

First Graders Mail Letters to Santa Claus



Students in three first grade rooms at Columbia Falls were an excited group as they marched downtown with letters to Santa Claus. They were as carefully written as first graders can possibly do. In background is north end of Columbia Falls new grade school and the old Talbott grade building.

Big day for Columbia Falls first graders was the march downtown to the post office to mail letters to Santa Claus at the North Pole. On hand to greet the youngsters was Postmaster Dudley Greene, grandfather of one first grader, and Columbia Falls postmaster for the past 20 years. The post office handles four to five times the volume of mail it did in 1934.

Each envelope mailed had the same address, and first graders, of course, aren't particularly skilled letter writers, but they still get the point across. Here are the Santa letters from the Columbia Falls first graders of 1954.

Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I want a sled. I love you, Santa. Brian Kelly

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a cowboy suit and a gun. Love Devlin Hill

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll, a kitchen set and a bike with wheels. Love. Roxanne

Dear Santa, I want a train. Larry

Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I want a tractor, ball. I love you Santa. Lynn Tolley

Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I want a doll and dishes. I love, Santa. Linda Barnhart

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I want a football outfit, bike and I love you, Santa. Jim Burton.

Dear Santa Claus. I have been good. I want a service station and a telescope. I love you, Santa. Chris Cheff

Dear Santa, I want a doll. Gertrude

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I want doll clothes. I love you Santa. Audrey Quirk

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I want a football. I love you Santa. Virgil Hoerner

Dear Santa. I want a doll and doll buggy. Love, Candy Geer

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I want doll, dishes, clothes. I love you Santa. Marcia

Dear Santa. I want a horse. John

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I want a piano. I love you, Santa. Linda Long

Dear Santa, I want a horse, Susan

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I want doctor set and dishes. I love you, Santa. Peggy Skyberg

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I want a doctor set, dishes, I



Here letters to North Pole start dropping in mail bag. Later first graders used regular mail slot but it was quite a reach.

love you Santa. Andrea Ryan

Dear Santa, I want records. Sherry

Dear Santa, I want a drum. Linda

Dear Santa, I want a train. David

Dear Santa, I want a doll. Esther

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I want a doll, and clothes. I love you, Santa. We will have a lunch for you. June Schrock

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I want a doll and dishes. I love you Santa. Jeanette Drewry

Dear Santa, I want a bike. Jim

Dear Santa, I want a train. Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I want a bike. Charles Boies

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I want a doctor set. I love you Santa Judy Smithson

Dear Santa, I want a doll Marla

Dear Santa Claus, Bobby wants a truck and two cars. Love Bobby

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I want a horn and gun set. I love you Santa. Terry Earl

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I want a farm and service station. I love you Santa. Charles Reeves

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I want a doctor set, and an airplane. I love you Santa. Kenneth Hein

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I want a telescope. I love you Santa. Dennis Borgen

Dear Santa: I want a doll and dishes and sled. I love you. Julie

Cline.

Dear Santa, I want a bike. Fred

Dear Santa, I want a tool set, Douglas

Dear Santa, I want a train. Johnny

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a sled, gun, holster and a bike. Love, Terry

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I want dishes, record player. I love you Santa, Priscilla Himmeseote.

Dear Santa, I want a train. Douglas

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I want a doll and dishes. I love you Santa. Pamela Pierce

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I want a doctor set. I want a doll. Gloria Binns

Dear Santa, I want a bike. Mae

Dear Santa, I want a loader. Gary M.

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I want a dishes and clothes. I love you Santa. Betty Greene

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a doll that kicks and a doll buggy. Love. Roberta

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a walking doll and skates. Love Patty

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a doll house and a doll with clothes. Love, Crystal

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I want a sled and bike. I love you, Santa. Nancy Lamach

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a walking doll and a cowgirl suit. Love, Nancy

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I want a farm, service station. I love you Santa, John Aubert

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. I love you Santa. I want a telescope and a pool game. I love you Santa. Mickey Larimer

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a bride doll and mix set. Love Kyle

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a bike and gun. Love, Mike

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a doll with clothes and a sled. Love, Judy

Dear Santa, I want a racer. Dennis

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a cowboy suit and two gun

Pete. Love, Jimmy

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a bike with wheels and a cowgirl and skates. Love Lana Ren

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a doll, roller skates and some books. Love Maureen Lynn York

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a doll with clothes and a cooking set and sled. Love, Julie C.

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a doll house and sled and cowgirl suit. Love Janis

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a bike, and doll and kitchen set. Shirley Rogers

Dear Santa Claus. Please bring me a crying doll and a sewing machine. Love, Shirley Andrew

Dear Santa Claus. Please bring me a cinderella watch and a big black board. Love, Sheryl

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a doll and a cowgirl suit and a sled. Love, Diane

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me some skates and skis. Love, Dennis Dale

Dear Santa Claus, Doll with clothes and roller skates. Love, Karen Lee

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a cowboy suit and a gun. Love, Donald

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a horse and gun. Love, Gary

SANTA ANSWERS
And then there was a letter from North Pole, America. It said:

I just received your nice letter you sent me in the special mail bag from Columbia Falls.

The record in my big book shows you have been a good youngster and if I have enough toys to go around to all the other children, I will bring the things you have asked for.

Tell your parents "hello" for me, and I will visit your place at Christmas. With love, Santa Claus

Merry Christmas TO ALL!

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