had to do. He said that was too easy for him so he did it well for his first time doing this type of job but I don’t know if Vixen don’t like Peppermint? Vixen kept kicking Peppermint when we were working.

Friday – Me and Peppermint went to the candy store to go buy more candy canes and alfalfa mixture for the reindeer to eat? We also have to make everything comfy and make sure that they sleep well so they aren’t tired or lazy for Christmas we also need carrots And hay so they can sleep.

Saturday – We were getting ready for the day no Santa needed someone to go with him to take the magic potion so he can be skinny enough to fit the chimneys of people’s I get to go with Santa I get to go because I’m the smarties I’m so happy I’m going with him I’m on top of the world. Peppermint was making tamales. It’s a tradition. Happy Christmas and Feliz Navidad.

EARL’S ELF JOURNAL
BY BODE FUST

Thursday – I checked Santa’s list and for Christmas Bode wants a metal detector and Minnie Brands toy series four. That kid opened a can of worms because he failed his science test and got on the naughty list so he was supposed to get coal for Christmas. I would make 75 cans of slime for the good boys and girls and surprise Miller with slime! If the people of the world were bad I would put rotten eggs in their stockings. Would you want rotten eggs in your stocking or coal in your stocking?

Friday – I helped Mrs. Claus make the clothes for the good boys and girls. I baked cookies for Mrs. Claus and had hot tea ready for Santa Claus. I helped them get ready for Christmas time as fast as a wink.

Saturday – I helped Jack, the head elf, take the presents to the sleigh for the kids. I looked around the village to see if anybody was having trouble and yes, elves needed help, making toys for the good boys and girls. I looked at the reindeer to see if they were

sick, and they were, I told Gary, the head elf, he helps them get better. I waved to the reindeer as they flew away. As he takes flight, I hear Santa say to the elves, “I’ll be back on Christmas Day. Save me a sugar cookie please!”

GRONKOWSKI’S ELF JOURNAL
BY JENOR FROST

Thursday – Tonight most of everything was fine and going good, but the elves are freezing cold because something went wrong with the magic. It is dying. I was so cold I was like an iceberg. I couldn’t move and I had to go to the meeting about the missing magic. It is so important I can’t miss the Christmas meeting. The magic is weird. I saw Santa in the kitchen. What do you think he was doing? He was working out because he has to stay in shape for the long Christmas Eve ride.

Friday – Santa sent me to go on a mission to get him the Christmas list. It was only elf Hope and me. We got 999,999 lists but we could not find the 1,000,000th list. Santa was furious he shouted out Gronkowski, Hope come here now!!!! He was about to blow a fuse. Let’s just say he was not happy.

Saturday – I woke up on Saturday scared of Santa. I hear Santa aaaaahh Santa Santa Santa! What happened? We need 10,000 more presents. Elves were bouncing off the walls making presents. It hit 11:55pm. Santa needed to leave at 12:00pm so we helped load the sleigh and he soared away. I heard from Jenor in Holyoke, Colorado that he heard Santa fly over his house and say, “Ho Ho Ho! MERRY CHRISTMAS.”

LYDIA’S ELF JOURNAL
BY ARYAN HIGHTOWER

Thursday, December 22 – Hi my name is Lydia and today I went to May’s house. May is the child I look after. She is very kind and on the nice list. On the other hand, her brother has been a little naughty this year, so we’re not quite sure where he stands with the man in red. Because he got in a fight at school before Christmas break. May is ten and her brother is six. Tomorrow is a new day until then sleep tight.

Friday, December 23 – It is one day closer to Christmas and Santa’s sleigh is broken. I wanted to help fix it but I had to get to May’s house on time so they could find me. Today I hid in the toy box. It took five minutes for them to find me. When they found me, Styles, May’s brother, farted. And May laughed her head off. Styles and May were so excited for Christmas they watched Rudolph the Red Nosed reindeer. When mom asked about the movie they said Rudolph’s nose was so red it looked like a cherry. I can’t wait to watch them make cookies tomorrow with family. Are you having a

happy holiday?
Saturday, December 24 – Today I was late to work. Santa asked me to trim the candy cane trees, and I made Santa a new coat made out of fabric. So I was seven minutes late so I had to hide well. It is ok it still took four more minutes for them to find me. Today Styles got put on the nice list today let me tell you how. Styles and May made Christmas cheer by Christmas caroling and apologizing to the kid he fought at school. Then Santa and I went to deliver presents to all the girls and boys.

Sunday, December 25 – It is Christmas once again that one time of year when your family and friends can come and see you. Today Santa asked me to feed the reindeer lots of food since they flew around the world last night. I went to May’s house to see how Christmas is going. It was my last day at May and Styles house. And everything is going great and wonderful. I hope I get to look after them next year. I am so sad that today was my last day with May. Have a merry Christmas!

SUSSYBACU ELF’S JOURNAL
BY NOLAN HUBBARD

Thursday – Three days til Christmas. I told Santa that the snow is soft like a panda in the North Pole. Santa is yelling at one of the elves because he is opening a can of worms [throwing snowballs at everyone] I help him for 60 minutes. Santa is happy because it was before Christmas then he thanked me. He went to pack the presents, feed the reindeer, rest for a little. Eat lunch then play with the elves then eat dinner then sleep for tomorrow.

Friday – Two days til Christmas. Santa is going to do the chores but they were done already so he was confused so he asked Mrs. Claus if she did the chores but she said no so he asked Sussybacu and said yes and asked him why? He said because he felt bad that Santa does all the chores. He said I do all the chores because I made the North Pole but I said how did you make the North Pole. He said it is a secret and Mrs. Claus does not even now so at the end of the day all the elves play elf tag and all the elves were confused that Santa was not there so all the elves went to sleep but I checked everywhere but did not see him so he asked Mrs. Claus but she didn’t know so he checked there bed and he was asleep so he went to sleep for tomorrow.

Saturday – One day til Christmas. When everybody woke up I told santa we need to hurry to get the presents in the bag and put it on the sleigh and feed the reindeer and hook them up on the sleigh then go deliver the

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— John 3:16

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presents to boys and girls and they will help Mrs. Claus make cookies and hot chocolate and clean the place where Santa lands and they eat the cookies and drink hot chocolate.

Sunday – Santa’s favorite glass broke so he cried all day and I made him better. Got done with the presents on time and got some cookies from Mrs. Claus and I are also happy that everybody is playing hide and seek. After they play Elf Tag then they go to feed the reindeer candy canes and then they go to tell everyone merry Christmas then they went to bed.

EVE’S ELF JOURNAL
BY GABRIEL INIGUEZ

Thursday – There are three days till Christmas and the elves were really working on people’s Christmas gifts like this Lego set Gorge and Franky created. Eve was making a candy machine for kids that you can put any type of candy in it. The elves are getting ready to go to the children’s houses and they are getting energetic from eating candy canes.

Friday – Tomorrow is Christmas Eve! Every store was out of presents, there’s lots of toys in Santa’s bag. It was a piece of cake for all the elves and the presents to fit in Santa’s bag once the elves were going with Santa to an adventure delivering presents.

Saturday – First, Logan the reindeer boss he was a little greedy, but he still helped the reindeer get on the sleigh. Next Santa got ready to go out to deliver presents in the city so Santa was as quiet as a mouse going through people’s chimneys and going house to house. Finally, Santa told the elves they can have the day off to spend time with their family and friends in Holyoke, Colorado. Do you have family in Holyoke, Colorado?

COOKIE’S ELF JOURNAL
BY KAYLEE JUAREZ

Thursday – Three days until Christmas! I was helping Santa make presents for the kids and wrap the presents and after wrapping the presents I put them in Santa’s red bag. Next, we cleaned out Santa’s sleigh from last Christmas Eve.

Friday – It’s Christmas Eve now we’re getting the reindeer ready to attach to the sleigh then we put the bells on after we attach them to the sleigh. Then we went inside and helped Mrs. Claus make hot chocolate. Do you like hot chocolate? I sure do!

Saturday – I helped Santa load the sleigh. It took us six hours and then he took two hours off to sleep. After that, Santa flew off with the reindeer for his first stop in Holyoke, Colorado. All the kids in Holyoke will wake up and they are going to be excited!!!! Because they are going to see their presents from Santa. When this girl named Bella opened her presents she smiled! Her smile was as bright as the sun. Santa said “Ho ho ho! Merry Christmas.”

RAIDERS’ ELF JOURNAL
BY BRADLEY LANDS

Thursday – I am an elf and my name is Raiders. I have to make a wooden rocking chair and make a football and Hot wheels. I got to say, I can make a lot of toys in one day. I also stay at Carllose’s

house by the way this is me! Now you know who I am. I am going to give Carllose his wooden rocking chair, his football and other toys he wants for Christmas. I have one important thing to say, Merry Christmas!

Friday – Help Santa deliver toys and find out if Carllose is bad or good for other elves. Us elves wrap the presents all so we help Mrs Claus. But when Santa flew his sleigh, the bag of presents fell off the sleigh and it was almost morning, so I flew on the back of one of the reindeer and reached to grab the bag of presents. I successfully made it and Santa quickly put all the presents under every person’s tree. Also I think I saw Santa being bad because Santa laugh evil when the bag of presents fell off the sleigh.

Saturday – When it was morning Carllose woke up and he was thrilled that he got presents under the Christmas tree for him and his family. He opened his presents and he got exactly what he wanted. Football, Hot Wheels, and a wooden rocking chair! So that is why you should be good so you get what you want and you can go on the nice list. Do you think you are on the nice list?

BELLA’S ELF JOURNAL
BY JUDD LONG

Thursday – Bella was late to work. Somebody asked Bossy what Bella’s job was? Bossy said, “She is the toy designer.” Bella came over and said, “Hi.” Bossy said, “You have to design one more toy because the Christmas rule is that Santa has to deliver 256,948 toys to the children, but you have only made 256,947 for the children.” Santa wasn’t worried by these giant numbers. He was as cool as a cucumber.

Friday – Bella stood up all night designing the last toy, because in a few days it will be Christmas. Today she designed the last toy. The rest of the elves were going to make the toy, but they didn’t have the materials. So they had to go to Canada to get the wood for the toy, and go to the Atlantic Ocean for the salt water from a coral reef. Also Brazil for the vines.

Saturday – It was the next day, and all of the elves had the materials for the toy. Bella forgot to tell the other elves what the toy was. (The toy is a jungle style canoe.) Mrs. Claus was watching a famous cooking show on TV so she could learn some new recipes for the feast tomorrow because tomorrow is Christmas. Santa is going to deliver presents to the children tonight.

Sunday – It was Christmas day, and everyone woke up early that morning. Mrs. Claus was preparing for the feast today. There was jello, pie, chicken, turkey, and potato salad. Everyone was really excited because Santa had delivered the presents last night. The elves were so excited that it was Christmas. Santa delivered the presents to the children, but one of the elves told Bossy that Bella was beautiful. Bella blushed at him. Santa went around the world and his reindeer soared a crossed the sky as he said, “Merry Christmas.” As you can see this was a good Christmas, and everyone yelled Merry CHRISTMAS!!!!

THE AMAZING WORKSHOP OF
GUMBALL THE ELF

BY BENJAMIN MATEO ZAZO

December 21st – The elves in Gumball’s Workshop are trying to make some presents for kids. They have seven days until Christmas comes. They are trying to make all the presents so they can have the presents ready for Christmas to give to the kids. Santa is outside trying to clean up his sleigh. They’re trying to help do everything that they can to get the workshop ready for when they can go to give presents to kids. Time to go outside, clean up the sleigh, and go to give them presents. It’s been seven days. It’s time to go give presents to all the girls.

December 22nd – Now there’s three days until Christmas. They have to hurry faster. Now it’s time that they have to clean the sled again. It got dirty because of all the dirt in the shed. Now they made it shiny and clean. Now they load up all the Toys. They go back inside to check the list of all the naughty and good kids. They checked all the kids and now it’s time to go. Now those three days have passed. They got to go go go! They go deliver the toys to all the girls and boys. Then when they go to deliver the toys, they find another reindeer that’s not feeling so good. So now they have to go back to the North Pole and give it the medicine. The medicine is making the reindeer feel better now. They got to go go go even faster now because it’s almost morning! They got all the presents to all the good kids. And all the bad kids, they got coal. Now they all gotta go home, and all the kids open the presents. All the good kids got super duper cool presents. The little kids got robots and cars. Then the most special kid who was doing the best out of every kid, her name was Miss Brandt, got a super cool new car. All the kids are happy. Merry Christmas everyone! The end.

December 23rd – Christmas is over and now it’s time for us to ride Santa’s motorcycle and go buy some toys for all his elves that did good. When he goes downtown, that’s when he sees elf toys. Then he goes to get the elf toys to give to his elves. When he gives them to his elves, they are super duper duper duper duper duper happy. They all go outside and they go get on the motorcycles and take off with it. Then they got to go get something to eat and clean up all the mess. We have the same candy. Then we go outside to go play in the snow. Then when we finish, we go inside, go eat the food, and celebrate. Now it’s time to go. That is all for now. This is the end of our soooooooooooooooooooooong!

MBAPPE’S ELF JOURNAL
BY ORLIN PADILLA AGUILERA

Thursday – At the North Pole it is three days before Christmas. I work hard to make friends with Santa because if you work hard Santa is the boss. Every year one elf gets to be the “boss helper” for working so hard. Guess what? I win! I was the winner but Santa didn’t want to give me that award, but I worked a lot so Santa had to give me that tonight. Santa was thinking because tomorrow ... Santa has to give me the “boss helper” title.

Friday – Today I got the “boss helper” title and I told Santa to get me some hot chocolate but Santa said no. I said ok and I went outside to play with the snow and I stayed all day outside.

Saturday – Today I said to Santa if I can get a coffee and then Santa said no. Santa gave all the elves a cup of hot chocolate, but Santa didn’t give a cup of hot chocolate to me. Three hours later I was so cold and then Santa gave me a hot chocolate and I said thanks to Santa. I never do that again and then it was time to go home so Santa said to me that on Christmas me and him were going to give the prize to the kids and I felt like I was on the top of the world! My wish for you is to be happy on Christmas and be nice to others and then a reindeer said that he likes gravity. LOL!

FLAKE’S ELF JOURNAL
BY TAISLEY ROSANE

Thursday, December 22nd – OH NO, it’s Thursday! Christmas Eve is in 3 days! Santa is the big cheese on Christmas Eve and we only have 1,000 gifts done!!!! What should we do? We still need 10 socks, 210 fidgets, and 780 bedroom supplies. I was daydreaming about snowflakes when Cookie yelled, “WAKE UP FLAKE!” I’m up! Geeze! Friday, December 23rd – it’s Friday, good thing we got a lot done yesterday. But the snow, oh the snow. It’s as soft as a bag of cotton candy. I can’t stop thinking about the snow. We only have 60 more presents and everyone has blankets around them today because it is so cold. There is supposed to be a snow storm. Santa is really worried that we might not finish. But if we can finish 1,000 presents in one day, then we can probably be done in time for Christmas Eve.

Saturday, December 24th – Now it’s Saturday, CHRISTMAS EVE! There are only 15 presents left to make. 15 elves are working on presents, 20 are polishing the sleigh, and 18 are getting Santa’s red bag ready and cleaned. I’m one of the elves getting presents ready. It’s really fun making toys so I’m glad I get to help out with that this year. We have two presents left to make. The sleigh is polished and Santa’s bag is cleaned. Next, we get the reindeer ready. It only takes a few minutes. Five minutes later, we had the reindeer ready. Now Santa gets in the sleigh, shouts a big Ho-Ho-Ho, and soared away in his sleigh to deliver presents for all the little children. Now I’m exhausted so I’m going to sleep on the soft snow. Do you like snow? It has been a busy past few days, but it always feels nice to be done and get the presents to everyone.

WINTER’S ELF JOURNAL
BY JOZLYNN SCHELL

If I was an elf then my elf name would be Winter and I would live in a gingerbread house too! I would play in the snow then I would be a guard elf or an inspection elf. That way I don’t mess up a toy. On Christmas day I would be with Santa helping him not get kidnapped. Oh no! I would be cool as a cucumber. Working for the big guy is really cool but tough. We all know Santa never has a mind of greed. If you were

a bad egg you will be forced to leave. On the Monday of Christmas I got a letter. The letter said “I will be hosting a selection for Saturday. One elf will be chosen to fly with me and be my bodyguard through tests.” The next day we were all called to a snowy field. Santa said, “Ho ho ho! Hello elves. As you know, there will be tests, but I have pity so there is only one test for I trust you all and it shall be... a game of 4-Square. There will be 20 rounds.” The game was tough but I won!!! On Saturday I hopped in the sleigh but Rudolf was GONE. I thought “How will we get all the presents on time?” We needed him to light the way. Somehow a brick flew by and almost HIT SANTA with a note that said, “If you live to read this, your dog thing is in the place you get the thing you give to bad kids.” Hmmm-mmmm? COAL! The answer was COAL! We trudged to the coal mines. We hoped Rudolf would be in the mines and he was! We thought someone would be there but nobody was there. We got Santa out and had more exciting adventures on the way there and back loads of fun we had. We also got to deliver all of the presents on time.

MERRY’S ELF JOURNAL
BY NATANIA PUENTES

Every year Santa Claus brings gifts to the children of the world for each house, I help him with the bag of gifts and sweets many sweets. I help him make sweets, and pack the gifts in the bag with him. I fly in the air with him to each house of the world and the boys and girls will be very happy. Merry Christmas everyone! Feliz Navidad!

HOPE’S ELF JOURNAL
BY HARPER SPRAGUE

Thursday – Oh my gosh! Christmas is in three days, so we are rushing to make gifts for the kids. We have been working since 3:00 AM! Half of us have only had three hours of sleep and some of us have had less! Some of us keep on falling asleep but thank goodness we have Mrs. Claus to make us cookies. Her cookies keep us awake. That is why Mrs. Claus and Santa are like two peas in a pod because Mrs. Claus likes to bake cookies and Santa likes to eat cookies. Finally, it’s time for bed. We all said goodnight to each other and it felt like the bed was hugging me so I peacefully fell asleep.

Friday – I headed to the office at 5 AM since I had nothing else to do but make toy’s. Nobody else was there that early. After working for five hours already I thought: time does fly by when you’re having fun. Santa gave us an announcement, “Only three more hours of work since we got a bunch done yesterday.” We all cheered. He said, “Hold on, I’m not done just yet. Tomorrow I will pick an elf when it is time to deliver gifts with me on Christmas Eve, but I already have someone on my mind.” He stared at me with a smile. I was filled with excitement because I had never ridden on a sleigh before. So we all went to bed after a long day of work. I felt excited!

Saturday – At work my friend told me that there is a rumor going around that whoever made the most toys will get chosen to ride in San-

ta’s sleigh and people were also saying that you were in the lead. Do you think you are in the lead? Yes, I said. After an hour or so we were almost all done and only had 100 toys left. That means that he will announce it to us soon at least I think. Finally we all yell, “We are done!” Santa heard us and then we all heard footsteps. He walks in and says, “I will tell you who I will be taking on the sleigh with me and that elf is.... Hope.” They all gasp. “Yay I scream!” We helped Santa pack the presents into the sleigh. I say bye to all my friends as I get into the sleigh for the special Christmas Eve delivery.

Sunday – Sunday was a blast we celebrated all day and yes we celebrated Christmas too. The night was the second best, after getting to deliver gifts with Santa, because Mrs. Claus’s treats were the best; they were the bomb.com. We danced and I won the Dance Battle too. Of course, I am the best dancer! I can’t wait for next Christmas so I can win the Dance Battle again. These are all the busy plus, fun, days of how it is before Christmas for us elves.

MAX’S ELF JOURNAL
BY ABRAHAM VASQUEZ

Friday – The Night before Christmas Eve! One elf spilled milk and can’t stop spilling milk. One elf! He had butterflies in his stomach. He was so nervous about them. He ran around and he screamed. The elf Max, a head elf, was so happy that Thanksgiving is over and he could concentrate on Christmas, happy that he gave Santa a big hug. I had to help Santa.

Saturday – Today is Christmas Eve! The elf’s hat had all the toys ready to go. The Grinch stole the present but the machine broke. At the same time Max fixed the machine so everybody was happy. Christmas was saved the day Max was a hero. He got a badge. He got 200 toys and Max was so confused. And gave the toys to the kids And they were so happy so the kids said thank you Santa and the elf Max was fast as a cheetah wrapping presents.

Sunday – Today is Christmas and the toys are delivered and Santa was happy. The elf gave a super big hug to Santa. We said thank you at the same time. Santa said thank you for being the BEST! He was the best Santa in the world, Santa was soft and he was so comfy. The elves go to bed and hear Santa’s last wish: “Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas one and all!”

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Merry Christmas!

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SPARKLE
BY VICTORIA BAEZA
Christmas is like a sparkle in the year,
Remembrance of joy, hope, and families
Our faith sparkles like a snowflake
Brighter than ever on a Christmas morning
The sparkle of delight in our eyes while opening presents
The rush of excitement when you wake up on a Christmas morning
something special waiting for you under a tree
Sparkle

FESTIVE
BY RAYAN FAVELA
My family is a festive as a community
They sing, dance, and jump up like a jaguar
They celebrate like monkeys all over the place
They laugh and hug each other with love
They are happy for who they are
They bring festive vibes
They are loud like a world having a party
They bring in all sorts of love

SPARKLE
BY KYLE GOLDENSTEIN
Sparkle
Like the lights on the tree
Like stars in the sky
Like children's smiles on christmas morning.
Like the snow that falls to the ground
Like all that is jolly at christmas time
Sparkle shine bright
Sparkle

COZY
BY DENISE GRANADOS
Cozy blankets like warm fur
Comfy couches like nice weather
Movies as funny as my sister
Beautiful pjs like heated blanket
Family as peaceful as a lazy day
Joyful day like my happy family

COZY CABIN
BY LEROY LEE
A cozy cabin like a box for a cat
Fire place with tons of wood
A small cabin with a TV to watch some DVDs
A town nearby as loud a train
A cozy cabin for a family
Like a house in a storm but this one stays warm

FROST
BY BRANDON LOPEZ
The frost was as crunchy as the fall leaves
Then the frost started coating the grass as it froze
I am like frost cold in the mornings but water in the afternoon
The frost could be so cold it could make a whole entire blizzard
Frost could also mean a new season
a new holiday to look forward to
Frost could also be a cold beginning
but also a warm ending for a new beginning to start the next day
Frost could mean it's also time to get your hopes up maybe your holiday cheer as well

BELIEVE
BY MASON MCCORMICK
Believing is like an imaginary friend
Like the feeling you get when you drink hot cocoa
It stays with you forever like

family or a scar
Believing you will get the present you ask for
Just like you hope it's a snow day
Believing stays with you forever like a good friend
You never want to let go of it

NEW
BY IZAMAR MONTES
The new life, joy, and happiness
The new news on earth
The new toy to the children inspiring them to be to happy
The cool new places such as New York on a snowing day
The new plans that you haven't done yet
The new goals that everyone is planning to do in life

SNOW
BY RYKER RING
You wake up Christmas morning
You peek out and..... SNOW
You run down the stairs and you parents say SLOW SLOW SLOW
You see Santa in the TV HO HO HO
Your house's lights glow like stars GLOW GLOW GLOW
You make it outside and all you see is more SNOW... SNOW.....SNOW!!!!

PEACE
BY ADRIEL RODRIGUEZ
Christmas time is near
Nothing like the rest of the year
Although life is chaos like a rainstorm
Christmas time brings joy
Snow slowly dropping from the sky
Swiftly like a bird
Family gathers round the christmas tree with excitement
Like waiting for a winning touchdown
When christmas is over the joy isn't done
Just wait patiently for a happy new year

FAMILY
BY RAIJA SPRAGUE
My family is like a raft of ducks
Sitting in a circle around the Christmas tree
Watching like hawk
Seeing everyone else open their presents until it gets to them
Waiting like a wicked witch for their turn to open their present
My family is as loud as the student section at a basketball game
Always loudly saying "Thank you" and all the kids talking at the same time
What a wonderful holiday it is to celebrate with my family

SNOW
BY LILI VASQUEZ
The snow is like a big white blanket
Soft and fluffy
It's like a crystal
Sparkling in the sun
It's like a bright light
Blinding your eyes
Snow is like a ballerina
Falling slowly and gracefully
Snow

LIGHTS
BY JOSH VERMEULEN
The snow like the lights on a Christmas tree shining bright
Brighter than the sun beaming down
Family is brighter than light and the star
In their own ways
Even if you may not think so

CHEERFUL TIMES
BY BRANDON ADLER
A family gathering is full of cheer just like a basketball game
Everyone is happy and cheering, everyone getting along and having fun
Cheer is like people at a nascar race when there favorite racer crosses the line first
Cheer is like Christmas when the kids all get the presents they want from Santa
Cheer is like Thanksgiving when we get to say what we are thankful for
The last day of school is exactly like cheer, everyone is so happy
Everyone finally gets a break from school before Christmas
They all get to spend time with family and friends

A SATURDAY NIGHT
BY GIZEM BARRAZA RICO
Sitting on a cozy couch
On a Saturday night
Wrapped up in a fluffy blanket
Drinking hot cocoa as I watch the snow fall
I am warm like a bear
Next to the fire
I start to get tired
And fell asleep like a sleepy bear

COZY
BY BRAYLIN HERMAN
Snow is falling, fireplace is crackling,
The Christmas tree is bright
Everyone gathered around the tree
With their cozy blankets cuddled up tight
The blanket is as soft as a baby bear's fur
The warm feeling of the fire made me feel light
As I stir in my marshmallow into my hot chocolate, they start to appear
As I watch the snowfall it looks merry and white
I watch the fireplace crackle like fireworks on New Years Eve
The couch supports me like a soft cloud in the sky,
As if I was floating
I feel warm and cozy as I sit by the tree and, thinking of what might happen to me
As I'm listening to Christmas music,
As I smile and I fill with glee

COZY
BY MOLLY KROPP
Warm as the fire
The christmas tree is bright and merry
I love being snuggled up in my warm blanket
The blazing fire is like a momma bear heating her baby up
My blanket is like my momma, warm and soft
But she could be like a roaring fire
Warm in my house but outside is a snow blizzard
The snow roaring by the window while we're inside singing Christmas carols
My sister is very nosy when I'm snuggled up so cozy

NEW
BY JAKE MCCARTY
The thoughts of a new Christmas were as warm as a oven
As I sit with my new found cheer
I snuggled under my brand new blanket like a cat in its fur
I sipped new cup of hot cocoa
The chocolate was as sweet as a new phone
I couldn't wait to try my new recipe of sugar cookie

All the good things with winter and yet the new cold was as unbearable as an itch you scratch.

FAMILY
BY RICARDO MORENO
In Christmas we always celebrate with our family,
As if we were penguins in Antarctica because we are always together.
We are always together on Christmas because it's a family tradition.
We look like chickens with their baby chicks eating food.
My cousins and I always join our parents to play games and it is super fun like if we were in a fair.
When we are unwrapping our presents we do it immediately as if we were a hare running
And that's why i like to celebrate Christmas with my family

FAITH
BY KYNLEA NELSON
Faith is like a snow blizzard.
It's big, bold.
Faith is like tree branches sprawling out spreading the message of Christmas.
Faith is like the communion rail at church when you get the mint and the wine
You feel that faith in your bones.
Faith is like school loud, quiet, and deservingly peaceful.
Faith is like air it's around you but you can't see
But when you can it is the most faithful thing you will see.

SNOW
BY JUAN NUÑEZ
The snow looks like powder sugar being dropped.
The snow is a giant crystal when zoomed in.
The snow is the heart of joy
It covers everything like a blanket
Snow is super cold like being in a freezer
The animals look like the snow
When the wind blows the snow it looks like a dust storm.

LIGHTS
BY MARIANA YAMILETHE PEÑA BENCOMO
The christmas tree lights shining in my room
The christmas light shining as bright as the light in my room
The colors of christmas lights all around my room
Lights around town light up the town
Colorful lights around my room like christmas cheering up people

FESTIVE
BY JOSELYN REYNOSO BELTRAN
Lights are shining and people are dancing
These Christmas years keep on advancing
A time of when people unite
And not get into a fight
The lights shine like the sun
All the kids are having fun
While the cold outside is like an icicle
The parents told the story that is very mythical
Every year there is Christmas cheer

SNOW
BY LILYANA SPRAGUE
The snow is as smooth as the table that is in the middle of us,
When we gather around as a

family
Snowflakes falling during the day
I see the snow falling through the window
As I was drinking my hot cocoa
The snow is as cold as ice
As I roll it up to make my snow man
As I sit down on the couch and look at the Christmas tree
Covered in fake snow
The shoes by our door
Are covered in snow

THE CHRISTMAS DREAMS
BY LEAH ARMENDARIZ
Christmas is like a dream
You can image wonderful things
Like presents hugging each other underneath the tree
The decorations singing with joy
The Bright Star shines like Rudolph's red nose
And Santa says ho ho ho
But this dream is special
You never forget it
it's always there
Like the song Jingle Bells
Or like the gift the special someone gave you
This dream is wonderful

CHRISTMAS WISH
BY EYLIN CASTILLO
They are as perfect as really big strawberry
They are magic as Christmas
They are wonderful as passing time with your family
They are amazing as a Christmas gift
They are admirable as the Christmas food
They are magnificent as the Christmas decorations

IMAGINE
BY CARLO RAMOS CASTILLO
Imagine all the Christmas presents you get on Christmas.
Imagine all the joy.
Imagine you are in the best place ever.
Imagine all the joy with your family.
Imagining is like thinking of anything in the world.

SPARKLE
BY SKARLETH ALONZO
The stars sparkle in the night
Like the twinkling lights
Shining in the sky during the night
The stars hid on a cloudy night
Like the sun during the night
That the stars were not sparkling during the night

WISH
BY MARLON CHAVEZ
A wish is like Santa, It gives you what you wished for.
Like a toy car, board games, and much more.
When you wish for something sometimes you get it.
A wish is the thing almost everyone wants.
If you want to wish for something you have to be a little good to people!!
So wait until it is Christmas so you can maybe get a wish.

SNOW
BY IZAAK HAYES
Snow is like a warm blanket across the land.
Like a comfy sheet across my yard.
Snow is like rain, unexpected but still fun.

BRIGHT
BY ANGEL SAMAMIEGO
The bright lights are like a pack of color pencils
They shine all night, like stars in the sky
The snow on the ground,

shines even at night
But when they take down the bright lights
Everything goes dark
But the stars and the snow are still shining bright

FAMILY
BY MICHELL TREJO
The family on Christmas was cheering as loud as a volleyball game.
Everyone was celebrating as if it was a cheer team.
After opening presents it was as messy as a little kid's play room.
The parents' voices were gone from all the cheering and yelling.
The Family members at the winter program were whistling and clapping as loud as they could.

CHRISTMAS TREE
BY ALYSON CHAVEZ
The star on top.
As bright as the stars above.
The lights wrapped around.
Lights up all around.
Presents under the tree.
For the kids on the nice list.



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HOW TO SNOWBALL FIGHT

BY PEDRO CHAVEZ MARADIAGA

Do you know how to play a snowball fight with friends? First you will need ten players on each side. Next you need sixty snowballs to throw to the other team. To make snowballs first get snow. Next you squish the snow. Then throw the snowball to the other team. Then you need to make a castle to protect your self. Last you can play snowball fight with friends in winter.

HOW TO CATCH AN ELF

BY KORT DANIEL

I will teach you how to catch an elf. First try to put a rope down. But maybe it won't work so ask a friend to help so your friend will deastract the elf and you should grab him if that does not work. This will put a trail of glitter and then put a cage on him. That's how you catch an elf.

HOW TO BUILD A SNOWMAN

BY BRODY DIRKS

First, roll the first one on the bottom, the big one. Then the middle one, then the little one. Stack them on top of each other. We put a hat and nose and eyes and a mouth and then buttons on it.

HOW TO MAKE A SNOWMAN

BY AIYANA DOMINGUEZ

I can teach you how to make a snowman. First you will need some snow and make a snowball Next stack the snow then we need some rocks and a carat Last need stiks and close and that is How to make a snowman.

HOW TO GO SLEDDING

BY MILLER FUST

Do you know how to sled? I do. I will teach you. First you need snowpants, mittens and a cote.

Next you need, sled, hill and snow. Then you need to steer the sled then steer the sled toward the hill. Last and that is how you go sledding.

HOW TO BUILD A GINGERBREAD HOUSE

BY NATALIA INIGUEZ

Do you know how to make a gingerbread house? First you need the ingredients. Next organize the ingredients in groups. Then get the icing and put the gingerbread house together. Last decorate it with the candy. Now you know how to make a gingerbread house!

HOW TO MAKE A SNOWBALL

BY JUDAH HARDING

Do you know how to make a snowball ? I know how to

make a snowball! First, take a piece of snow. Second, form snow into a ball. Third throw the snowball!

HOW TO DECORATE A CHRISTMAS TREE

BY EMILY JIMENEZ

You might want to read this because if you have presents you will want a tree so you can put the presents under the tree. The tree will look dull so you will want to decorate it.

First you need decorations. Maybe like a little Santa or something. Anyway grab one of the little branches. Then put the little hoop on the little tree branch.

Lastly put some lights on the Christmas tree if you don't like it just take it off hope you liked my how to.

HOW TO GET TO THE NORTH POLE

BY LINDYN LUEDKE

Christmas is coming soon. One thing you want to do is learn to get to the north pole. So I can teach you how to get to the north pole. First Stay up all night on the night before Christmas climb on the roof. Next Get in Santa's sleigh and get in the present bag. Then Hide in the bottom of the present bag. Lastly, Wait to get out until Santa stops, then get out, then you're there.

HOW TO BUILD A SNOWMAN

BY ELI MALONEY

Winter is a wonderful season. One thing you might want to do in winter is build a snowman. First make a big ball. Next, make a medium ball. Then make a small ball then stack big to small and decorate. Last it is done.

HOW TO TRAP SANTA

BY ALAIN MOLINAR ORONA

When Christmas is coming you need to know how to make a trap for Santa. First you need a mouse trap. Next you need a pillow for the trap. Then you need a lot of water. Last you need a snowball for the trap. Now you know how to trap Santa.

HOW TO MAKE A TURKEY

BY PENELOPE MURRAY

First, get a turkey from the market and pay for it. Then, get it out of the container and put it on a plate and cut a medium size hole. Naxt, put the stuffing in the turkey and put it in the oven. Last, while the turkey is cooking you can make mashed potatoes. That's how you make a turkey.

HOW TO BUILD A SNOWBALL FORT

BY AUSTYNN SCHLACTER

I will teach you how to build a snowball fort. First, you need to make 50 snowballs by grabbing snow and smushing it into a ball in your hands. Next, you need to stack 10 snowballs in a row 5 times. Then, you have to make the sides of the snowball fort flat. Now you have a snowball fort.

HOW TO SAND HILL SLED

BY SELIA WEAR

First you need a lot of snow to sled in the sand hill's! And if you have a snowmobile. Next you can use a little cow trough and if you want to spray paint it however you want. You need a hoodie that you can pool over your head so you don't get hrt. And last pull it over your head so snow doesn't get in your eis. And you have to have a koat so roks don't hit your stomach.

HOW TO BUILD A SNOWMAN

BY BRAYGER BIEBER

One day I bilt a snowman. I am going to show you how. First you get some snow and rol it in to a big ball. Then flatin the top. Next rol a medeyom size ball. Then put the medeyum size ball on the big ball. Next find some rocks for eyes and a carit for the nose. Then find two stiks for the arems. Then roll a small ball for the head. Put the small ball on the other balls. Last put the rocks on and the carrit and stick arems. That is how you build a snowman.

HOW TO DECORATE A CHRISTMAS TREE

BY SEBASTIAN MORALES

First you will get a Christmas tree and decorate it with ornaments and a star. Next you will take the decorashons and put them on the tree. Then when you are done deco-

rating go get a star. Last take your star and put it on top of your Christmas tree. Now you know how to decorate a Christmas tree.

HOW TO MAKE CHRISTMAS COOKIES

BY SADIE DIRKS

First, you will need a bowl, put a ¾ cup of flour in the bowl. Then, you will need to crack three eggs into the bowl make sure that there are no egg shells in the bowl! Next, you will need 1 teaspoon of sugar. 1 spoon of vanilla extract. Now, mix it up until it turns to dow. Take it out of the bowl and flatten it down on a clean table cut out with cookie cutter and make sure that you sprinkle flour on dow before cutting out. Put your cookies on a cookie tray and put it in the oven set the oven to 350 for 1h. When the oven beeps take cookies out and let them cool. When cool get some frosting and decorate your cookie. Get some gum drops and sprinkles and decorate with those to. When you are done. Enjoy and have a merry Christmas!

HOW TO MAKE HOT CHOCOLATE

BY LAKYN LUEDKE

First, gather some cocoa powder, a mug, water or milk, and marshmallows. Next, add some cocoa powder in the mug. Then, add some water or milk to the mug and heat in the microwave for one minute and thirty seconds. Lastly, take it out of the microwave and be careful because it will be hot. Put some marshmallows in it and enjoy!

HOW TO BUILD A SNOWMAN

BY ISAIAS JUAREZ

First grab some snow. Next you need to make a face. Then put a carrot for the nose. Next make a face with small rocks. Last put sticks in your snowman for the hands. Have building a snowman.

HOW TO DECORATE A TREE

BY ALFONSO LOPEZ MORALES

First you need to get a tree from Walmart. Then take it home. Next put the tree up and put a red tree skirt at the bottom. Then you decorate with lights and tinsel. Next you put the ornaments on. Last, you will put a star on top of it. Merry Christmas!

HOW TO SLED

BY MARIA ARTEAGA RODRIGUEZ

First you need your special clothes and a sled and gloves. Next you have to find your sled. You need a hill. Then you have to go up and done! Last you can slide!

HOW TO BUILD A SNOWMAN

BY WES KRAMER

First you build the body out of snow. Next you get a carrot for the nose. Then you get coal and stix for the eyes and hands. Last you get a hat and you put the hat on the snowman. Now you now how to make a snowman.

HOW TO BUILD A SNOWMAN

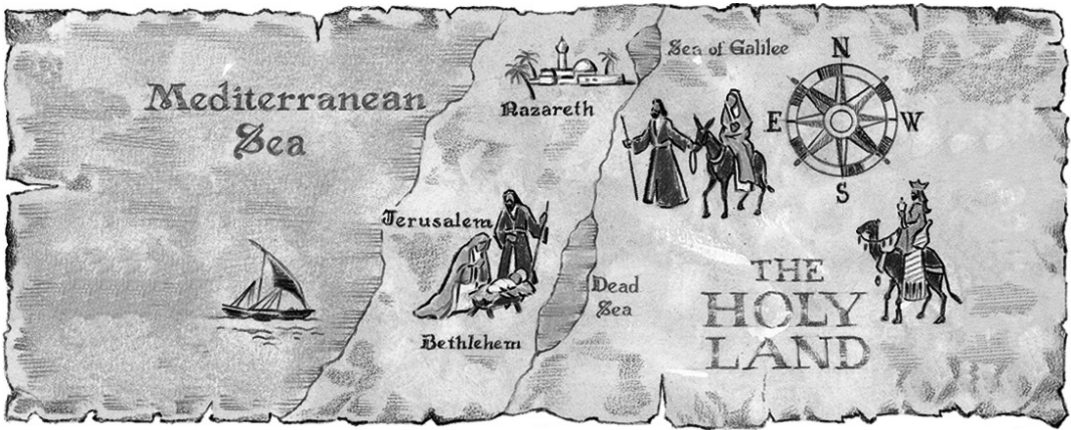
BY KENZIE MAELZER

First rol snow up in to three balls. Next but the bottom, then the midem bol on top then put the smallest on top. Next get a carrot and put a scarf on. Last put the stons on for the smile and eyes. My snowman is the best!

HOW TO DECORATE A TREE FOR CHRISTMAS

BY JADE DE LA CRUZ LOPEZ

First you need a tree. Then you will need ornaments to put on your Christmas tree. Then you will need ribbons to put on your tree. Then you will need a star for the top of the tree. Now you no how to make a Christmas tree.



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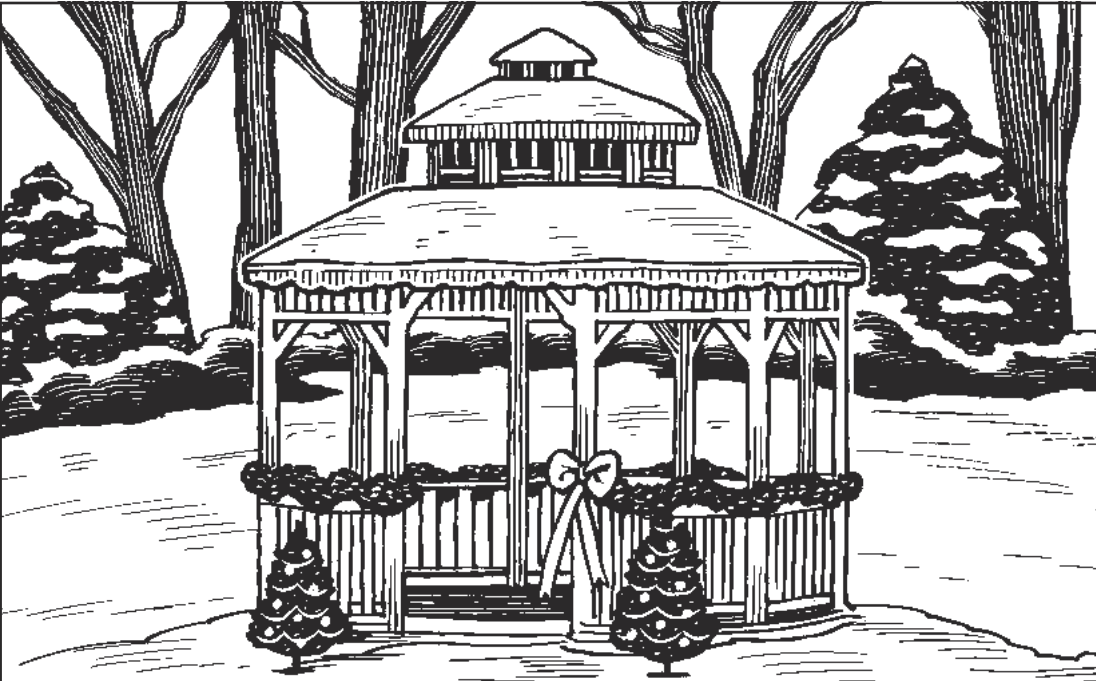
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JOLLY’S ELF JOURNAL
BY IKER CASTILLO QUEZADA
Jueves – Diario de jolly, ayudaría a santa en enrollar regalos. Y a ayudar a santa y a poner los regalos en las casa. Y esas son las tres cosas que ayudaría a santa claus.
Thursday – Elf Jolly would help Santa in wrapping presents and help Santa and put the presents in the houses and those are the three things that would help Santa Claus.

PEPPERMINT’S ELF JOURNAL
BY EMILY CHAVEZ
Thursday – Hi, I’m Peppermint and I work in the North Pole! One of my jobs is making and wrapping presents! One of the toys I was wrapping was a piano. Christmas is right around the corner! So we are trying to work as fast as a cheetah. Santa has to deliver the presents til Christmas Eve. We were getting the slay ready. It was two more days until Christmas eve! I was setting up the reindeer with Candy Cane and was going to go get the soap and water to wash the reindeer.

Friday – When Candy Cane came back, I asked her if she could tie the reins on the reindeer, she said ok. We went back to work with the toys. We were working on a doll until a loud scream came. We ran where the scream was coming from. We asked Frank, Frank said look. I ran as fast as a cheetah to catch the reindeer who got away. I got all of the reindeer and that is when Santa noticed me and that day was the best day!

Saturday – This year Santa will know my name because I saved the reindeer and Christmas Eve! When I was helping deliver the presents it felt like I was on top of the world, but Candy Cane couldn’t come because she was the one that tied the rope too loose. I feel sad not being with her on Christmas eve but I still had fun. If you were a reindeer would you want to fly with Santa?

Merry Christmas to Santa, Mrs. Claus, Candy Cane, the reindeer, and all the elves!

AARON’S ELF JOURNAL
BY RICARDO CUMMINGS
Thursday – There are only three more days until Christmas. We need to wrap so many presents. We are slammed. We are trying to make a Nintendo Switch but it is so hard to make. We have to do electricity to power it and we don’t have the parts for it. It’s a crisis!

Friday – Now there are only two more days until Christmas and the left rail on the sleigh broke. The elf fixing crew is working on it. While they work on it. Lucy is wrapping a car, Frank is trying to make a perfect cookie, Dasher has a broken ankle so Mrs. Claus is trying to heal him. I really don’t think that Santa has the biggest job in the North Pole.

Saturday – Only one more day until Christmas and Santa needs to catch some Zzz’s. Prancer is training, Blitzen is flying, and Rudolph is polishing his nose. An elf named Jacob hit me and I said, “Ow! Stop it!” I forgave him though since it’s Christmas. Ready for Christmas now? We are. We are ready.

Monday – That was a holiday to remember! My holiday advice to you is: A tiny gift is always an important one.

TJ’S ELF JOURNAL
BY JASLENE AUDRINA LUCY
ALMEDIA DOMINGUEZ
Thursday, Dec 22, 2022 – This is my first year of working in the elf shop. It’s a bundle to handle, especially my sister DJ. I yelled, “Cut the clouds,” [means be quiet] to her, and she got me in trouble. So I took a day off to get away from DJ.

Friday, Dec 23, 2022 – Second day on the job just to figure out that my brother CJ and sister BJ are planning a way to steal my lunch. I heard them talking earlier and they said, “Let’s go work on our plan to steal TJ’s lunch.” So I zoomed as fast as the wind to confront them. Right as soon as I opened the door I asked, “Is it true you came up with a plan to steal my lunch?” “Yes,” they said in a shy way. I ran after them and slipped on a banana peel and hit my head. OUCH!

Saturday, Dec 24, 2022 – It’s Christmas Eve day and I still have to make twenty toys, so I am going to work day and night because I can get ten dollhouses and ten dolls made by then. I almost died today. I was running and stopping too hard and an icicle fell right in front of me. It almost chopped off my toe!!!! Good thing I stopped just in time.

Sunday, Dec 25, 2022 – It’s Christmas day and I’m already stressed enough but this was my last straw. Somebody put a jingle bell in my sandwich. “Who put a jingle bell in my sandwich!!!!” I screamed. I almost knocked down all the toys I made, but

with help my siblings CJ, BJ, and DJ helped me catch them. So we went to the J House and had a big feast and it turns out I’m not the only one who almost dropped some toys CJ did too. Buddy tripped her. He is on the naughty list but now I know that family is always there for you. So now let’s celebrate because we all got elf of the month and Rudolf the red nosed reindeer had a very shiny nose.

All of the lows of this Christmas showed me what Christmas is really about family. This is one Christmas I will never forget.

MAX’S ELF JOURNAL
BY JOSE RIOS

Thursday, December 22 – I was making sure all the reindeer were all right, but I saw Pinky having trouble making toys. I asked her what was the matter? She told me she was very cold so I made hot coffee. She drank it then she felt all snug like a bug in a rug. After that, she went back to work and we had a lot of work to do there. There were 1000 toys left to make so we could not take a break. Time went flying by as we made 100 toys. Everyone was tired but we had to continue. At last we finished and everyone went to take a nap. When everyone woke up they had a big party!

Friday, December 23 – Now that we are done making toys let’s make sure Santa’s sleigh is all right and ready for flight. When we were looking for something wrong DJ saw something wrong on Santa’s sleigh. She saw that one of the rails was broken and couldn’t fix it, but she tried to, but she could not fix it so she told CJ, DJ and BJ to come help. When they were working, CJ accidentally hit her nose with a hammer. CJ had to take a break then again went back to work. BJ saw the rail brake fell off so she told Santa what happened. Santa gave her super glue. She went back to work. She told her that she had super glue and now we can fix it by super gluing the crack.

Saturday, December 24 – It is Christmas now. We all had to put all the toys in the Christmas bag, but then one of the elves saw the bag was breaking so now they had to weave it together to fix it. After that they were done. They noticed it was time for Christmas Eve. Many more elf and I felt compassionate because of the beautiful light and hard work. Christmas

can be a fabulous and joyful holiday.
In conclusion, Christmas can be a joyful holiday.

THE ELVES ARE GOING CRAZY
BY LEVI HAYES

December 24th – In the workshop, we got to work fast, but they had to fix Santa’s sleigh. But first, they have to check the naughty and good list. After that, they got to make toys and candy. They make Santa’s sleigh shiny and then they put the presents in the sleigh. They got to get the reindeer ready and then go deliver it to the kids. Then he goes back to the North Pole and then he gets ready for next Christmas.

December 25th – It’s Christmas. The elves have to get ready for Christmas and get Santa’s sleigh. He has to find his suits and reindeer. Then they dust off of his sleigh Then they got to make presents and toys and stuff like candy. He has to find his robes. Everything is in Santa’s sleigh. They have to put the presents in Santa’s sleigh, and then he has to go deliver stuff to the kids.

December 26th – Santa is on vacation from work, flying his sleigh, and driving presents to all the kids. After that he did other stuff during his vacation. Then he drank some juice and thought about next Christmas and what he was going to do to the naughty and good list. He thought about where he was going to put it. He takes a nap, he sleeps every morning, and wakes up every night. He also eats cookies and drinks milk. He gives the kids candy and presents, climbs down the chimney, comes back up, and flies away. After that, he goes back to the North Pole and gets ready for next Christmas. He puts the naughty and good list somewhere in his drawer. He puts the sleigh in the shed. He and everyone takes a nap. The end.

JINGLE’S ELF JOURNAL
BY CARLOS HERMOSILLO

Friday – The elves and I are making toys. There are 2 more days until Christmas and the snow storm gets stronger. When I was building I looked out the window and it was snowing cats and dogs. When it was snowing it looked like Kinetic sand was falling. I hope the storm doesn’t get stronger. Is Christmas in danger?

Saturday – The power goes out and there are 20 more toys to go. Santa screams “Don’t we have a backup battery?” The engineer elf found the backup battery. He screamed “We found the backup battery. Let’s get this hooked up in a jiffy!”

Sunday – It’s early in the morning and we need to get the power back on time. We connect the backup battery. We finish the last 20 toys and pack the sleigh. Santa leaves at 7:30 and 30 minutes left before morning. I hope Santa

gets there on time. As Santa flies of with the reindeer I hear “Fly my friends, fly!”

SLEEPY’S ELF JOURNAL
BY COLIN JORDAN

Thursday – Today I was in a rush because lots of kids wanted the Super Thousand Robot Runner toy. I was running quickly to grab another robot, when I tripped on one of Santa’s favorite reindeer, Speedy, breaking his leg! Santa hit the ceiling when I explained to him what happened that day. Santa knew the Reindeer like the back of his hand, so finding a new Reindeer to train could be pretty tricky.

Friday – I felt really bad about breaking Speedy’s leg. Was Christmas going to be cancelled because of me? I told Santa I was sorry and would make sure the presents arrive in time for Christmas. He took it better than I thought he would, but he was too busy to deal with my mess. I knew that I needed to fix this myself. We had Reindeer in training, but none seemed ready to take on the big task of delivering all the presents to the good girls and boys this Christmas.

Saturday – After exhausting every possible option, I ended up taking Speedy’s place. I ended up making a deer costume, putting on headband antlers, made with weather resistant material, and ate the special flying candy cane ingredient. After that, I flew with Santa and the rest of the reindeer delivering all the gifts for the good girls and boys. Santa was very happy! After arriving back at the North Pole, Santa gave me a medal of honor. I felt super special that I was a special part of Christmas 2022!!

COCOA’S ELF JOURNAL
BY ADDYSON KINNIE

THURSDAY – OH MY GOSH CHRISTMAS is only three days away. Faith, CJ, and I have to make presents. There are a lot of good boys and girls and it is going to be a lot of fun but crazy. I just knew the banned elf named Karen was going to sabotage us. We had to make a plan because we don’t have that many elves, we need to work together.

FRIDAY – OH MY GOSH THERE IS ONLY TWO MORE DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS, WE NEED TO WORK FAST! The toy machine broke! “AAAAA! Did Karen do it? What do we do!?” We’ve got to fix the machine fast. Then, while we were working we had Christmas music on and CJ accidentally broke that machine. We finally got both of them working, but it took about an hour. I’m going to sleep, it has been a long day. Tomorrow is going to be an even longer day.

SATURDAY – “OH MY GOSH TONIGHT IS CHRISTMAS EVE. WE REALLY HAVE TO WORK FAST

GUYS!” “Go, Go, Go! Be on the lookout for Karen, if you see her yell.” I just remembered that the kids are going to try and wake up so they can see Santa. They may have a trap, Santa better be careful. Faith, CJ and I went to tell Santa, but the lights went out! “KAREN!” Good thing we got the lights on quickly. Good night everyone, it was one crazy day.

SUNDAY – IT’S CHRISTMAS! While Santa was out delivering presents he got to the last house. It had a trap inside. The trap was a fake spider web that he ran into and got stuck. Bobby couldn’t believe his eyes, he caught Santa. Santa pressed the panic button. Faith, CJ and I looked at each other and said, “We forgot to remind Santa to watch for traps, Karen it’s all your fault!” Bobby felt very proud but luckily for Santa and the elves he started feeling bad and said “Sorry.” Bobby knew that he wouldn’t be able to put the presents under the tree. His mom and dad were still sleeping and didn’t realize that Bobby trapped Santa. He decided to call his friends for help to get Santa down. It was 3 AM he was glad they answered. When they got there they were shocked to see Santa trapped in a web that their friend made. They worked together and got Santa down. Santa forgave Bobby and put his present under the tree.

When Santa got back to the North Pole Faith, CJ and I told him we were so sorry that we forgot to remind him to watch for traps. We told him how Karen had broken the toy machine and turned out the lights. Santa started laughing because he was the one who broke the toy machine and Mrs. Clause accidentally turned out the lights on everyone. Everyone laughed! It was a great 2022 Christmas. Time for bed!

BJ’S ELF JOURNAL
BY BRISTOL KRAMER

Saturday – Hi my name is BJ, and I am an Elf that lives in the North Pole with my brothers and sisters. Their names are TJ, DJ, AJ, and CJ. We make presents for children around the world. We made diaries, pop its, and hoverboards. Santa Claus delivered all the wonderful gifts tonight – Christmas Eve night. We worked quickly to get all the toys made for all the wonderful boys and girls.

Sunday – Christmas morning the elves and Santa took a nap. After taking a long nap, cookies and hot chocolate were eaten by the elves, Santa and Mrs. Claus. A nice warm fireplace and a cozy evening was enjoyed by all.

Monday – The day after Christmas the elf shop started getting new orders for toys for the next year. Santa told DJ and TJ to be in charge

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of the boys toys for the next year and told BJ, TJ, and AJ to make the girls toys. Santa surprised the elves with a party on New Year's Eve for all their hard work making every child was happy during the holiday season.

CJ'S ELF JOURNAL
BY KENIA MARQUEZ

Thursday 12/22/22 – There are three more days until Christmas. On the first day we were making toys and I caught my sister being naughty. My middle sister, DJ, was playing with all the toys. I was going to tell Santa but she made an excuse that she was testing them. I cautiously believed her and continued working on the new hoverboard because Santa left me in charge of it. Will I get the new hoverboard ready before Christmas?

Friday 12/23/22 – Green grass was as white as a fresh glass of warm milk because of the snowfall, after two or more hours of fixing the toys, it was our lunchtime! We were so hungry that we hid behind a filing cabinet and then it moved and said, "You're not stealing your brother's sandwich today" then TJ had caught us, we said sorry but we were still hungry, so we tried to get the sandwich again, Santa was looking so we didn't take it. We were very busy that day because there was only one more day until Christmas Eve.

Saturday 12/24/22 – On Christmas Eve we finished all the toys, we were helping Santa put all the toys into his sleigh when the worst thing happened, an elf that was the rudest elf in the world tripped me and I accidentally lost grip and opened the sack of toys causing everything to spill out. "Sorry Santa! sorry, I didn't mean to, but Bud tripped me" I said all worried.

"No I didn't!" said Bud, "Well CJ, I saw everything" said Santa. Bud got to clean everything up by himself, I felt bad but he deserved it.

My siblings and I went home and had a Christmas feast and sang Christmas carols like "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer had a very shiny nose and if you ever saw him you can even say it glows."

Sunday 12/25/22 – Christmas Day, Santa was giving out presents one by one, each elf was given a present, Bud the mean one got coal, we were laughing while he was angry, my siblings and I were given the special gifts and they were beautiful boxes with our names BJ, DJ and TJ, we opened the gifts and WE GOT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH! "But why Santa?" I asked, "Because you are kind and sweet like candy," Santa said.

This was the best Christmas Day ever.

DING DONG'S ELF JOURNAL
BY SAMUEL MARQUEZ

Friday – Hi, my name is Ding Dong and I make toys for Kids a lot. My work is hard so it takes a while to make the trucks. All night I make trucks. I like my job a lot and I have a lot of friends There at the north pole. What's my favorite? So my Friends they all work at the job a lot making toys. The name of my First friend is Coco and my other Friend name is Max and she

is a Girl. I have a friend Joy. And that is all of my Friends name. So me and my Friends working a lot and make toys.

Saturday – Today Santa will deliver the toys to Carlos, Ricardo, and all the kids on the naughty list get coal. The sleigh was packed with a lot of toys. Santa ran into snow and rain. When the kids woke up the next morning they were happy because they got trucks.

I kind of like being elf. It was but hard I like hanging out with my friends making trucks. I wish you to have a merry Christmas.

FRANK'S ELF JOURNAL
BY LILY MEDRANO RAMOS

Thursday – Three more days until Christmas. We need to wrap as quick as a flash of lightning. We have to give the presents before Christmas Eve. Santa has to get the reindeer ready. Frank has to put the presents in the bag and Frank is getting the Reindeer ready and Santa is getting ready to go deliver the presents. He has to get around the world on Christmas Eve.

Friday – Santa is getting ready for Christmas. So Frank has to finish the presents. So Santa is getting ready for the last day. He has to go check the elves. Before Christmas Eve Santa went to go see if the elves have all the presents ready. I'm Frank and I helped Santa to wrap the presents because they weren't really ready yet.

Saturday – Two more days until Christmas so elves have to finish the presents. So Santa and Mrs. Claus have to get dinner ready.

Sunday – 1 more day until Christmas Eve. This morning Santa woke up and he went to see the elves, so they were going with the presents. So Santa got there and he saw that the presents were there. So he had to tell Mrs. Claus that the presents were there. We have to get ready at night because he had to get the presents ready to go deliver at the houses. Santa has to train the reindeer before they go deliver the presents so elf Candy Cane has to help Frank wrap the presents well. Santa is training the reindeers ready for tonight.

In conclusion it was the best Christmas because Santa is going to deliver the presents. Going to train the reindeer. It's almost Christmas Eve! I have a question: How does Santa get to the houses and how does he get back to the North Pole?

CANDY CANE'S ELF JOURNAL
BY ALYSSA HILDA MORENO

Thursday – Hi my name is Candy cane. I'm an elf that works in the North Pole for three days. Until Christmas all us elves got to wrap presents and make more toys. There are enough toys for all the boys and girls. Wrapping gifts is as easy as pie.

Friday – There are only two more days til Christmas and we can't let the kids open a can of worms by opening their presents early. I heard a little girl wanted AirPods for Christmas. It will be perfect. I hope she is not on the naughty list. All us elves are in a rush to get all the presents wrapped and make toys.

Saturday – It is Christmas Eve and Santa will be delivering the packages all over the world tonight. That is, for kids on the "nice" list. I hope

there aren't any kids on the naughty list. I enjoy making kids happy and Wrapping Gifts hope to do it next year. Merry Christmas everyone.

CELERY'S ELF JOURNAL
BY ANALLELY MORENO

THURSDAY – Three more days till Christmas. I helped Santa with the gifts and helped him for the days for the reindeer. Two of my jobs are feeding the reindeer and wrapping the gifts. I fed the reindeer candy canes and they love them! (I don't think they know there is magic flying powder in them!)

FRIDAY – 2 days left. We are going to make presents for the kids and some kids are on daily toy making duty till Santa says we are done. One of my jobs is making and wrapping presents. Christmas is right around the corner, so we are trying to work as fast as we can. Feliz Navidad everyone!

DJ'S ELF JOURNAL
BY KEIRAH NELSON

Thursday 22nd – It was my first day on the job and I was nervous because my brothers TJ and CJ kept getting on my nerves and it drove me crazy, but it turned out that TJ jumped on one of my wooden trucks and it got crushed. I was in a rush to make toys for boys and girls until BJ came in and got me distracted. My brother TJ and CJ were a big help to clean it up . . . I guess.

Friday 23rd – It's my second day on the job and there's not a lot of time and (gasp) OH! NO! Only two more days till Christmas and I still have so many L.O.L. dolls, hot wheels, hover, morph, and skate boards to make! How will I deliver all these toys? Luckily I have tomorrow.

Saturday 24th – Oh my elves we need to hurry and deliver all these toys to Santa before he takes off, but Christmas is right around the corner! "Why do we have to work on Christmas Eve, CJ?" I asked.

Sunday 25th – "Christmas is here and we don't need to make toys till next Christmas." "I am the luckiest elf in the North Pole to be working here!" (in a tired voice) "But next Christmas we have to have partners and I wonder who my partner is?" (In an exciting voice) "Wait, I just found out who my partner is!" "My partner is Faith!" "YAY!!" We are best friends and I am so excited!

(At the J house) "WOOO!! HOOO!!" Me TJ, CJ, and BJ can finally celebrate all night and hangout with the reindeer and paint with the nail polish I created. And paint neat art on the canvases. (In the living room) (TJ laughing about a joke I made.) "Hey guys, I'm going to grab a cup of tea," I said. "Me too" says TJ "Ok" says CJ and BJ (As TJ and I were walking to the kitchen I tripped then TJ started laughing) (after 5 mins) "EWWW!!!" (I screamed) "Who put a lot of sugar in my TEA!!!" I said. (Spits out tea in the sink.) (TJ laughing a lot) As you can see this is the best Elf Christmas story I ever wrote. "They Had The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year!!"

BUDDY'S ELF JOURNAL
BY WESTON RUSSELL

Thursday – Three days till Christmas and I'm out of this world! We still need to make a lot of toys before Christmas Eve. Otherwise

the holiday will be ruined and the children will not get any presents. Frosty and I need to make a Barbie doll house for Kenia and a race car for Ricardo. This barbie doll house is going to take me over an hour to do. It has three levels, a basement, main floor, and an upstairs. It will be painted Kenia's favorite colors, pink, purple, and teal. I will add a doll to go with it. I should have started this in November! Frosty is making the race car for Ricardo. This helps me out a ton so I can do more detail for the doll house.

Friday – Finally, I was finishing with the last bits of the details on the doll and the doll house. I am very thankful Frosty helped me with Ricardo's race car. I helped feed the reindeer with C.J., D.J., and Frosty. Moving along quickly we were able to keep Santa Claus from getting upset and blowing a fuse. Using teamwork made it easier for us to get more done in a smaller time frame, leaving an abundance of time for wrapping all of the children's presents to perfection.

Saturday – "Frosty!" I shouted, startling him. This made him lose the train of thought. "It's Christmas Eve Frosty, and we need to pack the sleigh! Don't forget the warm milk and cookies please!" Reminding him as Santa never forgets the cookies and milk. As I was encouraging the team to keep moving at the smoothest but quickest pace. Frosty was so full of excitement, he almost forgot the milk and cookies! I was so overwhelmed. As I watched Santa mumbled under his breath. "Hey what are you doing?" I asked. He replied "I am checking the list twice on who has been naughty and who has been nice." We then set flight for the night, delivering all of the gifts. I gasped that it's snowing, which is actually amazing.

Sunday – Today's the day! Christmas is finally here! Finally we're back from delivering all of the gifts. We dashed through the sky like birds. The reindeer dashed, bobbed, and weaved like no other, even the birds were in utter shock. Peaking in on Kenia and Ricardo through the Santa Cams we have installed with high hopes in seeing their excitement. "How is the milk and cookies Santa?" I asked. Meanwhile we are all celebrating this joyful holiday and listening to Jinglebells it began to snow creating a White Christmas.

FAITH'S ELF JOURNAL
BY EADLYN LAREE SPRAGUE

THURSDAY – My third day before Christmas started like this: "Oh my! There are three DAYS til Christmas! We have to make the iPhone 13's, Xbox, and the new Robot Transformer faster so they can be ready on time!!! So elves there is no dilly-dallying today! GET WORKING NOW!!!!!" Santa shouted.

FRIDAY – Oh my Santa, this drama is as stinky as rotten cheese on cheesy mashed potatoes! There is so much drama at the North Pole because Cocoa yelled loudly "OH MY ELVES it is snowing cats and dogs outside! How will Santa deliver all the presents to all the good girls and boys!?" So..... there is still drama here because it is still snowing cats and dogs! Will Santa be able to deliver all the

presents to the good girls and boys for Christmas?

Saturday – Oh my gosh tonight is Christmas Eve and we need help from the sky so it can stop snowing cats and dogs out and if it gets too cold the sleigh we built won't work. Got to go write more tomorrow.

Sunday! – Today is finally Christmas day and all the elves helped Santa deliver all the presents last night to all the good girls and boys. Mrs. Claus was waiting for us at the North Pole and had a Christmas dinner feast waiting for us all to eat! Santa, Mrs. Claus, and all the elves loved Mrs. Claus's Christmas feast that she made for us. And so, altogether the elves including me had a surprise from Santa just for us and it was a mini elves iPhone 13! They were so cool and we all loved them! In conclusion, I loved my Christmas and it was very amazing because we got all the presents we could ever wish for!

FROSTY'S ELF JOURNAL
BY BRIAN VAZQUEZ

Thursday – Three days til Christmas. I still need to make a lot of toys for Christmas and it is going to take me a long time because I have to make 3000 presents. I have to do it by myself. I asked for help but Santa and the elves said no because they were too busy wrapping the presents. I was so tired that I could have sleep on nails!

Friday – I had continued on with the presents and had 2640 left and it was the last day. Tomorrow is Christmas. I have to go in until I have 100 left. I was about to give up, but Santa gave me coffee and that woke me up! I fell asleep at two in the morning – right there making the robot. (Now I have funny indents on my face from it landing on the robot while I slept!)

Saturday – It was the next day and overnight Santa did the rest for me and when we went it was raining cats and dogs outside so we did NOT deliver the presents. SUCH A BUMMER!

It was the worst Christmas ever.

JJ'S ELF JOURNAL
BY DALLAS WERNER

Thursday the 22nd – I woke up this morning to a blizzard. I got ready and scooped my path to the workshop. I was so excited because I was in

charge of building the Mine-craft Legos today. All the colors of the bricks remind me of all the Christmas lights around the village. I hurried so fast I thought I was sonic running to get done before break so that I could help install the new designs on the sleigh that will be for tomorrow though it is time for bed.

Friday the 23rd – Off to the garage I went today, singing Santa Claus is coming to town, Santa Claus is coming to town, Santa Claus is Coming to town. Today was the day that I got to install the hot chocolate maker with warming cup holders it would always be warm and automatically refill Santa's mug so he wouldn't have to worry about anything but getting to his destination on Christmas Eve. I made it red and green depending on which way you were looking at it. I also wanted to install the heated seats and reins because who wants a cold bottom or hands. The test runs went amazing after a few hiccups with Coco going all over Santa's face and then all over the Head Elf they did not seem to be happy but I know they will love it all once they try them again. Tomorrow will be better I hope.

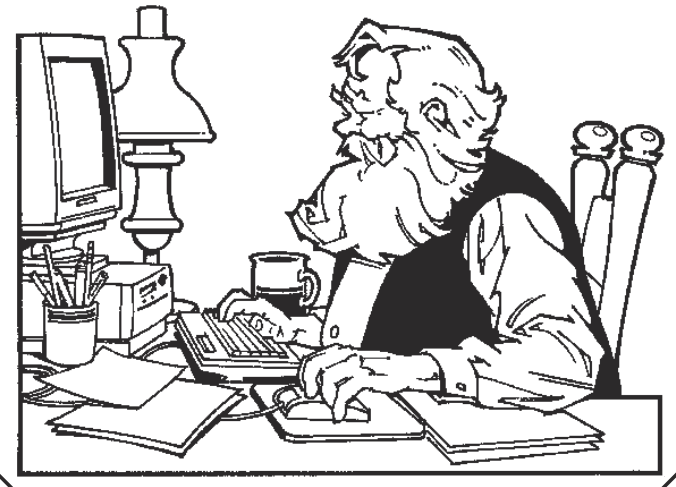
Saturday the 24th – It's Christmas Eve today. I helped pack all the presents into the big red bag on the back of the sleigh there were so many beautiful colors. So many shapes. So many good little boys and girls this year. I polished up the sleigh and made sure all the bells were on the reins and that they all sang out such beautiful songs. I made a mess with the cocoa maker though I don't know what I did wrong. I was putting cocoa in it and all of a sudden a big loud screeching noise started coming from the machine. I was looking for the cause when the machine blue Coco all over my face just like it blue its snows. I was covered in Cocoa from the bottom of my elf hat all the way down to my bells, I brushed off and fix the crazy machine finish filling it up and then decided I had better hurry and get the sleigh cleaned up always ready to go as we all lined up to see Santa off and suddenly it started to snow which made everything so magical. this is going to be the best Christmas yet. Merry Christmas!

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3rd Grade Poems

AN IMAGERY POEM
BY JAYDEN GOYTIA JUAREZ
Christmas looks like a tree
Christmas smells like choco-
late
Christmas feels like relaxing
Christmas tastes like choco-
late
Christmas sounds like fun
My Christmas is the best!

AMAZING CHRISTMAS
A HAIKU
BY ANDRES GOYTIA
Christmas is the best!
You can have fun on Christ-
mas.
Santa is jolly!

SANTA
A NARRATIVE
BY BRIANNA ORTNER
Santa slipped on the slope of
the roof.
Ring Ring. The doorbell rang.
Santa was there!
Swish Swoosh he gave the
presents to me.
He left as quickly as light-
ning!

A RHYMING POEM
BY CAMILA MONTES BELTRAN
It was a time of holly
And I was feeling jolly.
Then my mother called me in
And said why I'm outside at

night.
Get inside I will tuck you in
tight.
Last my hat was slipping off
the shelf
but my cat
Came in and got in my hat.

CHRISTMAS DAY
AN IMAGERY POEM
BY HALEY KOCH
Christmas looks like white
snow.
Christmas smells like hot
chocolate.
Christmas feels like shiny
presents.
Christmas sounds like fun
singing.
My Christmas is fun.

PRESENTS
A HAIKU
BY HARRISON KLEVE
The presents are cool
The presents are from Santa
I like to see them

SANTA
A HAIKU
BY JONATHON VALENZUELA
Santa rides the sleigh
Santa loves Christmas and
elves
Santa is the best

CHRISTMAS DAY
AN IMAGERY POEM
BY JULIA MORALES
Christmas looks like a tree
Christmas smells like cookies
Christmas feels like presents
Christmas tastes like pasta
Christmas sounds like santa
My christmas is fun

SANTA
A CINQUAIN
BY JUSTIN FLORES AGUILERA
Tall, White
Flying, delivering, eating
Santa is the best
Claus

CHRISTMAS TREES
A NARRATIVE POEM
BY KAITLYNN KAFKA
I love Christmas
but my favorite part is the
christmas trees!
I love the tall terrific trees.
My favorite family tradition
is standing around the tree
and singing lalala

CHRISTMAS
A RHYMING POEM
BY LANDYN TALAVERA
It was a time of holly
and i was feeling jolly
elves are great at making toys
But only for the good girls
and boys
There are a lot of presents
under the tree
and hopefully there is for me

REINDEER
A NARRATIVE POEM
BY LUCY VASQUEZ
Reindeer singing and bells
ringing.
Rudolph rapidly runs.
Dasher Dancer Prancer
Vixen Comet Cupid Dunder
Blixen.

SNOW GLOBES
A HAIKU
BY MACKENZIE TALICH
Snow globes have some snow.
Snow globes have snow and
snowflakes.
Snow globes have snowmen.

SANTA
A HAIKU
BY MASON GERTNER
Santa comes at night.
Santa loves his Christmas
elves.
Santa rides his sleigh.

MY CHRISTMAS
AN IMAGERY POEM
BY MEREDITH SCHLACHTER
Christmas looks like snow
Christmas smells like joy.
Christmas feels like happi-
ness
Christmas tastes like candy
canes
Christmas sounds like
Christmas music
My Christmas is loving, fun,
happy, joyful.

CHRISTMAS
AN IMAGERY POEM
BY MONTANA GORDON
Christmas looks like happy
and joy too!!
Christmas smells like cookies
Christmas feels like joy and
happiness
Christmas tastes like hot
chocolate
Christmas sounds like bells
all around
My Christmas is fun and
happy too

CHRISTMAS
AN IMAGERY POEM
BY YURIDIA MARQUEZ
Christmas look like lights,
christmas smells like Hot
chocolate
christmas feels like santa
christmas tastes like cookies
for santa
christmas sound like candy
canes crunching in my
mouth
My Christmas is wonderful.

CHRISTMAS
A RHYMING POEM
BY JUNIOR PEÑA BENCOMO
It was a time of holly
and I was feeling jolly.
Santa put me presents under
the tree
And he put me three
My clean mat
was covered with cats.

CHRISTMAS
A HAIKU
BY RAE MAPLES
Santa Rides The Sleigh
Santa Loves His Elves And
'Toys.
Santa Likes His House.

GIFT FALL
A NARRATIVE POEM
BY NICKOLE DELGADO VEGA
Santa Clause slipped boom!
He dropped all of the presents
And cookies;
Ahh! he screamed
He said now I have to pick it
all up
He was so tired but still did it
anyway

MY CHRISTMAS
AN IMAGERY POEM
BY LALAINYA BRETZ
Christmas looks like being
with my family
Christmas smells like treats
Christmas feels like the best
Christmas tastes like joy
Christmas sounds like family
My Christmas is going to be
the best

A RHYMING POEM
BY AVA VASA
It was a time of holly,
And I was feeling Jolly.
I had a Santa hat,
And a happy cat.
The light in the night,
The sky is bright.

Year In Review Crossword

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- THEME: YEAR-IN-REVIEW
- ACROSS
- 1. Use a bayonet
 - 5. *Late Saget
 - 8. Greek salad staple
 - 12. Meal in a shell
 - 13. Lowest brass
 - 14. Like daytime energy
 - 15. *2022
 - 16. Van Gogh's famous flower
 - 17. Poodle minus d
 - 18. *Late Queen
 - 20. Volcano off Sicily coast
 - 21. Leaves out
 - 22. Elf's distinctive body part
 - 23. *Olympic host
 - 25. *Russia's target
 - 29. Black sheep sound
 - 30. Treat badly
 - 33. Reason for Thanksgiving
 - 34. Carl Jung's inner self
 - 36. "But I heard him exclaim '___ he
drove out of sight, "Merry Christmas..."
 - 37. Pick on
 - 38. Pro ___
 - 39. Bank, usually
 - 41. Driver's aid
 - 42. Jalopy
 - 44. Back of the neck, pl.
 - 46. Finish line
 - 47. Fur of the marten
 - 49. Paul Bunyan story, e.g.
 - 51. *Economic woe
 - 55. Faultfinder
 - 56. Tropical edible root
 - 57. Soreness
 - 58. Irretrievable loss
 - 59. Gator's cousin
 - 60. *Super Bowl winners
 - 61. Undertaking
 - 62. "For ___ a jolly good.."
 - 63. Archaic form of do, second person
singular

- THEME: YEAR-IN-REVIEW
- DOWN
- 1. Eyelid affliction
 - 2. Asian weight unit
 - 3. Smoothie bowl flavor
 - 4. Russian hunting sighthound
 - 5. Chemistry lab measuring device
 - 6. Parting words
 - 7. New Year's Eve get-together, e.g.
 - 8. Running competition
 - 9. *Twitter's new proprietor
 - 10. Western Samoan money
 - 11. "___ you ready?"
 - 13. Relating to shinbone
 - 14. Asparagus unit
 - 19. Amnion, pl.
 - 22. Barely obtain
 - 23. Erie or Suez
 - 24. Port-au-Prince country
 - 25. Like something vintage, usually
 - 26. About to explode
 - 27. Olfactory organs
 - 28. Athos' or Porthos' weapon
 - 29. Throw up
 - 31. Lecherous look
 - 32. Funereal container
 - 35. *Tom Cruise's callsign
 - 37. "___ - ___ -la"
 - 39. Type of Christmas lights
 - 40. All together
 - 43. T-shirt style
 - 45. Small bomb
 - 47. Rabbit trap
 - 48. 1970s big dos
 - 49. "Musical" constellation
 - 50. Dollar bills
 - 51. 7-year affliction
 - 52. International Civil Aviation Org.
 - 53. Electrical resistance units
 - 54. Egg holder
 - 55. 100 lbs.
- Answers On Page 16



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Eddie Herling

1st-graders create fun holiday acrostics

Santa - Kenna Kramer
Naughty **L**ist - Tres Barnard
Olaf - Juliette Chavez Carrera
Winter - Joaquin Flores
Fireplace - Kiera Garrett
Love - Alvaro Loya Dominguez
Angel - Alexa Quintana
Kindness - Bentley Denbo
Elf - Abner Gonzalez

Ho, ho, ho - Axten Hansen
Ox - Teigen Kafka
Trees - Ariana Rodriguez
Christmas - Ian Hermosillo Goytia
Hope - Anyeli Hernandez Gonzalez
Ornaments- Reid Clayton
Cookies - Derek Olivas
Oreos - Johnny Martinez
Lights - Presley Bornhoft
Apple **c**ider - Bryce Kramer
Toys - Mason Fulton
Eggnog - Adriel Goytia

Candle - Karleigh Rowan
Hot **c**ocoa - Maya Lamas Madrid
Rudolf - Gabriel Hermosillo
Icicle - Kaylee Marquez
Snowman - Darey Beltran
Tinsel - Timmy Bretz
Milk - Luis Alejandre
Ama**z**ing - Isabel Velazquez Villarreal
Scrooge - Yahir Santos
Mrs. **C**laus - Anaeli Rico
Ice **s**kating - Cash Garrett
Toboggan - Eder Martinez Reyes
Twinkling - Giovanni Cano
Eve - Cooper Gibbs
North **P**ole - Valentina Gonzalez
Santa - Dylan Juarez

Penguin - Andrew Kleve
Reindeer - Sofia Duran
Elf - Monica Perez
Snow - Tyler Korte
Excited - Liam Aguilar
Navidad - Denis Alonzo
Toy - Leniin Arambula

Decorations - Taegyn Rosane
Eggnog - Kenya Hernandez
Christmas - Carson McCormick
Eating - 1C
Merry - Casey Ortner
Blitz**e**n - Wyatt Gordon
Ebenezer **S**crooge - 1C
Ride in the sleigh - Ximena Zuniga

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Kindergartners share ideas on how you would catch an elf

BY KAYLYNN ACOSTA APODACA
I would catch an elf by putting salt on the floor. He will walk on it and I will follow his footprints.

BY MAESA BECKER
I would catch an elf by sleeping in the playhouse and when the elf comes I will get out and go catch it.

BY DULCE CALZADILLAS DOMINGUEZ
I would catch an elf by pretending I am asleep and then I will catch it.

BY EDDIE DOMINGUEZ
I would catch an elf by being quiet and then I will get it.

BY MARQUIS FLORES
I would catch an elf by taking a rope, tying a little knot and then throwing it on him.

BY ANDREA PEREZ HERNANDEZ
I would catch an elf by running and grabbing it.

BY JORDAN KINGMAN
I would catch an elf by putting out a dog kennel and then when the elf goes in I will close it and lock it.

BY EMILY MAELZER
I would catch an elf by getting a mouse trap and a marshmallow. I will put the marshmallow on the trap. It will come when I am sleeping and when I wake up it will be sitting on the trap.

BY WILLIAM PADILLA
I would catch an elf by boxing it and when it falls down I will pick it up.

BY BENNETT McCALLUM
I would catch an elf by taking baking soda and a rope

basket and I will put some salt with the baking soda. I will take a wire and jingle bells and hook it on the wire. When the bell rings the basket will fall and catch him then pull him up.

BY CARSYN SCHLACHTER
I would catch an elf by pretending I am sleeping and I will scare him then catch him.

BY STELLA SISSECK
I would catch an elf by taking a rope and putting it on my bed and put it through a hole on my bed. When it comes I will pull it.

BY CHEVY FULTON
I would catch an elf by setting a wood trap and it will snap and catch him.

BY JAZLYN DOMINGUEZ
I would catch an elf by tricking it with a treat!

BY LEIGHTON GERK
I would catch an elf with my hands.

BY DAREY GOYTIA JUAREZ
I would catch an elf with a trap!

BY JEYLANI GOYTIA NEVAREZ
I would catch an elf with a rope.

BY JOCELYN KINGMAN
I would catch an elf with an elf trap.

BY ELI KOCH
I would catch an elf by running after him.

BY KONNER HALL
I would catch an elf by jumping high up on a trampoline and catching him with a net.

BY REESE KRAMER
I would catch an elf by grabbing him!

BY VADHIR MORALES RODRIGUEZ
I would catch an elf by catching him.

BY ASHLEY QUINTANA
I would trap him with cookies.

BY RAQUEL RAMOS RODRIGUEZ
I would catch an elf by running after it.

BY BASHTON RING
I would catch an elf with a net.

BY DANIELA SANCHEZ ZUNIGA
I would catch an elf with a lasso!

BY GABETREJO
I would catch an elf by putting lollipops out and catching him!

BY CONNOR HOFFNER
You would grab a box and attach a string to it. Use a stick to hold the box lid up. Pull the string to knock out the stick and catch the elf in the box.

BY IAN EURICH
If the North Pole has a doorbell, ring it. Catch the elf when he opens the door.

BY EZRA HAYES
Wake up in the middle of the night. Set up a trap. When the ornament falls off the tree, the elf will grab it. Then pull the string to trap the elf in the box trap.

BY AMELIA KLEVE
The elf comes in the door. He comes into the classroom. Then he leaves. Nobody can trap an elf!

BY ALESSANDRA MALLARI
Put some food on the ground. It will be his favorite food. Put an invisible cage by the food. Use a rope to catch the elf.

BY BRISTOL McCALLUM
When Santa comes in the night, I'm going to get the elves. My brother will pour syrup on the living room floor. The elves will get stuck in the syrup.

BY ARIANA AGUIRRE GUARDADO
I will tell the elf, "Come get some candy," and I will catch him.

BY CHARLIE HALL
Ok so first I will drop some candy in the middle of the night. Then I will sleep on the couch. The elf will knock on the door and I will let him in. When he grabs the last candy, I will catch him.

BY RILEY BIRD BASSNETT
I will put candy in my room. When I hear Santa moving I will get out of bed and catch the elf. I will put the candy in a bag and the elf will get in it. I will take him to my big bottom drawer.

BY GAGE RUSSELL
Get some carrots. Get some candy canes. Get some cookies and milk. Get the elf and feed Santa.

BY HATTIE SPRAGUE
You have to ride a sleigh to get to Santa's workshop. Then set up a trap.

BY JAILYNN LEYVA
I would use a box of gold.

BY DELANI PEREZ VARELA
A box of sparkles will catch the elf.

FUN FACT: Some artificial Christmas trees that were first displayed in Germany around 1865 were made with goose feathers that had been dyed green.

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High school creative writing students share stories

BY ALEIDA MILLAN
11TH GRADE

This happens every year big humans look stressed and the small humans are head over heels excited. The small humans didn't go away for hours today it was a great day today. The big humans put a big, tall, green thing where my bed goes. I don't mind it because it has all of this toys hanging from it. The thing has all this lights on it too and random boxes keep appearing under it. The little humans get excited everytime they see a new box. I don't see why a box is so exciting. I still don't understand why the little humans didn't go missing for hours. I don't mind it I love playing with my humans.

As the day went on I hear footsteps coming from the door. I ran as fast as I can to beat my humans there, as they open the door so many little humans and big humans walk in. There was so many of them to keep track. I'm so excited, I've never seeing so many humans in my life before. As they all walk in they start to hug one another and they even got down to hug me. This new humans walked in with even more boxes to put under the tree. The little humans are running all over the place and the big humans are sitting down talking to each other.

After a while they all start to gather around the big tall green thing. The small humans are yelling with excitement. The big humans hand each one of the small humans a box. I start jumping up and down because there is something in the box. The small humans got new toys. My big human handed me a box too. It was smaller than the rest. I'm filled with excitement do I get a new toy too? Is it a squeaky toy? Is it a bone? Maybe its one of those costumes my big human puts on me. I get the box opened and it's a brand new giraffe squeaky toy.

The small humans play with their toys all night long and I play with my giraffe. I grew tired and closed my eyes before I knew it everything

got quite. A couple a minutes go by and everyone yells "Merry Christmas."

BY ASHTON ROBLES
12TH GRADE

Loud noises emitted from beyond my bedroom's ceiling. A ghost? I thought at first. The possibility, quite chilling. Goosebumps formed up my arms and down each of my legs. The sound of struggles and bells kept playing right above my head. Scared, I was indeed, yet too curious to fall back asleep. So I hopped out of bed and slid on my slippers. I crept towards my door and slipped out like a feather. With ninja-like skills I tip-toed down the stairs. I trembled in fear whilst towards the chimney, I stared. Near the family tree a shadow appeared. Though eerie, it wasn't. Actually, far from it. This figure was jolly and placing down presents!

Suddenly, it clicked. Today must be Christmas! My house isn't haunted. It was just Saint Nick! I've been a good kid this year. I'm sure of it! Don't ask my parents though, they might say different. Once or twice maybe I said that I hated them, but they made me eat broccoli and I hated it.

Anyways, back to the matter at hand. What's that I see in Kris Kringle's hands? It looks like some shoes! Are they Nike's or Vans? The box says size seven's. My dad wears 11's. I think they're for me! This next one seems heavy. It looks like a mirror. It's huge, red, and round. Oh my! Nevermind! It's a brand new, red sled I can ride down the mounds! "Is that a stuffed bear I can hug when I frown?" "A brand new, blue bike I can ride around town?" That one looks large! I can't wait to see it! "A Lego Death Star?" I sure can't wait to build it! There's so many gifts now underneath the tree!

I couldn't help but let out a slight scream of glee. Santa turned swiftly and the floorboards creaked. I motioned to him and he motioned to me. A silent agreement to not make a peep. Then a flick we both heard, followed by four

stomping feet. My parents were up and now we were in deep! "Son, are you alright?" "We heard you scream." And so I replied, "Yes, I am fine!" "The cat just scared me when he was walking by." "His tail grazed my leg and I let out a cry." "What are you doing down there anyway?" "I got thirsty and I wanted a drink." "Alright, well don't forget to turn off the lights." "And go to bed soon so Santa can stop by!" "Okay, I will!" "I love you, goodnight!"

I let out a sigh and turned back around, but Santa was gone! Nowhere to be found. All that was left was a note on the logs. It read, "Next year please put out some Lactaid instead. I don't have a toilet installed in my sled. Ho, ho, hope my wife lets me sleep in the bed. If not, I'm ordering a recall on your gifts! XoXo Merry Christmas!" The end.

BY CHASE JOHNSON
11TH GRADE

Once upon a time there was a man who just moved into his own house and he loves the Christmas holiday. It was a week from Christmas and he finished decorating his house and in his spare time he decided for fun to send a ridiculous Christmas list to santa. Omar was a 24 year old man that just moved into his new house in texas. He is the third richest man in the world but he doesn't like to spoil himself over rich valuables.

He has just finished decorating his house with Christmas decorations and is getting ready for the family Christmas party, and a vacation with his friends and family. He spent a day cooking all sorts of holiday food and drinks, he had nothing else to do so he decided to have fun and write a Christmas list to Santa for fun. Omar asked for a R34, BMW sports motorcycle, new basketball shoes, and a new baby husky. He sent the letter to Santa as a joke and then his family showed up to his house for the Christmas party.

Omar and his family had a good christmas dinner the

night before christmas morning and they spent the rest of the night playing games and getting the presents ready for the kids in the morning. Then on christmas morning Omar had forgotten about the letter he had sent out and just wanted to enjoy watching his family and friends open presents and see the smiles on their faces; but all the sudden his nephew Mateo excitedly yells at Omar "Omar! Omar! There's presents outside of your house in the driveway!" Omar with confusion opened his front door to walk out to his surprise 2 huge boxes the size of cars. He goes over to him and opens the first box and he sees a R34 with a baby husky with a color named Simba. With excitement now he opens the next box to find his BMW motorcycle that has new basketball shoes on the motorcycle.

With excitement he runs inside with his new dog Simba and he asks his nephews and nieces if they would like to go on rides in his new car and motorcycle and he got Simba in his car along with his favorite nephew Mateo and they went on his first joy ride in his new car yelling our "SANTA IS REAL! IT'S A CHRISTMAS MIRACLE!"

Omar has never been more happy than this Christmas, he finished the day by hanging out with his family and friends and just thinking about how amazing Christmas is. Christmas was never the same from this point on and Omar lived happily ever after.

BY DAVID SANTISTEBAN
11TH GRADE

Once upon a time the Santiesteban family were going to go on a trip to Mexico for christmas. They were going to go visit family and spend the holidays with them. They would have to drive from Holyoke Colorado all the way to Las Varas Chihuahua. It is a very far drive.

A week before they even had to leave mom started making everyone pack everything they needed for their two week vacation. And once you had everything

packed you had to show her just so she knew we wouldn't be missing anything. And of course one of us, my little sister, had to be missing almost half the things she needed. So my mom had to go make her get everything she needed.

Well the day comes to leave and everyone is ready in the car, mom is making sure everyone is in the car. And she counted everyone.....except for me. I thought it would be a good idea to stay up very late that night. Well they left and didn't realize that i wasn't in the car until they got to about albuquerque. Which is around the time that I woke up realizing that I had slept in and was left behind.

I called my mom and asked where they were and she said well we are in the same car silly which we werent and then i proceeded to let her know that i was still at home. She got super mad and told me they weren't turning around and that I'd have to spend Christmas by myself.

She forgot I could drive. I just told her to stay at my tias house in albuquerque and that i'd be there in a couple hours. She agreed and well I got everything in my truck and started making my way down there. It is supposed to be an eight hour drive but I somehow managed to get there in about six hours. My mom was a little upset that i got there that fast but she was just happy that i made it there in one piece. We left my truck at my tias house and kept moving on. We made it to el rancho and spent christmas as one big family down in mexico.

THE END

BY ELYCE SISSECK
11TH GRADE

My favorite time of the year would have to be the fall.

When the weather is enjoyable, the fashion is stylish, the food is better, the atmosphere is relaxing and the scents are comforting.

When cool mornings turn into the perfect temperature during the day which turns into an even cooler night.

When the morning weather is cool meaning a warm morning cup of coffee, tea, or even cider to start a pleasant morning.

When you walk out your front door and see the variety of colors as the leaves fall from the trees.

When the weather is perfect during the day you can dress however you please whether that's in shorts and a hoodie or a cute outfit paired with a shacket and some booties.

When the weather starts to turn colder as the sun goes down and you come home after a long day to enjoy a big bowl of chili and a gooey cinnamon roll.

When you start to relax and cozy up on the couch with a fluffy blanket and a good book, or a scary movie.

When you remember that perfume and candle you bought from Bath & Body Works that smells like heaven.

When you get to celebrate Halloween where kids get to dress up to be anything they want and then go door to door saying trick or treat.

When you also get to celebrate Thanksgiving with a variety of different food and traditions, as well as

being able to visit family you haven't seen in a while.

When after fall comes winter.

When you drink hot chocolate and play in the snow.

When you get to accessorize your outfits with beanies, coats, boots, scarves, and anything warm.

When the music is festive.

When cheeks are rosy because it's cold out.

When families make cookies and decorate gingerbread houses.

When winter consists of the best holiday.

Christmas.

When houses are decorated with lights.

When children send letters to Santa Claus and his elves.

When you have a plate of cookies and 9 carrots with a glass of milk for Santa and all his reindeer.

When you would stay up late to catch Santa and his reindeer fly by or come through your chimney. To run to the tree the next morning to see what hides beneath.

When the afternoon consists of playing with your new toys and then dressing up and eating dinner at Grandma's with everyone in your family.

That is why fall is the best time of the year.

BY JACQUELYN ROJAS
12TH GRADE

Once upon a time there was this reindeer whose name was Angel. It was Christmas 2021, a cold night and very busy like for Santa and the reindeers. The sun was starting to set and it was almost time for Santa and the reindeers to leave back to their home. All of the sudden during all the stuff they were doing they lost a reindeer which was Angel. Santa was wondering how this reindeer got lost, did he lose his bells that Santa has on all the other reindeers or what had happened.

Santa and the rest of the reindeers were not able to find him. They were just confused and upset that they might have to just leave him there in a little town called Divy. They looked the whole rest of the night almost morning. When they noticed that the sun was coming out they had to leave before someone woke up and saw them. They left and Angel the reindeer was upset and lost on where he had to go. Santa couldn't track him because he didn't have any of the bells or anything .

Divy was a little town. It would snow a lot and would always be cold most of the time. There was a little place which they would call nowadays the woods. Where the reindeer had decided to stay at and wait to see if Santa would come for him. Angel was thinking all night. He had remembered that Santa would come back to this town or to the world until next year christmas. Which means he would have to wait almost a year in a place he isn't familiar with.

Then he saw a kid and decided to tell the kid that he was lost. He had panicked on why the reindeer was able to talk. So he started to help the reindeer and feed. At the end of all the story the reindeer was able to return to christmas 2022.

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HIGH SCHOOL: Short stories shared by creative writing classes

FROM PAGE 14

BY ISAAC CUMMINGS
11TH GRADE

Once upon a time there was a little elf whose name is drake. Drake was a really fun and chill elf who loved working with santa. Drake also had a side job when Christmas was over he loves making music. Music to drake was a life he loved making music for people to listen to. Drake started off making beats that go with his music. Drake's favorite type of music was pop and rap so he makes a mix of both of those.

Drake's first song he released was a christmas song called christmas love. His song blew up but no one knows who Drake really is. Sense he is an elf no one can know who he is except the other elves and santa.

Drake has a crush. Her name is Keisha. Keisha doesnt know Drake has a crush on her but they are really good friends. Drake was planning on asking her out on christmas but something bad happened keisha was missing the next morning on christmas eve. Drake would not let his Christmas get ruined.

Keisha lives in front of a cookie shop that has a camera so he asked the manager if he could check the cameras. Drake had found something terrible her ex the grinch had taken her back to his palace. Drake had to do something to get her back so Drake and his best friend Rudolph went out to his palace to get her back. It was a long journey to his palace because it's snowing in the north pool and they can't see much.

They walk for hours and they finally see the grinch's palace so they go towards it. It looks like the grinch was still decorated for halloween because there were spiders and webs everywhere. They had to find a way in because the door was locked. They saw an open window and a ladder that was right next to one of the grinch's sleds they grabbed the ladder and climbed up.

When they got up and got into the palace and started looking for Keisha they heard a sound down stairs so they went down there and they saw Keisha. She looked scared but the grinch wasn't there so they ran over there and took the rope off of her. As they try walking out the door they see the grinch they don't know what to do because the grinch was much faster than all of them.

As they run outside, Drake remembers the sled that was next to the ladder and he had a great but not so great idea to get away and it was the only way. Drake grabs the sled they get in the sled as they start going down the hill the grinch almost catches them.

Once they were down the will they left the sled and ran back to the north pole and told santa about the grinch and santa put the grinch on the naughty list. They didn't hear from the grinch and Drake asked Keisha out and she said yes and that was the happy ending.

BY JADON FROST
12TH GRADE

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I want something

pretty big this year. I want the new 2023 F350 King ranch edition with the 6.7L diesel engine. I want it to be wine red with a 6 inch lift kit and 20x12 wheels. I also want the new Xbox Series X and the PS5. I want a new gun too, preferably a 6.5 prc. I also want a new shotgun. I want the mossberg 930 snow goose gun. I want a 2023 Corvette and a 2023 Mustang. I also want a 1969 Challenger. A new bed would be pretty nice too. A brand new Malibu WakeSetter would be sweet.

BY JOVANNY RAMIREZ
11TH GRADE

Once upon a time there was this family with a lot of kids and they were all moving from Mexico to the United states. They were really nervous because they were going from one place to another and they were different types of things. Their first day they got to the united states they saw a lot of these different things but they were trying to find somewhere to eat. They were going to a lot of places. They saw a lot of food places but they didn't know what type of food they had because they got used to homemade food and they knew very little english.

They kept driving and looked like the family was getting tired and hungry. Then they got more down the road and saw this restaurant that looked familiar. It was a restaurant that Ruby saw. The other thing is when they went to stop at the food place it was behind another restaurant so they went through the front but when they went to the front they didn't see the door to the other restaurant. They couldn't ask for help or anything because they didn't know english.

The other thing is that when they were walking around to see the store they didn't notice there was this side door that said open. They wonder why they would be the different types of things. Then the other people in the store said that this is how they were able to rent things.

Then they went to go and find their family place where they kept driving. They were driving down the roads not knowing what was going and where they were going because they couldn't read the signs and they couldn't do anything because they couldn't find anything to do. The other thing is that when they were driving around they couldn't find anything because a lot of things had changed and they didn't know what to do.

The other thing is that they were driving down the road and they saw this place that was in Spanish and they stopped and asked where to go to the mountains. Then they got back on the road and they kept driving down the road and they saw this really steep hill and when they got to the hill they stopped and they knew they didn't think the car would make it up the hill. That where it ends.

BY LESLIE CARRASCO BROWN
11TH GRADE

Once upon a time, there was a cute tiny elf named Elyce. Elyce was the smallest out of all the elves at the North Pole. She works with the other elves at the toy shop, fixing, wrapping, and sending out gifts to Santa's

bag for Christmas. One not so jolly morning, she was late to work. Elyce warming up her eggnog in the microwave to take to work. Turning around as fast as she can. She slid from one side to another with fuzzy socks on. BOOM! There she falls down on her face.

Elyce gets up again. TIM-BER! There she goes again back to her face. Getting up slow and steady, weak knees shaking. Pulling it together, she pulls out her ice skating moves. Sliding from one side of the house to another. Rushing to her room, she grabs her work clothes. Green pants, green shirt, and her pointy shoes. She grabs her handy dandy wrench from her side table and rushes out to her work. Running next door to the workshop in the snowing blizzard.

Walking in she goes to her work area and starts to fix toys like nothing happened. Realizing she forgot her eggnog in her microwave. Over thinking that she just wasted a good cup of eggnog. Wondering in her head if she can survive without her eggnog just for a couple of hours, and just reheate it when she gets home. Hours go by and Elyce has been standing, just fixing toys and listening to her Christmas music. Eyes getting sleepy, head falling, body getting weak, Elyce falls asleep.

RING! RING! The alarm goes off. She wakes up frightened and wonders what's going on. Realizing it was all a dream. She sighs with relief. Saying, "Thank Christmas I didn't waste that eggnog."

BY MARIA MORENO
12TH GRADE

On one wintery cold night in the cold city of Denver, Colorado a set of young twins Mckenna and Ashton were telling each other their Christmas wish lists. The holiday seasons were their favorite ones to enjoy with their father. With him always working to support the three of them he always tried his hardest to make Christmas the best for them every year. The biggest thing they wanted to get him this year was a mom. Their mother wasn't in their life anymore due to her passing of a disease she got quite some years ago. The loss hasn't always been the best for both the siblings and their father.

This year the two kids wrote a long letter to Santa about how they wanted a mom for their family. Writing their lists and checking them twice they were sure to make their wish for a mom a priority for Santa. They had this plan on their mind since last Christmas. They made sure to be great kids to get on the top of Santa's nice list. Doing everything their father asked each time.

Obedying their teachers and getting perfect grades to make big smiles for their dad.

As they woke up the next morning they heard a ring on their doorbell. Quickly jumping out the bed hoping to be Santa they saw a better sight. At the door, standing was their father with an unfamiliar woman standing beside him. Staring at the two adults, many thoughts came rushing to their heads. The two kids stare into each other's eyes with only one thing on their minds. Santa had officially recognized their good behavior and had given them a new mom.

Giant smiles grew on their faces as the thought of Santa listening to their wishes had been answered. Inviting the woman the children were able to learn that her car had broken down outside their home. Luckily their father was a mechanic and could help her. The woman was so grateful for finding their father to help her with her car. Their father asked her about her Christmas plans and she replied in a sad tone because she had nothing. After all, she was alone.

In return for payment, their father asked for her to spend her Christmas with them. Throughout the day they shared laughter and never-ending fulfilling happiness. Both the woman and their father grew very close by the end of the night even finding each other underneath the mistletoe. At the end of the night, both their father and the women had confessed their feelings for each other.

One year later the two shared another kiss underneath the mistletoe at their wedding. Even earning themselves another addition to their family, a baby. Living happily ever after.

BY OMAR HERNANDEZ
11TH GRADE

A family of 4 decided to go snowboarding 2 days before Christmas Day. The oldest son was named Chase, the youngest was named Edel. They had an older sister that went by the name Leslie. Their mom was Elyce and the dad had passed away about a year ago in a car accident caused by the slippery snow during the winter. Since it was about to be a year since his passing the family was very sad. Elyce decided to take her children up to the beautiful mountains to help take their mind off of this tragedy.

The mountains were a couple hours away from where they lived so they packed up their bags, collected their snowboarding gear and headed straight to Winter Park, Colorado. They were all really excited because they haven't been able to go snowboarding in a couple

years. Once they arrive in Winter Park they look for the cabin they rented. It did not take much for them to find the huge cabin full of snow and christmas decorations. It was already 4 in the afternoon so they decided to simply unpack all their luggage, get comfortable and watch a movie with the family.

By now it was 6 in the evening and they decided to watch The Lion King because it was one of their favorite movies. Chase making the popcorn, Leslie making the Hot chocolate, and Edel setting up the movie really made Elyce smile because her plan seems like it is going along well. After the movie they got bored and decided to go to bed early and wake up tomorrow to go eat breakfast and then hit some slopes.

ERR! ERR! The alarm wakes up everyone in the cabin at 6 in the morning since everyone has to get ready for today. By 8:30 everyone is finally ready to get going. Chase and Edel were annoyed at the girls because they took so long to get ready. They went to eat breakfast and by then everyone was on good terms and excited to go snowboarding. They spend the day snowboarding and eat lunch at a restaurant close by and as soon as they get home boom they fall on their beds and fall asleep. They were so worn out they forgot to even shower or eat dinner.

Randomly at 3 in the morning on Christmas Day Chase wakes up and sees someone walk past his door eating cookies and drinking milk. Chase jumps from his bed, grabs his snowboard and hides behind a door. BOOM! Chase suddenly smacks this mystery man. Chase believed that he caught Santa Claus. He turns on the lights and is disappointed. It was Edel, Chase just smacked his own brother at 3 in the morning. Edel is on the ground yelling at Chase. All Chase said was "I thought you were Santa my bad bro" grabs a cookie and heads his way back to his bed.

BY SUMMER MARTIN
12TH GRADE

Once upon a time there was one Halloween night that was especially unusual. The story starts with a group of friends, Mikey, Levi, Mya, and Elle. This group of friends loves to dress up for Halloween each year but this was one of their last years dressing up

because they were getting a little too old for it. So they had to make it count, they all thought. Mikey had the greatest idea ever!

"Hey guys!! Let's all dress up as Christmas characters!" He exclaimed. Elle jumped up and down and yelled, "That is an amazing idea!"

So they all agreed they would dress up as Christmas characters even though it wasn't even Christmas yet. Mikey is dressing up as Santa and Levi is a little elf since he is very short. Mya decided she is going to go as a reindeer and Elle wanted to go as Mrs. Clause. So they all went out to go buy and decorate their costumes before their nights began.

They all gathered at Mya's house right before they went out for the night to eat and watch a scary movie. Right as they were heading out the door to go trick-or-treat, Mikey lost his Santa hat! But luckily Mya had an extra just laying around from last year. She didn't know where it came from but she let Mikey borrow it.

But something strange happened right as they were walking back outside... It started to snow very heavily. This isn't that weird since it is fall, but the forecast said it was just supposed to be a slight breeze tonight. So they went back inside to grab coats and boots so that they could still go trick-or-treating.

But as they were walking out the door AGAIN, they heard something strange up on the roof. So to try and listen more carefully, they all gathered around the chimney. What they heard really freaked them out. They heard bells and horses???

Mya screamed, "WHAT IN THE WORLD IS ON MY ROOF??" So they climbed a ladder all the way to the roof. It was cold, dry, and windy, but they made it finally. Levi was the first one onto the roof and he saw reindeer and a sled!

"Wow!! This is amazing," he exclaimed. Once they all went up to the roof Mikey immediately got into the sled and all of the sudden was speaking to the reindeer! It's like he was magic! One of the reindeer explained that last year Santa left his hat at Mya's house! The reindeer also explained that Mikey was the new Santa! So that night they all delivered gifts to all the little boys and girls!

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'Tis the season to save on holiday essentials

This holiday season, stretch your budget when shopping for gifts, including toys and stocking stuffers, as well as last-minute needs, meal prep and more! Spend more time creating memories and less time preparing with a few tips from experts at Dollar General.

Joyful Gifts

One of the best parts of the holidays may be seeing the excited reaction of someone opening a gift, especially children. Save on some of America's most popular name brand toys at Dollar General, which recently announced an enhanced 2022 toy selection from popular brands such as Melissa & Doug, LEGO, Fisher-Price, VTech, Play-Doh, Barbie, Pokémon, L.O.L. Surprise!, ZURU 5 Surprise and more. Most toys are priced at \$10 or less. Another option for the person who has everything is a gift card. Available at neighborhood stores, gift cards provide the recipi-

ent with various ways to enjoy your thoughtfulness!

Dashing Decor
To transform the home, consider choosing one holiday color palette to stay consistent in each room. Color options may include gold and silver, various shades of green, red and green or blue and silver. Next, shop for decorations in your preferred palette and sprinkle throughout the home. Ornaments, bows, ribbons and stockings aren't just for the tree and fireplace. Add accents to the kitchen table, front porch, living room surfaces and everywhere else for more holiday spirit throughout the home.

Festive Food
The holidays are often synonymous with family meals, get together with friends and coworkers and seasonal dishes. For all household essentials, such as canned foods, milk, bread, eggs,

baking items and more, consider shopping at a discount retailer to save in one convenient shopping trip. Additionally, consider using healthier variations of the season's comforting and tasty dishes with DG Better For You recipes found at dollargeneral.com. Created by a registered dietician and nutritionist, these recipes include options like risotto and hamburger soup and all use ingredients available at every Dollar General store.

The holidays are a busy time for everyone, but keep your sights on the essentials! Simplify shopping by creating a signature theme for your home décor, finding deals on gifts for everyone on your list, and serving something easy and delicious for the whole crew. Plan ahead this year and enjoy the extra time you'll have celebrating the season with friends and family!

Crossword Answers From Page 12

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Santa (the louse)

BY VERA BILLINGSLEY
HAXTUN, CO

Santa, oh Santa, you are such a louse!
You never brought toys to anyone at our house.
All the reindeer would just fly right on by.
We'd see them heading further up in the sky.

They came so close to our roof up there,
But they didn't feel any heat to warm their hair —
So they kept on going, in a hurry you know.
Flying right through all the wind and the snow.

Hurrying to the next roof where they could rest,
While you, Santa, would be doing your very best —
To squeeze down the chimney that is always so tight.
Then a Ho! Ho! Ho! and you'd be back into the night.

You know we are good children who really need a toy —
Even a simple one would bring us such joy!
But you kept on going to that far away house.
Yes, Santa, you really are a darn, rotten louse!

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Day or two a - go I — thought I'd take a ride, And
Now the ground is white, Go it while you're young;

O're the fields we go, Laugh - ing all the way;
soon Miss Fan - nie Bright Was seat - ed by my side. The
Take the girls to - night, And sing this sleigh - ing song; Just

Bells on bob - tail ring, Mak - ing spir - its bright; What
horse was lean and lank, Mis - for - tune seem'd his lot, He
get a bob - tailed nag, Two for - ty for his speed, Then

fun it is to ride and sing A sleigh - ing song to - night!
got in - to a drift - ed bank, and we, we got up - sot.
hitch him to an o - pen sleigh, And crack! you'll take the lead.

Jin - gle Bells! Jin - gle Bells! Jin - gle all the way! Oh, what fun it is to ride

In a one-horse o - pen sleigh! In a one - horse o - pen sleigh!

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