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NEWS

HONOR CHORUS

Monday before school the fourth grade honor chorus met and prepared the song The Power and the Glory for the assembly. They were accompanied by Mike Skrien and Mr. Sink on the guitars. The fifth and sixth grade honor chorus met before school each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. They sang in the Bicentennial Assembly. The songs they sang were America the Beautiful, You're a Grand Old Flag, and This Land is Your Land. They were accompanied by Mr. Sink, guitar, Mrs. Berck, the piano, Mrs. Miller on the flute. The bell players were Jill Swehla, Doug Marren and Pat Riedisser.

The honor chorus students are working on future performances. Upcoming events are National Education Week and the Christmas performance.

Miss Hemberger feels that this is a very talented group of students who put out a lot of effort and achieve good results. She and the chorus are looking forward to this next performance.

Danny Clark - Grade 6

CONTEST WINNERS

The winners for the turkey contest in the library were: B. P. - Shari Pfingsten, C. P. - Leah Donaldson, A. P. Theresa Abegg, Fourth Grade - Jeff Mastroianni, Fifth Grade - Christy Manley and Cathy Colson, Sixth Grade - Sharon Gray and Tom Hogan.

by Nancy Brandt - Grade 6

CONGRATULATIONS

The winners of the Bicentennial Contest for the Ferguson-Florissant School District were:

ART: Mark Gulin
Sharon Gray

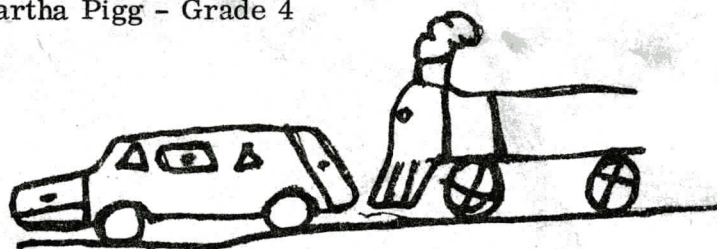
ESSAY: Lisa Carter

Soon the Art Work and Essay will go to the Congressional District contest.

TROOP 2244

Troop 2244 is going to have a bake sale this spring. When we have enough money we are going to Salem, Illinois. We will take a train and then a car. We are going to Salem to learn more about Lincoln, our 16th president.

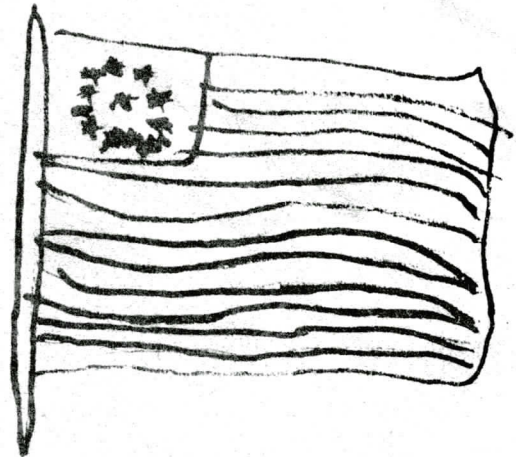
by Martha Pigg - Grade 4



BICENTINIAL WORD SEARCH

S H A O T W V O S P
R T U V W A Z Y B C
A B B O C S V U Q P
C O B C O H H I J K
S S R Q B I N O M C
T T X W Y N S O Q R
I O V B A G X S S R
O N P M N T V N M T
S T T O R O Q A N O
P E M E N N O I V J
K A L D I M U D D V
O P U Z B S T N O I
X A T Y M L P I N Y
M R N O O I V L Q F
I T A X E S Q E P O
L Y W H I T E O Z U
M K L V U R S Q Y R

Washington
Boston Tea Party
taxes
Indians
July Fourth
red
white
blue



Presidents Game: Name the first 10 presidents.
The first letter is given.

1. W _____
2. A _____
3. J _____
4. M _____
5. M _____
6. A _____
7. J _____
8. B _____
9. H _____
10. T _____

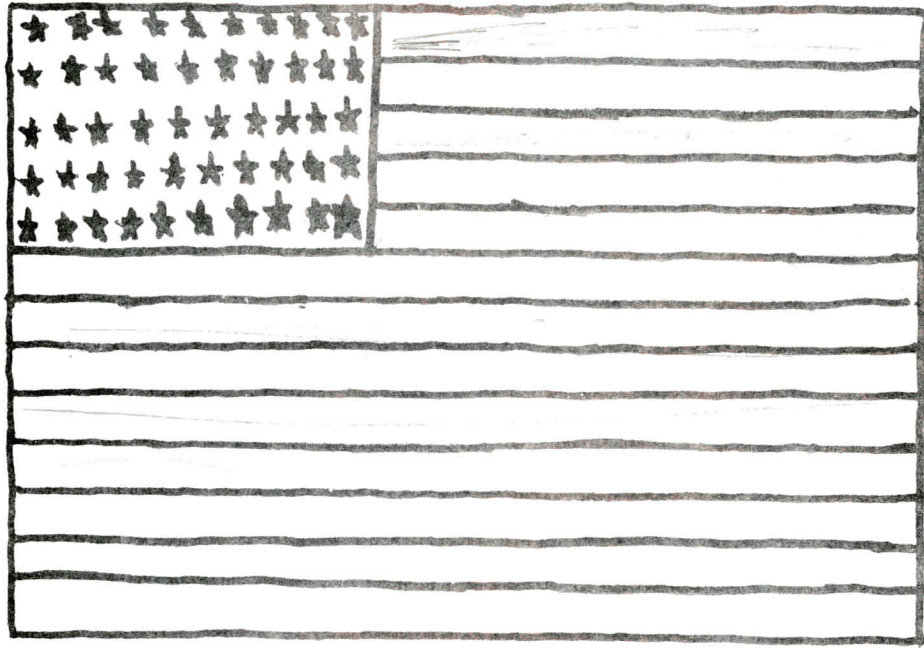
Famous People By Doug Marren

F K C O C N A H	Ross
G L N A M U R T	Franklin
N I L K N A R F	Lincoln
H N S D I C D N	Kennedy
K C J S P E R O	Edison
M O S L O O O S	Hancock
R I B Q N R F I	Jones
A N S E N O J D	Truman
Y D E N N E K E	Ford

QUESTIONS

1. What state was President Washington Born?
2. When was President Kennedy shot?
3. Who was the sixteenth President of the United States?
4. President Truman was born in what state?
5. President Madison was the _____ President?





The thirteen stripes stand for thirteen colonies. The fifty stars stand for the fifty states, including the last two states--- Alaska and Hawaii. Betsey Ross was the lady who made the first flag. July 4, 1776 is the 200th birthday of our country.

QUESTIONS

1. Who made the first flag? Betsy Ross
2. How many stars are there? 50
3. How many stripes are there? 13
4. What were the last two states added to the union? Alaska and Hawaii
5. July 4, 1776 is the 200 of our nation.
(199th birthday 200th birthday 300th birthday)
6. What do the thirteen stripes stand for? colonies
7. What do the fifty stars stand for? states
8. Betsy Ross made the flag in 1776
(1776, 1876, 1976)

BICENTENNIAL SECTION

BOSTON TEA PARTY

The Boston Tea Party took place about 1773, when the British taxed the Bostonians for their tea. The Bostonians dressed as Indians and threw the tea from a ship.

by Todd Olsson - Grade 6

1765 STAMP ACT

In 1765 the English taxed everything made in England. The colonists protested and did not buy any English goods. In 1766 the English decided to take off the tax.

by Danny Clark - Grade 6

FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR

The French and British were enemies. In 1754 a war broke out. The Indians were on the French side. In 1763 a treaty was signed and the French gave up all their land east of the Mississippi River.

by Danny Clark - Grade 6

BOSTON MASSACRE

By the year 1768 British officials in London had decided it was time to show the colonies that they meant to control them. The Boston colonists were angered at this move and looked upon the British troops as enemies. Captain Thomas Preston, commander of the troops rushed out shouting to his men not to fire. The troops were ordered back to their barracks. This incident in which the rioters were mainly at fault was the first important

expression of anti-British feeling and a demand for American Independence.

by Greg Schwaab - Grade 6

THE HISTORY OF OUR FLAG

Our flag stands for our country. The thirteen stripes stand for thirteen colonies. The fifty stars stand for the fifty states in the United States. Betsy Ross made the flag. This coming July 4th is the 200th birthday of our country. George Washington was the first President of the United States.

by Joe Fazio - Grade 6

OUR FLAG

Our flag was made by Betsy Ross. It has 13 stripes and 50 stars. It is red, white and blue. Since red, white, and blue are colors on the flag they are considered patriotic colors.

Valerie Hammond - Grade 6

A BICENTENNIAL QUIZ

1. Who was the 16 president?
2. Who invented electricity?
3. What was the Boston Tea Party?
4. Why did they have the Boston Tea Party?
5. Who invented the light bulb?
6. Who invented the telephone?
7. What does Bicentennial mean?
8. When is Bicentennial?
9. How old is our country?
10. Who is the president now?

Answers: Because of the high taxes, 200 Anniversary, Gerald Ford, Abe Lincoln, When the colonists threw tea in the bay, Alexander Bell, 200 years old, Thomas Edison, Ben Franklin, July 4, 1776.

CHRISTMAS AND WINTER ARTICLES

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

It means a time to get toys and candy. It means relatives coming over. But it mostly means that Christ was born on Christmas Day. So we all should be joyful and be happy for the wonderful day.

by Lisa Jury - Grade 6

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

Christmas is the day on which Jesus Christ was born. Kings, shepards and townspeople came to see the new born king, and they all thought it was a wonderful sight and such a wonderful thing. A bright star hung over Bethlehem all night long and by 12 o'clock midnight no one had left.

That's the story behind Christmas, and that is why people exchange gifts, to celebrate this birth, and almost everyone does this all over the earth.

by Mike Preuss - Grade 6

TURKEY NEWS

On Thanksgiving we had turkey, mashed potatoes, olives, dressing and water.

by Matt Brockman - Kindergarten



WINTER

I like winter because I can play in the snow.

by Tracey Raftery - Grade 1

SANTA COMES TONIGHT

Santa comes the night before Christmas and not anyone is in sight. He doesn't even have a fright about going out in the night. The height of the sleigh doesn't scare Santa.

He brings thoughts of Christmas with toys for boys and girls. He brings them all in the night.

He comes down the chimney. He doesn't scrape his chin. You must leave milk and cookies for Santa. He comes tonight, with sleigh bells ringing and children singing. Santa will come tonight.

Ginny Wierhake - Grade 6

MY CHRISTMAS PONY

I got a pony for Christmas last year. Her name is Smokey.

by Christy Lockwood - Grade 1

IF I WERE AN ELF

If I were an elf I would make lots of toys and help Santa Claus on the trip and help wrap the presents.

by Susan Itterly - B. P.

Christmas Word Find

SKIGREENBZFCN
AISNTRERBUAM
NRAQLGRKJECNE
TSMFRATLUOODS
ANTSEMOELHOUA
COSTEENOCTKCS
IWIHDSREDOIA
TAMRGNSTLSTENN
UAHIINWYISSEE
SNCIEFOEIZGSM
AGDSRLNFOYILA
ZAEALISJDSIIN
BRRMSTFIGAHOR
PCEFDYADILOHO



TREE	GREEN
PRESENT	ORNAMENTS
SANTA CLAUS	CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAY	GIFTS
COOKIES	TOYS
HOLY	DOLLS
REINDEER	SNOWMAN
CANDY CANE	GAMES
COLORS	LIGHTS
RED	SNOW

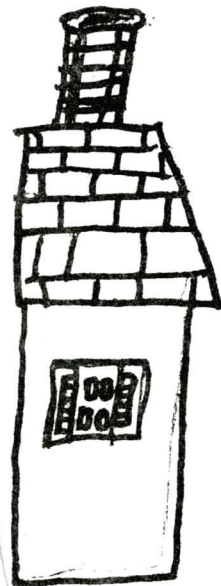


By Lisa Berry and Kelly Hudson

~~Christmas tree~~
~~Merry Christmas~~
~~Stocking~~
~~Toys~~
~~Jingle Bells~~
~~Santa Claus~~
~~Noel~~
~~Chimney~~
~~Ornaments~~
~~Jesus Christ~~



C A W G C F Y R T O S T S
H R L A F S Q M X R E L A
R S L L E B E L G N I J M
I B H Z O P A N R A W E T
S F B C G J D E U M S S S
T R I B S M S O D E U U I
M E T Y K I U B Y N A S R
A V O S O A N E V T L C H
S T O C K I N G U S C H C
T J F F P M U O N Z A R Y
C W D H I W X G E H T I R
E G P H X M J Y I L N S R
E A C Z W H B L Y J A T E
Q C C K Q D P I O V S K M



By Tammy Neibauer



CHRISTMAS SCRAMBLER BY: DAVID GOETZ



B H N O R N A M E N T S
~~E G G N O G~~ T B V R O L
 Y E M D M A N G E R Y O
 L E L V E S A E D M S R
 L S ~~C H R I S T M A S~~ A
 O T ~~S C R O O G E~~ I M C
 H A P P Y N E W Y E A R
 T R N O R T H P O L E L
 L S E N A C Y D N A C P

HAPPY NEW YEAR
 MERRY
 ELVES
~~SCROOGE~~
 NORTH POLE
 STARS
 CAROLS
 EVE
 CANDY CANE

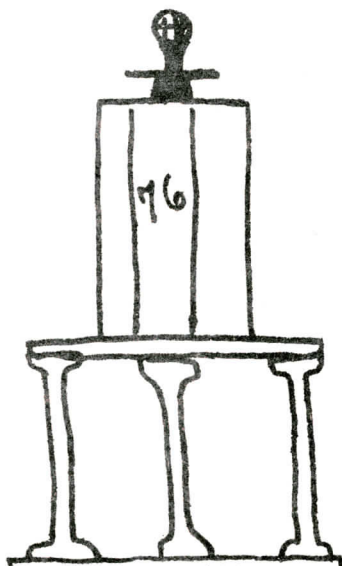
ORNAMENTS
~~E G G N O G~~
~~C H R I S T M A S~~
 HOLLY
 MANGER
 SANTA
 TONS



SPORTS

I play soccer for St. Thomas and we are undefeated this year. We are getting trophies too! We are going to play in a tournament and if we win we get a big trophy for our team and a plaque for our church.

Chuck Berra - Grade 4

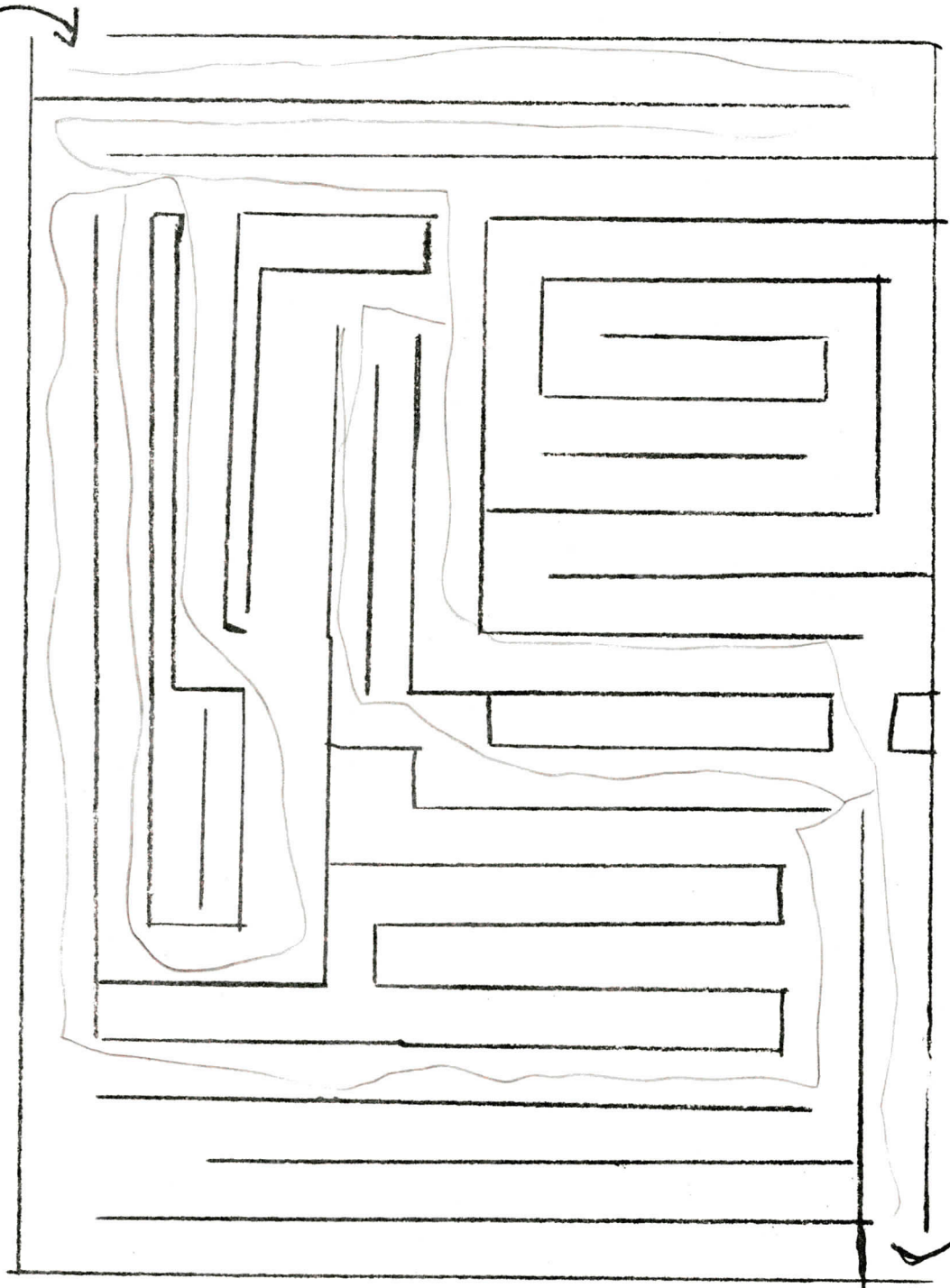


MAZE

HELP THE ELF FIND HIS TOOLS



Start



End

TOOLS

By: Mary Maender and Sharon Gray

Grade 6



UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS

by John Hickey and Paul Hatnik

1. enol
2. galen
3. nwso
4. mshcraist
5. nsata cusla
6. nsawonn
7. ccadnyen
8. tras
9. hrtsicasm eter
10. ytos



9. Christmas tree
8. star
7. candy cane
6. snowman
5. Santa Claus
4. Christmas
3. snow
2. angel
1. noel
10. toys

ANSWERS

JOKES by Dawn Richards 4th grade

A Popeye Joke

I'm Popeye the sailor man
I live in the garbage can
I eat all the worms and
spit out the germs
I'm Popeye the sailor man. Toot! Toot!



UNSCRAMBEL THEM

MERRY CHRISTMAS

1. amh
2. hsticmsa
3. setnrpes
4. naydc
5. ansat ualcs
6. oilaydh
7. ufn
8. eetr
9. otys



9. toys
8. tree
7. fun
6. holiday
5. Santa Claus
4. candy
3. presents
2. christmas
1. ham

ANSWERS



By Shelly McCool

Miss Wilkerson

Grade 6

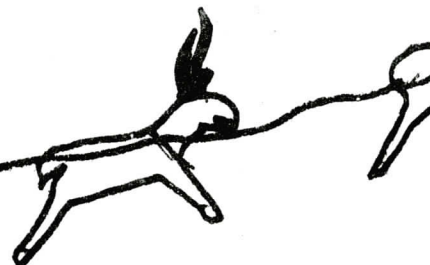
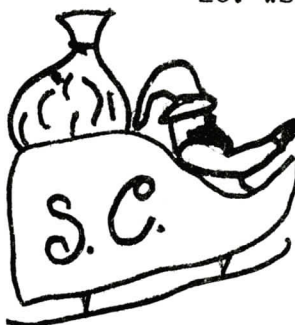
WORD SCRAMBLE

by Tammy Neibauer Grade 6

1. rerm y matcrissh
2. rete
3. injlge
4. otsy
5. rpsenets
6. astna salcu
7. ilsgeh
8. itrbyha
9. eusjs hicrts
10. drrineee

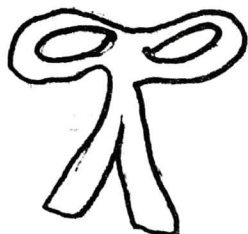


11. bribons
12. ldsol
13. rawehts
14. milsteeot
15. lef
16. tsian nciolsah
17. gsotkcins
18. ihloyda
19. aonmnrets
20. wsno



1. Merry Christmas
2. tree
3. jingle Bells
4. toys
5. presents
6. Santa Claus
7. sleigh
8. birthday
9. Jesus Christ
10. reindeer

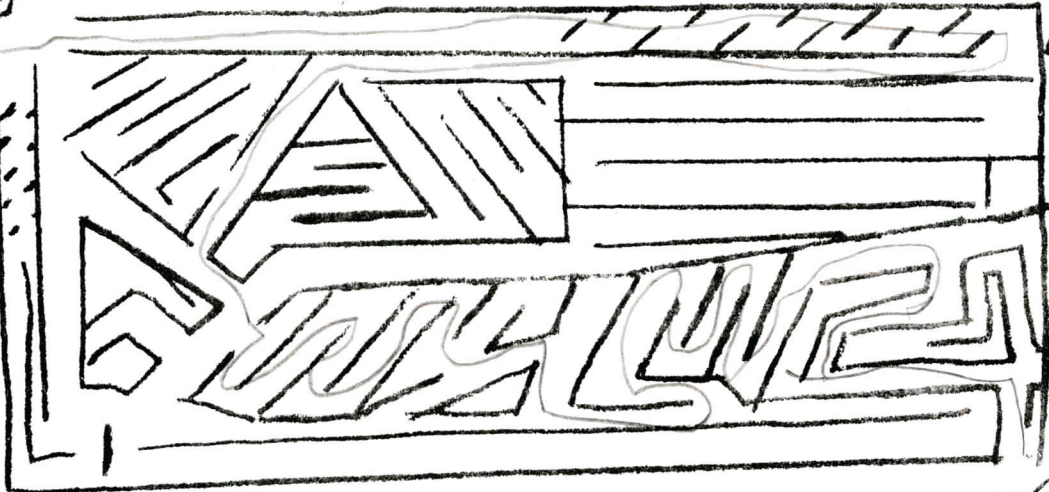
11. ribbons
12. dolls
13. wreaths
14. mistletoe
15. elf
16. Saint Nicholas
17. stockings
18. holiday
19. ornaments
20. snow



ANSWERS

MAZE

by DOUG MARREN Grade 6



Who said these famous words "I have not yet begun to fight"?

Answer: John Paul Jones

SCRAMBLED WORDS (NAMES)

by DOUG MARREN

Grade 6

1. NBE INLANFRK _____
2. HSAMTO DSONEI _____
3. HNJO CCKANOH _____
4. RGEALD RDOF _____
5. RRHAY RNUMAT _____



LETTER TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope Rudolph is well.
I bet it is very cold up there.
It is fun delivering gifts.
I can't wait till Christmas!
I want a Heather doll for Christmas.
My brother is sick.
Some people don't believe in you.
Everybody in my family does.
Mom says - don't be naughty.
Thank you.

by Tracey Velloff - Grade 2



CHRISTMAS

Christmas is the time of year.
When my brother and I jump and cheer.
The windows are so snowy and bright.
I only can see a little light.
Way up in the skies so bright.

by Terri Skrien - Grade 4

CHRISTMAS POEM

Snow is falling
down down.
It comes-
Ice falls too.
We get ready for Christmas
Sure We do!!!!

by Paula Glazik - Grade 2



CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas is a day of cheer.
Children wait for it all year
Christmas morning is such fun.
There are packages for everyone.

by Tammy Goerss - Grade 4

CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a time for love.
Christmas is a time for giving.
Its the season to give thanks,
for the life we are living.
So sing a song of love, and a
thankful song for living. Remember
that the greatest joy is always in the
giving.

by Carol Kenesey - Grade 4

by Julie Watson
&
Tara Rockwell
Grade 6

THE THINGS THAT I LIKE

I like to swim and play soccer. I like to
play tennis. My favorite holiday is Christmas.

by John Shine - Grade 4



THE ALMOST CHRISTMAS

One time very very long ago on one Christmas
Eve Santa Claus almost forgot that it was
Christmas time. You see that year he had such
a very bad cold that he had to stay in bed all year.
When it was December Mrs. Claus forgot to tell
him it was almost Christmas because she was so
worried about him. Finally he started getting
better. In a few days he was well. Mrs. Claus
just then remembered. "I forgot to tell Santa
it's almost Christmas. I'll tell him tomorrow."
When Mrs. Claus told him it was Christmas eve.
He said "why can't you remember. Where is the
letters and elfs - where is everything?" "They are
all right here said Mrs. Claus. They went all over
the world at breakneck speed and finally they were
done. Mrs. Claus never forgot again!

CHRISTMAS POEM

Santa's riding in
his sleigh,
With Rudolph
guiding along the way.
That's when Frosty
comes alive,
And that I'm telling you
is no jive.
Scrooge is still
the same old grouch.
Making everyone
say ouch!
But most of all
the carolers sing,
Making all the
sleigh bells ring.
by Debbie Manley - Grade 6

CHRISTMAS

Christmas is.....
Christ was born.
We celebrate by giving gifts
to others like the Wise Men
gave to Christ.
by Marilyn Williams - Grade 6

WINTERTIME

I like to build snowmen. We
are going to have lunch with
Santa. I like to slide down
the hill if it snows.
Alison Henry - Grade B. P.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING

I want some toys but I must be good. My
grandma and grandpa will be coming to visit
us from Indiana.

by Tim Bohannon - Grade B. P.

CHRISTMAS

I like Christmas,
it's really fun.
It is fun
for everyone.
All the elves,
make lots of toys.
For all the good
little girls and boys.
So when you hear
little paws.
Those reindeer will say,
here is Santa Claus.

Jackie Meixner - Grade 4



WISE MEN COME

The Wise Men came from lands far away,
to see the Christ Child born Christmas Day.
When they found Jesus they knelt down
in prayer.
They opened their treasures and offered
them to him.

by Patricia Bryant - Grade 4

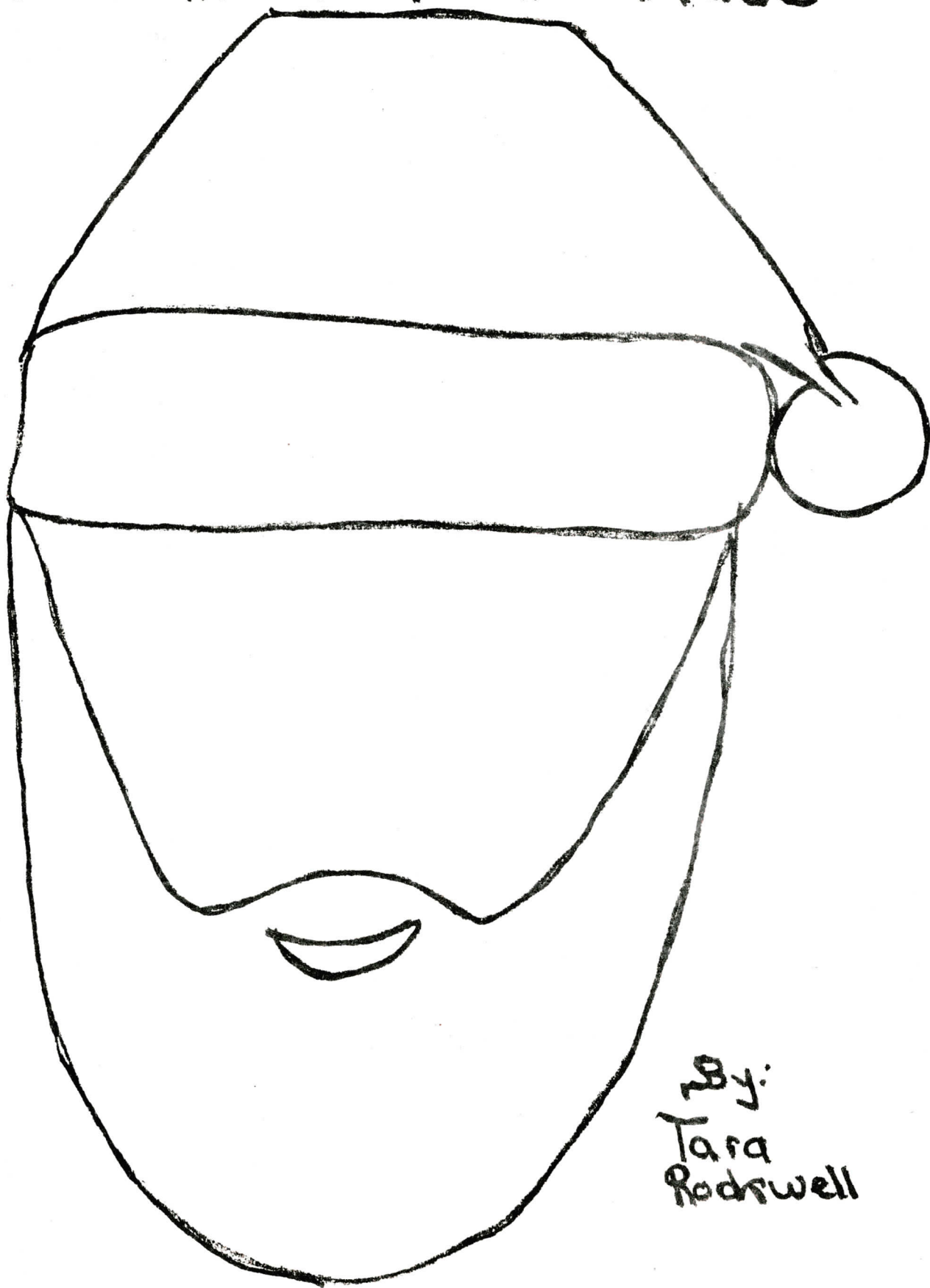
CHRISTMAS

Christmas is very fun.
But there is no sun.
At least it snows.
But it stings my nose.

by Kathy McKemy - Grade 2



Color in and make a face



By:
Tara
Rodrwell