

Ho, Ho, Ho and Merry Christmas again Brenda!

How are you doing? I know you broke your arm right before Thanksgiving and have had to wear a cast since then but your Mommy tells me it should be off in time for Christmas. That's great news! I know how hard it is to wear a cast. I broke my ankle once and my cast was heavy, and it was itchy and it drove me crazy! But like you I was very patient and very brave and before I knew it the cast was ready to come off. After the cast came off it felt a little funny for a while and I had to do some exercises to help get my strength back but then I was just as good as new and I am sure you will be too!

So how are things at Earl H Barker Elementary School? Is Mrs. Lexington nice? Are you learning lots of new things? I bet you are! Oh and speaking of learning new things I see from my list that you learned to ride a two wheeler. Good for you! What a great accomplishment. Well, hopefully once you get your cast off the warm December weather in Dreamport will continue and you'll have some extra chances to ride your bike before it gets too cold and starts to snow.

I am looking at my list again and I see that you are asking for Nintendo DS and dance mats for Christmas. Well, since you have been doing such a great job cleaning your room and putting your dishes in the sink I will do my best to bring those for you.

Well, Brenda, I must be getting back to work now. There is just so much to do before the big night. The sleigh has to be waxed, the reindeer harnesses have to be polished, the toys need to be packed and Mrs. Claus wants me to eat, eat, eat night and day! She feeds me all kinds of foods to help me fit in my Santa Suit, but when I am done eating do you know what I do? I brush my teeth! I know we talked about this last year but I really want you to realize how very important it is to take good care of your teeth. A healthy mouth helps keep the rest of you healthy too.

Take good care of Oreo and your fish. Remember to keep your room clean and to brush your teeth and you will always stay on my nice list. Say hello to your friends David, Becky and Joshua for me. Oh and could you do me a favor...do you think you could leave a snack out for me and my reindeer this Christmas Eve? I love cookies and milk and the reindeer love carrots and water.

Thank you. I'll be at your house soon!

**Love, Santa**

**\*\*This is the content of an actual letter mailed to a child.  
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