

2024 Advocate Holiday Guide IV



I'll be home for Christmas

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Dear Santa,

How are you, Mrs. Claus and the reindeer doing this year? Merry Christmas! Thank you for the board games last year. Please can I have a Stanley with sunflowers on it? I would also like Uggs. Can you also make my family healthy? Merry Christmas and safe travels.

Love, Bailey Ogle

Happy Christmas! Thank you for my new blanket. This year for Christmas I would like a Polaroid camera. I would also like a set of clip on earrings. If it's not too much trouble could you also get my family together on Christmas Eve? Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Claus.

Love,

Tilde Rose Goodman

How are the reindeer doing? Thank you for the mermaid makeup last year. This year for Christmas, I would like clip-on earrings. I would also like a new blue Stanley. If it's not too much trouble, could you also get my family together this Christmas? Merry Christmas and safe travels to you and all your reindeer.

Love,

Kate Toner-Pierce

How are you today? Thank you for my new hat. May I please have some Uggs? I would also like a new hoverboard. If it's not too much trouble could you also get Kloe a hoverboard too? Have a great day and Merry Christmas!

Love,

Kora Slater

I hope you have a good Christmas! Thank you for my cool stickers.



Mrs. Nici Evers' Class

Front row (l-r): Cash Cook, Jason Walters, Kaylynn Tresner and Johanna Sanders. Second row (l-r): Kate Pierce-Toner, Barrett Remlinger, Tilde Goodman, Bennett Moseley and Jacob McCandless. Back row (l-r): Kora Slater, MaKinley Kermicle, Bailey Ogle, Mrs. Nici Evers, Harper Fiorenza and Jake Goldsberry. Not pictured: Riley Craig and Lucas Visner. Photo by Gary Strohm.

This year for Christmas I would like Uggs. I would also like a Stitch shirt. Could you also make my dog get better. Merry Christmas and be safe traveling with your reindeer.

Love,

Johanna Sanders

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing this year? Thank you for the camera you gave me last year. Please, can I have some Pokemon cards this year? I would also like a wrestling dummy. Please wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Thank you,

Bennett Moseley

How are you and the Elves doing? Thank you for my doll last year. This year I would like a Stanley cup. Also, I would like a camera. If it's not too much, could you get my sister a hoverboard because she is sick. I hope you have a great Christmas!

Love,

Kaylynn Tresner

How are the reindeer and is Rudolph doing good? Thank you for the squishmallow. This

year for Christmas I would like food to give to the homeless. Also, I would like Stitch shoes. The last one I would like is special, I want my grandpa to be healthy for the rest of his life. Have a good Christmas day!

Love,

Harper Dewitt

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing this year? Thank

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Dear Santa,

Thank you for the play kitchen. I loved making food! Can I have a Monster High School? I want it to play with my Monster High dolls. Can I also have nail polish? Will you bring my friend Reagan a squishmellow? I hope the elves are ready for the big night!

Merry Christmas, Kimberly Rhodes

Thank you for the hoverboard last year. Please bring me a puppy. The type of puppy I want is a Golden Retriever. I would also like a hotspot for my chromebook. Please bring Ms. McNeil more Christmas lights, because she loves Christmas. I hope your reindeer are ready for Christmas!

Ariana Taylor

Thank you for the rock tumbler. Please bring me crystals to put in the rock tumbler. I would also like a bike to ride when I am bored. My parents would like a cat to keep them company. Have a Merry Christmas!

Ronan Burns

Thank you for the sketch book you got me last year. I

sketched out a lot of good pictures in it. This year I would like a Squishmellow for Christmas because I do not have a lot of them. I would also like a big set of Legos to build with this year. My mom would like a Christmas cup with her

name on it because it makes it more special. I hope you like the cookies I make for you!

Merry Christmas, Reagan Higginbotham

Thank you for the perfume last year. I want a new phone for Christmas to play games on. I want a new book because I think reading is fun. Please bring my sister Uggs. I



Ms. Grace McNeil's Class

Front row (l-r): Chase Johnson, Nnovah Finney, Reagan Higginbotham, Stori Conzen, Macin Mattis, Koda Hamand and Ariana Taylor. Back row (l-r): Kimberly Rhodes, Alex Goodwin, Aijalon Higgins, Kazlyn Eggers, Ashlyn Maager, Colt Cook, Eva Stephens, Ronan Burns and Avery Johnson. Not pictured: Wyatt Riley. Photo by Gary Strohm.

hope my elf comes soon.

Love, Kazlyn Eggers

Thank you for the roller skates last year. I want a tablet for Christmas because mine is broken. I would also like a bike to be able to ride to my cousin's house. I hope you have a good flight.

Colt Cook

Thank you for the Eva mug last year. I would like Uggs for Christmas because I think

they are cute. I would also like a room so I don't have to share with my sister. Please bring Kimberly a camera.

Eva Stephens

Thank you for my teddy bear last year. I would like Legos for Christmas this year because I like to push them together. I would also like Hot Wheels. I like to make ramps and play with them. Please bring Chase some Legos.

Koda Hamand

Thank you for the PJ's last year. This year I want a Lego set because I think they are fun. I would also like a phone to play on. Please bring my mom some PJ's. I hope you have a good flight!

Wyatt Riley

Thank you for the PJ's last

year. I want a Stitch blanket because I love Stitch. I also want perfume because I don't have any. Please bring my friends friendship bracelets. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Ashlyn Maager

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Martinsville Community Christmas lunch to be held

The Martinsville Community Christmas Lunch will be held at the Martinsville Community Center located at 122 W. Cumberland Street, from

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Dear Santa,

My name is Shania. I am 8 years old. I am in 3rd grade. How are the reindeer doing? I want slime and kinetic sand and drawing supplies for Christmas. Thank you, Santa!

Shania

My name is Cooper. I am 8 years old. I broke my arm when I was 7. What I want for Christmas is a drone, a RC car and a phone. Thank you for delivering presents every year.

Cooper

I like to watch Avatar movies. I like to see my cousins. I like to play on the playground. What I want for Christmas is Minibrands and Avatar games and friendship necklaces. How are your reindeer? My favorite is Rudolph. Which one is your favorite?

Ellie

My name is Alexis. I am 9. I like to play football with Ryder, Mason, Hudson, Andrew and Jayla. For Christmas, I want Pokemon cards, a Pokemon book to put Pokemon cards in and earrings. Can you tell Mrs. Claus I said hi?

Alexis

I am 9. I love Christmas. I get presents. I love slime. My birthday is June 30. For Christmas, I want slime. I am glad you are here. If you were not here, it would not be fun.

Chloe

I'm Jayla. I am 9 years old. I love cats and dogs. Santa, I really want some dog jackets to keep my dogs warm. I wish for an Xbox to play with my cousins. I want some controllers to play the Xbox. How is Mrs. Claus? How are all your reindeer?

Jayla



Miss Joyce Campbell's Class

Front row (l-r): Piper Parker, Shania Nash, Copper Hotsenpiller and Cooper Willison. Back row (l-r): Ryder Terry, Mason Neely, Chloe Weaver, Miss Joyce Campbell, Alex Plew, Ellie Montgomery and Jayla Creech. Not pictured: Alexis Drum. Photo by Gary Strohm.

I play travel softball and basketball! Sometimes I play volleyball and pingpong at Grammy's house. For Christmas I would like a box of cute softball stuff, a heart glasses case and a bunch of squishmel-lows. Tell Mrs. Claus that I said hi and tell Rudolf that I like his nose. Merry Christmas!

Alex

My name is Mason. I am 8 years old. My birthday is in January. For Christmas I would like a mountain bike, custom shoes and a new new phone. How is my elf is doing?

Mason

My name is Piper. I am 8 years old, almost 9. I love riding horses and playing softball. For Christmas I want an Elf on the Shelf, a new saddle and a dirt bike. I know that I can't get a dirt bike and a saddle, so

maybe just a saddle and an Elf on the Shelf! One more thing, thank you and tell Mrs. Claus, too.

Piper

My name is Ryder. I am 9 years old. I like to ride dirt bikes and playing

baseball, basketball and football. I want a basketball and an electric bike, a firebat, tools and a Cubs hat. How is Coco doing? Is he watching TV right now?

Ryder

I am Copper. I'm 8 1/2 years old. I have 0 siblings. For Christmas I want 1. a

\$100 Xbox giftcard, 2. a grey Stanley, 3. a VR headset pre-installed with Bonelab (if possible). Two questions, 1. How do you give 8 billion presents in 10 hours? 2. Are your reindeer real?

Copper

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Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I would like barbies. I would like a nerf gun for Christmas. I also would like a book. ps when is snowflake unicorn coming. Happy Christmas,

Love, Kindal Anderson

I have been good this year. I would like a wiener dog

puppy for Christmas. I would also like some legos. Lastly, I would like Marlin to live to 15 years. Merry Christmas,

From, Eveah Chrysler

I have been good this year. Can I have

a Playstation please? I would also like a real turkey named Tom. Lastly, I would like a book please.

Love, Ava Deain

I have been a good boy this year. I would like electricity for Christmas. I would also like a PS4. Lastly, I love my family.

Love, Maddix Fessler
For Christmas I want a futon. I would also like a bat sweatshirt. I also want my

house but a small replica. Lastly, I want a pig that has babies in a

pouch.

From, Buckley Gale

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I would like a basketball sweatshirt for Christmas. I would also like a teal bedspread with my name and a crossbred pig. Lastly, I would like an easy to put up volleyball net.

From, Ashlyn Hatfield

Dear Santa, I have been good and bad this year. I want Minecraft toys and stuffies this Christmas. I would also like a PS5. Lastly, I would like Minecraft Legos. I am 8 years old this year. Happy Christmas.

Love, Axle Hood

Dear Santa, I would like a Switch with Fortnite. I also want a Playstation 222 and a dirtbike. Also, I want a hippopotamus for a pet. I would like to be a football player. I have been good this year. Merry Christmas,

Love, Andrew Knoblett

Dear Santa, I have been okay this year. I would like a PS221. I would also like Fortnite season 5 chapter 6. Lastly, I would like the iPhone 17.

From, Hudson Pettigrew

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I would like a gymnastics bar for Christmas. I would also like a new phone case. Lastly, I would like new toys.

Love, Alexis Rollins

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McNeil

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Thank you for my kindle. Please bring me a Squishmellow because I like to sleep with them. I would also like some slime to play with. Please bring Stori a mini Stanley because she wants one. Hopefully you have your warm socks ready.

Macin Mattis

Thank you for the hoverboard last year. Please bring me a mini Stanley so I can bring it to school. I also want new shoes to wear to school. I hope you bring Macin a Squishmellow. I hope the reindeer are ready to fly.

Stori Conzen

Thank you for the hoverboard last year, it is fun to ride. Please bring me a puppet for Christmas. I would also like an Ipad because my tablet is not working. Please bring my dad a new pair of overalls because his are tore. I hope your reindeer are ready for the big night.

Knovah Finney

Thank you for the clone

last year, it makes me smell better. Please bring me new shoes that look good. I would also like a big, brand new PS5 to play Fortnite on. My mom would like a new computer. I hope your reindeer are ready for the big day.

Aijalon Higgins

Thank you for the lego set last year, it keeps me busy. Please bring me an Ipad to read on. I would also like an animal encyclopedia. My mom wants a new puppy for Christmas. I hope the sleigh is ready.

Chase Johnson

Thank you for the remote controlled car last year, it keeps me busy. I would like a remote controlled lizard this year. I would also like more contoles for my Xbox 360. I hope Chase gets a puppy. Did you get the carrots I leave out for the reindeer?

Alex Goodwin

Thank you for the bubble gum last year. It tasted so good. This year I really want perfume because it makes me

smell good. Please bring me some mints because they are yummy. My mom wants another dog so my dog is lonely. I hope you like my cookies.

Avery Johnson

Evers

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you for my new doll. This year for Christmas I want \$100 and some makeup! The last thing I want is my family to get together. Merry Christmas!

Love

MaKinley Kermicle

How have you been and Mrs. Claus? What have the reindeer been up to? Thank you for my dinosaur eggs that you got me last year. Here are some



Parsley

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Nintendo Switch. My Christmas wish is that I will get two donuts and it will be a good year.

Love,

Jaxon Shook

I really want a VR headset and video games. I want all of my friends to get their toys too. I wish I could see you some day or night! Santa do you have a favorite elf or reindeer? Do you like delivering all of the presents? I wish you have your favorite cookies and have a great night.

Love,

Jayson Storer

things I would like for Christmas this year. I would like a golden retriever. Another thing I would like is an electric guitar. If it isn't a problem I would like a new phone for my mom. Safe travels to you and all your reindeer.

Love,

Jason Walters

How are you and the reindeer doing? Thank you for the Kindle last year. May I have these things for Christmas? First, I would like a segway. I would also like a Stanley. If you don't mind, could you get my baby brother a puppy dog? He has been begging for one all year. Merry Christmas!

Love,

Lucas Cornwell

How are you and Rudolph doing? Thanks for the basketball game last year. Can I please have some Pokemon cards? I would also like a nerf gun. Also, could

I really am excited for Christmas this year. I really want a sketch book because I lost mine. I also want a battery back and I also want a shelf to store my Squishmallows. I want my brother to get a new coat. I wish for everyone to have the best Christmas ever.

Love,

Piper Thompson

For Christmas I want a Nintendo Switch dock, a PS5, and a Minecraft Bedrock DVD. For my sister I want to have a pink Nintendo Switch. My Christmas wish is to get a dog. I want a dock for Christmas because I need to teach my mom and dad how to play Minecraft and without the dock I can't teach them. I want a PS5 for Christmas because

help my mom get more sleep because she gets up so early. Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas!

Love,

Cash Cook

How are you doing? When are you going to use Rudolph again? Thank you for the drum set last year. Here are the things I would like for Christmas this year. I would like a realistic IronMan helmet and a VR headset. I would also like for my dad to come home early from work. Safe travels and Merry Christmas!

Love,

Barrett Remlinger

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Thank you for the Hot Wheels last year. This year I would like an Iron Man voice kit and helmet. I would also like an Apple Could you also get my brother a new mini basketball hoop. Thank you for the gifts. Merry Christmas!

Love,

Jacob McCandless

I can play a lot of video games on it. I want Minecraft Bedrock DVD to play on my PS5.

Love,

Leonel Vazquez

For Christmas I want a drone, a meta quest 3, and a surron electric dirtbike. I want my mom to get a big blanket and I want my friends to have a good time on Christmas.

Love,

Jasper Warner

How are the elves? I hope they're working hard. Here are three things I want for Christmas a catcher's mitt, a belt buckle, and lace up boots. First, my wish is that my mom doesn't have to have surgery. Wish two is that I get my tonsils out.

Love,

Dakota Wilson

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Dear Santa,

I love you so much. I have a question. Can I have a camera drone and a Yu-Gi-Oh set for Christmas? I wish for my friend Jesus to feel better.

**Love,
Emmett Budd**

How are you doing? Are the reindeer being good? I hope so! What I want for Christmas is Squishmallows. I love Squishmallows. They're so fun! I would also like a few zodiac things: bracelets, necklaces, books. My sign is Gemini, just a heads-up! I have one wish. My wish is for everyone to have at least one present this year! Merry Christmas to all!

**Love,
Oakley Claypool**

How are you doing? Is Mrs. Claus baking cookies? I love cookies! What is your favorite cookie? What I would like for Christmas is the calendar club books. I love them. Then I would wish for everybody to care for the poor and the sore, and beaten people! Thank you for reading my letter! Merry Christmas Santa!

**Love,
Sadie Conine**

Has my sister been good this year? Have I been good this year? Are you ready for your cookies? I would like some freeze-dried candy and some baseball cards. I wish for world hunger to be solved. Are you ready for your milk

How are you? I am good. Some people don't think you are real. I kind of don't either, but if you are real, how do you get in my house? I would like these things for Christmas: V-Bucks for Fortnite and a dirt bike. I wish for everyone to have a good day on Christmas. Merry Christmas!

**Love,
River Alvey**

Hi! How are you doing? How are the elves doing? Is Mrs. Claus baking cookies? Are you doing well? I would really like a Hello Kitty Cookeez Makery because I have been trying my best to be good, so I deserve this toy. I wish for my grandma's foot to feel better. Merry Christmas!

**Love,
BriarRose Bays**

What kind of cookies is Mrs. Claus making? How are you doing? What I really want is some tape because I do arts and crafts all of the time and I use tape all of the time. I would also like some squishmallows because I need all of them. My wish is for all of the children to have good and healthy food.

**Love,
Sophia Berry**

How are you? How are your reindeer? I would like a VR headset because they are cool. I wish to help my mom learn English. Merry Christmas!

**Love,
Jesus Bravo Moreno**



Mrs. Jenna Ockerman's Class

Front row (l-r): Korbyn Reed, Jed Hutson, Xenara Green, BriarRose Bays and Emmett Budd. **Second row (l-r):** Brody Francis, Maddox Phillips, Oakley Claypool, Sophia Berry, Gemma Sherrill, Ella Pine and River Alvey. **Back row (l-r):** Zeb Rhoads, Johnalyn Martinez, Jensen Washburn, Jesus Bravo Moreno and Sadie Conine.

Photo by Gary Strohm.

and cookies?

**Love,
Brody Francis**

I hope you are doing great. I hope Mrs. Claus is making cookies. One thing I really want is Robux. I think I deserve it because I do ten chores every day. I wish for someone else to get an awesome gift. I hope everyone has a good Christmas.

**Love,
Xenara Green**

How is the life at the North Pole? How are the reindeer? For Christmas I would like sur-

prises! This Christmas I wish for my grandma to feel better. I cannot wait until Christmas!

**Love,
Jed Hutson**

Hi Santa! Have I been good? I hope so! I would like a My Little Pony toy house. I would also like My Little Ponies please! I wish for my mom to feel better. She does not feel good. I hope you can help her feel better. Merry Christmas!

**Love,
Johnalyn Martinez**
How are you doing? Have

the reindeer been good? I really would like red and white panda dunks. I also would like a Michael Jordan jersey. I wish to solve world hunger.

**Love,
Maddox Phillips**

Hello Santa, I have a question. Why does Holly, my elf, have to leave? I would like Stitch stuff for Christmas because I love Stitch. I also would like art stuff because I love to draw. I wish for every-

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Eat up! Christmas feasts around the world

No matter where they live, people love to celebrate special occasions with good food, particularly a Christmas. While Americans tend to feast on turkey, ham, stuffing, potatoes, pumpkin pie and other dishes during the holiday season, other countries have their own favorites. Let's take a look at some of them.

In Australia, Christmas occurs in the middle of summer and lunch typically consists of roast turkey, ham, pork, vegetables, cranberry sauce and mince pies or flaming Christmas pudding with brandy sauce for dessert. Although gold nuggets were once placed inside the Christmas pudding during the Australian gold rush, small favors are tucked inside it today, and anyone who finds a favor will have good luck all year long. In

recent years, hot weather and cultural diversity have resulted in the addition of seafood salads, cold meats and barbecue to the holiday menu and many Christmas lunches now take place at a park or on the beach.

In Austria, Christmas Eve dinner is usually served after church services. Traditional fare includes fried carp or "gebackener karpfen" for the main course and a chocolate and apricot cake called "sachertorte" or a Christmas cookie called "weihnachtsbaeckerei" for dessert.

In Denmark, Christmas lunches are often held at night to wish coworkers a merry Christmas. Traditional foods served include herring with a curry salad with

kale with ham and sausages, cheese and biscuits, and fruit or sweets for dessert. During the holiday season, adults often help children make cookies like vanilla wreaths, brown cookies with cardamom, cinnamon and candied peel; "klejner," cakes cooked in fat or oil; and

pepper nuts, small, hard biscuits. Some people also make honey cakes and decorate them with white frosting. Chocolates made with marzipan, nuts, nougat, dried fruit, almonds and liquors are common, as are apple pieces, small hot cakes of batter eaten with jam and sugar or icing sugar. Many people also drink "glögg," a hot red wine with a squeeze of brandy or snaps and raisins, cinnamon, cardamom and almonds.

In England, the traditional Christmas dinner consists of chicken, goose or roast turkey with stuffing and roast

potatoes, and mince pies and Christmas pudding flaming with brandy for dessert. The pudding is prepared weeks ahead of time and every family member stirs it while making a wish. A Christmas cake made with fruit, marzipan, icing and sugar frosting is served later in the day.

In France, a late supper is eaten after midnight mass. The food served varies from region to region, but the most common meal consists of turkey, cranberry sauce, mince pies and pudding. Some regions serve fish, such as carp or sole. For dessert, bûche many, Christmas Eve is called "dickbauch," or "fat stomach," because anyone who does not eat well on that night will be

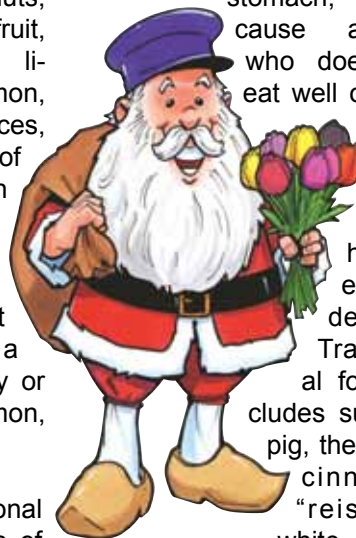
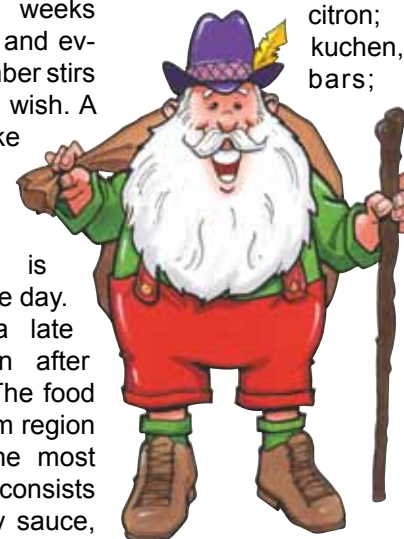
haunted by demons. Traditional food includes suckling pig, the sweet cinnamon "reisbrel," white sausage and macaroni salad. The Christmas meal includes

roast goose; "chiststollen," long loaves of bread with nuts, raisins, dried fruit and citron; "leb-kuchen," spice bars; marzipan; and

"Dresdenstollen," moist, heavy bread filled with fruit.

In Greenland, two delicacies are served for Christmas. After everyone has sung carols and had their coffee, "mattak," whaleskin with a strip of blubber inside that is supposed to taste like fresh coconut, is passed around. Another Christmas delicacy is "kiviak," the raw flesh of the arctic birds auks that has been buried whole in sealskin for several months until it has reached an advanced stage of decomposition.

In Portugal, Christmas Eve supper consists of codfish with boiled potatoes and cabbage. Dessert may include "filhoses," fried pumpkin dough; "rabanadas," similar to French toast; or "azevias,"



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Ockerman

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body to have a Christmas. I hope everybody has a Merry Christmas!

Love,
Ella Jo Pine

Why are my elves fishing with rainbow goldfish in a bowl? And why are their fishing poles straws? I really want a P.S.5 for Christmas. I really want a gas-powered go-cart.

Love,
Korbyn Reed

My dad threw my elf at my chair. I am sorry Santa. I

would like some paint markers and Lego Canons. I am a good artist, but not enough. I want to make an army. I have chocolate milk for you.

Love,
Zeb Rhoads

I have tried to be on my best behavior. I really want the Monster High High School and the Draculaura Monster High Doll. I really love Monster High. I hope everyone has a good Christmas. I am so excited for Christmas!

Love,
Gemma Sherrill

How are you? I hope you're doing okay! I really would like my Katana that my mom ordered from two years ago because I never got it. I also want a lightsaber because I have always wanted one. I wish to end world hunger! I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas!

Love,
Jensen Washburn

How to bring new life to classic holiday traditions

(StatePoint) Bringing new life to classic holiday traditions starts with understanding the origins of how these traditions came to be.

The Olesen family of O&H Danish Bakery knows how important it is to share such stories. The family-owned and operated bakery is offering



fun facts and inspiration for celebrating classic Christmas traditions. And because some of these particular traditions are Danish, you'll also be embracing "hygge." Pronounced "hoo-ga," this Nordic concept is all about creating a cozy atmosphere and enjoying the good things in life.

Something Sweet

Forty-four percent of people in a survey commissioned by O&H Danish Bakery and

conducted by SWNS Media Group and OnePoll say the holiday spirit wouldn't be the same if they didn't have their traditional holiday dessert. For many families, that dessert is Kringle. Approximately 43% of respondents in the same survey enjoy this treat — which is made of 36 layers of butter and pastry -- on Christmas Day. While Kringle is a traditional Danish delicacy, it's actually savored world-

wide. O&H Kringle has been shipped to more than 100 countries and has made landfall in all seven continents -- including Antarctica!

"The holiday season is the most magical time of year for our family. It's such a privilege to spread cheer and be a part of family traditions

across the country. As a family-owned business started by my great-grandfather, an immigrant from Denmark, traditions rooted in our heritage mean so much to us, and we pass down their origin stories to each generation," says Eric Olesen, the third-generation co-owner of the Racine, Wisconsin-based bakery.

When it comes to traditions, the bakery remains steadfast in unveiling a new holiday flavor every December, its busiest season, making more than 7,000 Kringle every day. This year's "Christmas Fudge Kringle" is a riff on the traditional pastry. Featuring scratch-made premium dark chocolate filling, frosted in chocolate icing and garnished with Christmas nonpareils, it was inspired by O&H customers' favorite holiday cake, "Ohhhh Fudge! Layer Cake," the name of which comes from

custom's exact origins are debatable -- with some historians believing the ancient

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the movie, "A Christmas Story." To place your Kringle order for the holidays, visit ohdanishbakery.com.

Decorating the Tree

As you select your tree and decorate it with treasured ornaments, consider this tradition's long and storied history. Did you know that bringing trees into one's home during winter is a centuries-old tradition? The

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Love,
Levi Davis

For Christmas I would like money. I want Kaydence to have some more sewing stuff and for Grace my other step-sister drawing stuff and for Keaton a new stuffie and for Clayton a new Xbox5 and for Kinsey a new Barbie toy. And for me money for the poor.

Love,
Harmony Dunn

I want a VR headset and a real watch. My friend Levi wants games that are Mario themed. I wish my friends have a good Christmas.

Love,
Koy Gard

I want a Xbox series x, Lunna the Robot, and a gaming chair. I want a Xbox because cool games. It has a game I'm into it's Party Animal. And the reason I want Lunna the Robot it's a robot that's a dog. I want a gaming chair for the Xbox.

Love,
Ryder Lewis

How are you? How are you doing? For Christmas I would like Ugg boots, Watermelo, and a blanket. You should get my mom a bigger blanket for Christmas. I hope the homeless people have food.

Love,
Marli Luci

For Christmas I was a My Life Doll car and I want stick on nails. I hope Harmony has a good Christmas. I hope everyone has a good Christmas.

Love,
Gracelyn McCord

I really need more American Girl doll sets cause I don't have much. For Christmas I need an eye shadow palette cause the one I have gets glitter all over me and then I have to scrub to get it off. And for Christmas I need a new hairbrush cause the one I have is broken it will just break then I have to fix it. I want my dad to get some shoes cause he doesn't have much. I wish I had the biggest stuffed animal because it would be the size of my bed so then I can sleep in peace.

Love,
Kenzie Meingasner

I really want a hover board because if you don't want to walk you can ride it instead of



Mrs. Brittany Parsley's Class

Front row (l-r): Kenzie Meingasner and Jayson Storer. Second row (l-r): Emmalynn Murphy, Koy Gard, Levi Davis, Kathryn Paulsen, Ryder Lewis and Dakota Wilson. Back row (l-r): Jaxon Shook, Piper Thompson, Gracelyn McCord, Mrs. Brittany Parsley, Harmony Dunn and Leo Vazquez. Not pictured: Marli Luci and Jasper Warner. Photo by Gary Strohm.

walking and I want Legos because I'm a really good builder and I have maybe 20 Lego sets done. And one more thing a dog because my great dane when we're gone he really wants someone there with him because ever since my other dog passed away he's been lonely. I wish that I can catch

Santa Claus.

Love,
Emmalynn Murphy

For Christmas I really want a Squishmallow, a watch, and a 2 pom pom hat for the snow! I want my brother to get vbucks because I saw his list that said that. I want my family to have a great Christmas this

year!!!

Love,
Kathryn Paulsen

For Christmas I would like a Lego table, Minecraft Dungeons game for the Nintendo Switch, and a Minecraft pencil. I wish Dakota would get a

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Egyptians first adopted the practice and others attributing its invention to pagan Europeans. However, the modern Christmas tree, much like we know it today, became a wide-

spread practice throughout Europe beginning in the 16th century.

Fun Food Traditions

As a family-owned food business, it's no surprise that the Olesen family has a few of their own delicious holiday traditions. After dinner on Christmas Eve, they serve Risalamande, a Danish rice pudding dessert typically containing a whole almond. Serving as a fun Christmas-lottery, the one who finds the almond wins a small present. The bakers at O&H even created a

Kringle, called A Very Danish Christmas Kringle, in honor of this dessert! Christmas morning, the family prepares Aebleskiver, which are Danish pancake balls commonly served with such toppings as lingonberries, powdered sugar and fruit preserves. O&H offers the pre-made mix and even the specialty pans for this purpose to those who want to try this at home. Visit their site for more information.

This holiday season, embrace holiday traditions. At the same time, don't be afraid to put new twists on these classics -- whether it's livening up family recipes or buying new ornaments for your tree.

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Love, Gavin Bays

Hello! How is Mrs. Claus? Do you have a favorite cookie? First, I would like a giant teddy bear and a new pair of Jordan's (all red) for Christmas. I would like these because they are cool! Next, my dad would like a tool kit. Last, we will leave food out for the reindeer and cookies and milk for you by the deep freeze. Merry Christmas!

Love, Braxtin Birchfield

Hello! How is Mrs. Claus? Do you have a favorite reindeer? Do you have a favorite cookie? First, I would like a kick ball and a sliding mitt for Christmas. I would like this because I love sports! Next, my dad would like a tool belt. Last, we will leave food out for the reindeer and cookies and milk for you by the chimney. Merry Christmas

Love, Will Boone

Hello! How is Mrs. Claus? Do you have a favorite cookie? First, I would like a new candle and a pair of teddy bear fuzzy socks for Christmas. I would like this because it is my favorite kind of socks. Next, my mom would like a pair of Hey Dudes. Last, we will leave food out for the reindeer and

cookies and milk for you by the table. Merry Christmas!

Love, Zayda Conrad

Hello! How are the reindeer? Do you have a favorite cookie? First, I would like a pink stuffed cat and a Pete the Cat book for Christmas. I would like this because I like to read Pete the Cat and I love cats! Next, my sister would like a drawing book. Last, we will leave food out for the reindeer and cookies and milk for you by the table. Merry Christmas!

Love, Bella Cushman

Hello! How is Mrs. Claus? Do you have a favorite cookie? First I would like a scooter and a LOL for Christmas. I would like this because it is fun and new. Next, my brother would like a clock. Last, we will leave food out for the reindeer and cookies and milk for you by the table. Merry Christmas!

Love, Aurora Forrey

Hello! How is Mrs. Claus? Do you have a favorite cookie? First, I would like some Squishmallows and a bracelet maker for Christmas. I really like this because I like Squishmallows and I want to be able to make bracelets for my friends. Next, Walter would like some trucks and cars. Last, we will leave out food for the reindeer and cookies and milk for you under the T.V. Merry Christmas!

Love, Cassie Jo Gard

Hello! How is Mrs. Claus? Do you have a favorite cookie? First, I would like a pair of socks and a dog toy for Christmas. I would like this because

I like fuzzy socks. Next, my dad would like a push lawn mower. Last, we will leave food out for the reindeer and cookies and milk for you by the Christmas tree. Merry Christmas!

Love, Layla Grabbe

Hello! How are the reindeer and Mrs. Claus? First, I would like an earring holder and more earrings for Christmas. I would like this because it would be good to hold my earrings so I could know where they are at. Next, my cat would like more treats. Last, we will leave food for the reindeer and cookies and milk for you in the living room. Merry Christmas!

Love, Bria Haines

Dear Santa, Hello! How is Mrs. Claus? Do you have a favorite cookie? First, I would like a sliding mitt and a Kansas City football for Christmas. I would like this because I like sports. Next, my brother wants to go



Mrs. Jeanice Scamihorn's Class

Front row (l-r): Zayda Conrad, Alex Schnieder, Bria Haines, Chet Morgan and Klara Porter. Second row (l-r): Kameron Spencer, Bella Cushman, Emellia Nohlde, Cassie Jo Gard, Reese Ritchey and Ledger Riley. Back row (l-r): Mrs. Jeanice Scamihorn, Will Boone, Layla Grabbe, Josh Ray, Gavin Bays and Braxtin Birchfield. Not pictured: Aurora Forrey. Photo by Gary Strohm.

to a Detroit Lions game. Last, we will leave food out for the reindeer and cookies and milk for you by the Christmas tree.

Merry Christmas!

Love, Chet Morgan

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Scamihorn

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Hello! How is Mrs. Claus? Do you have a favorite cookie? First, I would like a hoverboard and a family tree for Christmas. I would like this because it is fun! Next, my sister and I would like a makeup palette. Last, we will leave food out for the reindeer and cookies for you by the back window.

Love, Emellia Nolde

Hello! How is Mrs. Claus? Do you have a favorite cookie? First, I would like a pen for my tablet and a pink bear from my grandma's flower shop. I would like the pen so I can draw on my tablet, and the new bear because I don't want my bear Blueberry to be alone. Next, my brother wants a Hot Wheel. Last, we will leave food out for the reindeer and cookies and milk for you

by the fireplace. Merry Christmas!

Love, Klara Porter

Hello! Do you have a favorite cookie? Do you have a favorite reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? First, I would like a PS5 headset and a hoverboard for Christmas. I would like this because the headset would be connected to my PS5 and the hoverboard is fun to ride! I have ridden

it before at Gavin's house. Next, my mom would like a house. Lastly, we will leave food out for the reindeer and cookies and milk for you on the table. Merry Christmas!

Love, Josh Ray

Hello! How is Mrs.



Claus? Do you have a favorite cookie? First, I would like a Squishmallow and a real baking set for Christmas. I would like this because I like to bake with my mom and grandma! Next, my brother would like a monster truck. Last, we will leave food on the fireplace for the reindeer and cookies and milk out for you! Merry Christmas!

Love, Reese Ritchey

Hello! How is Mrs. Claus? Do you have a favorite snack? First, I would like a new paint set and new colored pencils for Christmas. I would like this because I like to paint and I like to draw! Next, my brother would like a new Lego set because he likes to build things. Last, we will leave food out for the reindeer and cookies and milk for you by the fireplace. Merry Christmas!

Love, Ledger Riley

Hello! How is Rudolph? Do

you have a favorite reindeer? First, I would like a sliding mitt and a new pair of all black Jordan shoes for Christmas. I would like these because they are cool. Next, my mom would like a massage chair. She is sore after she runs. Last, we will leave food out for the reindeer and cookies and milk for you on the counter. Merry Christmas!

Love, Alex Schneider

Hello! How is Mrs. Claus? Do you have a favorite cookie? First, I would like a toy plane and a sticky hand for Christmas. I would like this because it is fun to play with. Next, my newborn baby would like a small teddy bear. Last, we will leave food out for the reindeer and cookies and milk for you by the table. Merry Christmas!

Love, Kameron Spencer

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animal.

Love, Karsyn Truelove

How are you? I have been good this year. I have had good grades. Mommy has been good too! Will you bring her a vacation? I would like an elephant bag. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Ellie Tingley

How are the reindeer? I have been good this year. I have good grades. Mom has been good too! Will you bring her a shelf? I would like LOL dolls, slime, and art stuff. Thank you, Santa. Also, I would love an elf, please.

You're the best!

Love, Abigail Dugan

How are you doing? I have been good. I have good grades. Mom has been good too! Will you bring her a necklace? I would like a PS5 for Christmas. Thank you for giving us nice gifts for Christmas.

Love, Jordan Duzan

How do your reindeer fly? I have been good this year. I have been walking the dog a lot. Jensen has been good too! Will you bring him some toy cars? I would like a Lego set and a set of the "My Weird School" books.

Love, Grayson Howard

How many elves do you have? I have been good this

Love, Leah Davidson

How do you deliver all the presents in one day? I have been good this year. I have been keeping my room clean. Mom has been good too! Will you bring my mom a new vacuum? I would like a Mega Quest 2. Thank you, Santa!

Love, Kenton Drum

How are the elves? I have been good this year. I have been good at school. Mom has been good too! Will you bring her a new sweater? I would like an Oculus Quest 3. Thank you, Santa!

Love, Jackson Shelton

How are the reindeer? I have been good this year. I have been helping my mom cook dinner. Lucas has been good too! Will you bring him some Star Wars Legos? I would like a hoverboard. Thank you for my elf, Fizzy!

Love, Natalie Stence

How did you bring so many presents? I have been very good this year. I have played with a toy car. Mom has been good too. Will you bring her some makeup? I would like a drone.

Love, Liam Tingley

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year! I have been kind to my brother. My brother has been good too! Will you bring him a toy car? I would like a horse and a snow globe. Thank you for Be-Po the elf. I love her.



Mrs. Jessica Robinson's Class

Front row (l-r) Abigail Dugan, Liam Tingley, Coleman Hawkins, Jackson Shelton, Karsyn Truelove and Owen Ramsey. Second row (l-r) Mrs. Beasley, Isla Hill, Jordan Duzan, Kinsley Kent, Xavier Brown, Elias Burke, Ellie Tingley, Leah Davidson and Mrs. Jessica Robinson. Back row (l-r) Sofia Hightshoe, David Abbott, Kenton Drum, Natalie Stence and Grayson Howard. Photo by Gary Strohm.

bag of sticky hands.

Love, Coleman Hawkins

How are you? I have been good this year. I have had good grades. Dad has been good too! Will you bring him a new vacuum? I would like a silicone baby doll. Thank you, Santa! The elf has been good! Love you, Santa!

Love, Sofia Hightshoe

How are the elves? I have been

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer? I have been good this year. I have had good grades and I have helped my parents with the dishes. My grandma has been good too! Will you bring her a new vacuum? I would like you to bring me an oculus, Xbox, and a PS5.

Love, David Abbott

How are the elves? I have been good this year. I have been good at keeping my room clean. My brother has been good too! Will you bring him Pokemon cards? I would like a bicycle. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Xavier Brown

How are you? I have been

good this year. I have been cleaning. Mom has been good too! Will you bring her a Bible? I would like a phone. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Eli Burke

How are the elves? I have been good this year. I have been listening to my parents. My brother has been good too! Will you bring him a Pets Alive? I would like you to bring me a tablet. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Isla Hill

How are the elves? I have been good this year. I have been helping my siblings with the dishes. Mom has been good too! Will you bring her a blanket that says, "Kinzley" on

it? I would like a Tiny Silicon Nursery. Thank you, Santa! I am going on a cruise for Christmas!

Kinzley Kent

How is my elf, Chip, doing? I have been good this year. I have been listening to my parents. Dad has been good too! Will you bring him a new tool? I would like a Christmas tree for my bedroom. I also really

want my elf, Chip, to come. Thank you, Santa!

Love, Owen Ramsey

How are the elves doing? I have been good this year. I have listened to my mom and been good. My mom has been good by letting me play in the snow. Will you bring her a purple shirt? I would like a camera drone, a Golden Frieza, and a

good this year. I have been walking my dog. Logan has been good too! Will you bring him a cow stuffed animal? I would like some Uggs size 2/3, a Christmas blanket, "The Box Car Children" books, a reborn doll, and an elf stuffed

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Pediatricians say sharing books with children is the best holiday gift of all

A book can inspire joy and stir the imagination, and even better this holiday season is the gift of sharing that book with your child.

“Turning the pages of a high-quality, print book filled with colorful pictures and rich, expressive language is best,” said Dr. Dipesh Navsaria, a pediatrician. “While touch-screens and other electronic devices may be popular, they

are typically passive or solitary experiences for children and do not offer the same benefits of interpersonal connection and relationship building.”

Starting from infancy, reading aloud helps build the foundation for healthy social-emotional, cognitive, language and literacy development. Sharing books helps with language development and vocabulary, and gets them ready to listen

and learn in school. And over the past decade, research has found that reading together helps foster positive interactions, strengthening the safe, stable and nurturing relationships

young children must have to thrive.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends reading with your child every day, even if only for a few minutes, and making it part of the bedtime routine. Each evening, set aside 20 to 30 minutes with screens off for sharing books.

Remember that the experience should be fun. You don't have to finish a story if your child loses interest. Let your child choose the book, even if it means reading the same book over and over. You can invite your child to “read” to you from a familiar book that they have memorized. Dr. Navsaria suggests asking about the illustrations or what your child thinks will happen next. You can say: “Can you find all the blue things?” or “Show me all the things that can fly.” Point out colors, shapes, numbers and letters and respond with enthusiasm to your child's questions and comments.

Local libraries offer a wide variety of children's literature, including fairy tales, poetry and nursery rhymes, as

well as non-fiction books on subjects children love, such as the ocean or dogs. Follow your child's interests in choosing books. Children's librarians can help you with high-quality book selections on a wide range of topics. And during the holidays, consider building your home library and reinforcing the value of great books by giving them as gifts.

By age 4, a child can typically tell you which books they want to share with you; pretend to read a favorite book aloud to you; and tell you how a story is like things they have seen or done. They may ask you questions about books

you are enjoying together or “correct” you if you skip a word or page in a favorite book. As children grow older, reading can help develop character and values that are important to your family. In fact, a really great book has the power to counterbalance negative outside influences and teach children important lessons as they grow.

“It might be a book on kindness after your child experienced or witnessed cruelty,” Dr. Navsaria said. “It might be a book on expressing emotions after your child saw or heard scary news coverage, or maybe a book on understanding differences after your child saw someone who looked different than they expected.”

The AAP and Reach Out and Read have compiled a list of books—organized by age and topic—to help you raise children who are curious, brave, kind, thoughtful and aware of the world around them. You can find the list at healthychildren.org.

“Books are great conversation starters,” Dr. Navsaria said. “They're also just a lot of fun and can help create wonderful memories, particularly during the holidays when you're spending extra time together. A shared reading experience, as a tender, magical and loving time spent with your child, is truly a gift. It speaks to the heart of what parenting is.”



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Mrs. Miranda Sims' Class

Front row (l-r): Ivy Claypool, Finley Johnson, Alexis Weber, Zoey Baker, Britton Williams and Kendrick Treece. Second row (l-r): Mia Thompson, Kyann Goodwin, Willow Sohriakoff and Lucy Cline. Back row (l-r): Myles Ellington, Clayton Gard, Ellie Douglas, Charlotte Swan, Easton Hammond, Gabe Miller, Jaxon Fowler and Mrs. Miranda Sims. Not pictured: Bryson Tingley. Photo by Gary Strohm.

Dear Santa,

Hello! How are you? First, I would like a Barbie Dream House. I would like this because I always wanted it. Next, my mom and dad would like a peaceful Christmas. Last, I'll be as nice as I can for the rest of the year. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Zoey Baker

Hello! How are you? I would like a hamster. I would like this because I have always wanted one. I love how fluffy they are. Next, my sister would love a Squishmallow. Last, we will leave cookies

and milk for you. Please leave me your autograph. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Ivy Claypool

Hello! Are you ever cold? First, I would like a kids smart watch. I broke my other one. Next, my mom would really like a pair of hiking boots. Last, I will be sure to be nice the rest of the year. Would you tell Sparkle to come to my house? Merry Christmas!

Love,
Lucy Cline

Hello! How is Mrs. Claus? First, I would like a National Geographic Science kit. I would like this because I'm interested in science. Next, my brothers would like more books. Last, I will make sure to be good for the rest of the year. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Ellie Douglas

Hello! How many reindeer do you have? First, I would like a HoverBoard. I would like it because it looks fun. Next, Brody would like a Nerf gun. Last, we will leave milk for you.

Love,
Myles Ellington

Hello! Who are you? I would like a dirt bike. I would really enjoy it. My best friend Gabe would like a controller. I will be good. Have

a good Christmas!

Love,
Jaxon Fowler

Hello! What is your favorite cookie? First, I would like an American Girl look alike doll. I would like this because I really would like another doll to play with. Next, I hope my mom and dad have a holly jolly Christmas. Last, I will be sure to be good the rest of the year. Can you please send your autograph?

Love,
Finley Johnson

Hello! Who is your favorite reindeer? First, I would like Call of Duty headphones. I would like this because I really like Call of Duty a lot. Next, I will give my brother a Playstation 4. Can you leave me your autograph? Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Gabe Miller

Hello! What cookies do you like? I would like slime! I would like this because I love slime. I like to play with it. There are lots of textures of slime. Next, my mom would like a new ornament. I will be really good this year. Make sure you eat the cookies! Merry Christmas! Have fun this year!

Love,
Willow Sohriakoff

Hello! How are you doing? First, I would like some of Re-

Love,
Your friend Kyann Goodwin

Hello! How old are you? First, I would like a Playstation 4. I would like to play Fortnite. Next, can Mia have a VR headset? Last, we will leave cookies and milk for you. I will be good the rest of the year. Merry Christmas!

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5 tips for a merry holiday home

A merry holiday season starts at home. Here are some nice ways to add cheer to the rooms and spaces where people gather.

- **Light a Fire:** It may be the most primitive technology in existence but lighting a fire is still one of the best ways to create a rich holiday atmosphere. Bonus: use aromatic firewood such as pine, fir or cedar.

- **Project a Movie:** Decorating for the holiday season can be as easy as setting up a projector and playing seasonal movies on a loop. From classics like "Miracle on 34th Street" to contemporary fa-



vorites like "Elf," these films provide the perfect backdrop to the holiday season. With

the ability to run all day, the LampFree Projectors in Casio's Slim Series are ideal for this purpose.

- **Bake Cookies:** Make the

whole house smell amazing (and become everyone's favorite person) by popping cookies and other desserts in the oven that include spices evocative of the season, like nutmeg, cloves, cinnamon and vanilla. For a lighter option, you can get the same effect by brewing tea with these same ingredients.

- **Host a Sing-a-Long:** Securing yourself a digital piano with an authentic concert grand sound may just be the best gift you give your family this holiday season. The Casio GP-500 reproduces the three-dimensional sound field generated by an acoustic grand to fill a room with rich, complex sound, making it a great place to gather for holiday sing-a-longs. The piano itself can also be a decoration

destination -- think garlands and candles. Be sure to set out sheet music and other instruments like tambourines or bells so that guests can join in the fun.

- **Add Flora:** Spruce up your living spaces -- literally. Holly, Christmas cactus, poinsettias and spruce add color and vibrancy to mantels, staircases, coffee tables and other nooks and crannies. What's more, many of these plants will continue to thrive long after the lights and tinsel come down.

The holidays come but once a year. Make the most of the season by turning your home into a winter wonderland.

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becca's collection. I would like this because I want to have a collection like my mom. Next, I would like the American Girl doll Molly's bed for my mom. Last, I will make sure to leave cookies, milk, and carrots for your reindeer. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Charlotte E. Swan

Hello! How are you? First, I would like an American Girl doll school playset please.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
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I would like this because I like school and I like to play school. Easton would like a Playstation 4. Last, we will leave you cookies and milk. Can you leave me your autograph please? Merry Christmas!

Love,
Mia Thompson

Hello! What is your favorite kind of cookie? First, I would like a Poppy Play Time toy. I have always wanted one. I would love to play with it. Next, I would love a grab pack. We will leave cookies and milk for you. Can you please leave me your autograph?

Love,
Bryson Tingley

Hello! How many reindeer do you have? First, I would like a science kit. I would like this because I always wanted another one. Next, Britton always wants Robux. Last, we will leave cookies and milk for you. Can you please leave me your autograph? Merry Christmas!

Love,
Kendrick Treece

Hello! What is your favorite kind of cookie? First, I would

like an LOL house. I would like it because I have always wanted one. Next, my cousin would like a doll house. Last, I will be sure to be good next year. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Lexis Weber

Hello! What do you like to do? First, I would like a Meta Quest 2 VR. I would like this because I would be able to play with my friends on it.

Next, Kendrick would love it if you brought him a cage for his animals. Last, we will leave cookies and milk and carrots for the reindeer. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Britton Williams

Hi! How are the elves and Mrs. Claus? I have been very good this year. First, I would like a squishy toy. Next, I would like tablet games. I would like these because they are fun. Finally, I would like you to bring something nice for my mom and dad. Last, we will leave cookies and milk out for you. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Clayton Gard

