

These are letters to Santa Claus from East Elementary School's fourth grade.

Dear Santa,

My fourth graders and I have had such fun getting ready for Christmas. I would especially like these three things for Christmas, (1) lots of red pens for grading papers, (2) an informational article on How To Give Homework Through Video Games, (3) a pair of earmuffs (I'll save them for next year's week before Christmas vacation).

Have a smurfy Christmas, Santa.

Mrs. Wood

Dear Santa,

I wish the whole class could go outside for two whole hours and play football, or kickball. I would like the whole class to use good sportsmanship. We love our fourth grade.

Chris Sisk

Dear Santa,

I wish you could bring Mrs. Wood a lot of things for her, but only if we had the money for her. And I wish you could bring us a lot of games to play within the classroom. We need our water-fountain fixed up. Mrs. Austin, our music teacher needs a music room all to herself at East Elementary. We have the best class in town. We really need these things.

Robin Garner

Dear Santa,

I wish we had new chairs. We have a good 4th grade class. We have a good teacher. We have nice lunchroom ladies. We have a lots of games.

Shannon Bersang

Dear Santa,

Instead of writing a letter wanting something for me. I'm writing because I want our class to be nice. And to be together. We have such a nice class. Please let us stay that way. We love our class.

Barbara J.

Dear Santa,

Could you bring our school some footballs and some baseballs and bats? Could you bring some soccer balls?

Billy Appling

Dear Santa,

If I had three wishes I would want them to be good and happy. I would like the first wish to be, everyone to be happy and everyone to be thankful for everything, and I would like the whole class to be very very nice. We have a whole lot of fun in the fourth grade.

Pamela D. White

Dear Santa,

I would like some new games in our classroom. But most of all I would like everyone to like me. And I would like them. And one more wish; I wish everyone a Merry Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas!

Tony W.

## Duke Power

### Assists Needy

The United Way of Gaston County, Inc. has been designated to administer Duke Power Company's \$100,000 Community Challenge Heating Fund in this area, the utility's Branch Manager, Cary Diggs announced today.

Establishment of the \$100,000 fund initiated by the company's stockholders was announced recently to assist the needy in paying their winter fuel bills. The United Way of Gaston County, Inc. will seek donations from local sources to match funds on a 4-to-1 basis and will determine who is eligible for the heating assistance program, the official said.

Those receiving assistance do not have to be Duke Power customers and may heat with any source—electricity, natural gas, oil, wood, kerosene or anything else, according to Mrs. Diggs.

"Need alone will determine eligibility," the spokesman said. The challenge period to raise donations from local businesses, individuals, churches and civic, professional and service organizations will run through Mar. 15.

"Duke Power's stockholders recognize that difficult economic times make it hard for some to pay their heating bills," Diggs said. "Organizations and individuals wishing to donate to the fund are assured that their contributions will be used to help people stay warm this winter."

Dear Santa,

If I had three wishes my first wish would be to have the best class in the whole world! Then after that my second wish would be that my whole class would stay just the way it is! And my very last wish would be that my class would never ever forget about each other!

Adella Robertson

Dear Santa,

If I had wonderful wishes I would wish that our country would not fight anymore. Because if our country would fight others would want too, and I would not want that to happen. Our class is very nice,

Ritchie Dellinger



Dear Santa,

Hello, Santa I want to tell you what goes in in our classroom. We help each other, we stick together, and we care for oneanother. Our classroom is always clean, because we keep it clean. We want you to be proud of us Santa Claus.

Heather Callhoun

Dear Santa,

This year I would like something for Mrs. Wood's fourth grade class. I would like for good sportsmanship, for everybody not to fight, and for Mrs. Wood to be just the way she is.

Chris Wooten

Dear Santa,

I wish for three things for our classroom. I wish we had a bookshelf, new chairs, and games. If you have been looking over us, you know we have a good class.

Troy Watson

Dear Santa,

It was a very exciting day in November day. We had a party for our teacher. She was very happy that we thought of her. We have a chart that says Wood Wonder Kids. We all love her and she loves us too. And we have very nice lunchroom ladies too.

Tonya Walls

# OLD TIME GREETINGS



Let us lift our cups of cheer and toast to the good old days of Christmases past, with all the sights and sounds and merriment of that old time traditional Yule! May families and friends be joined together in a return to those many-pleasured times of unending, old-fashioned Christmas joys!

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