

## Harriet Tubman Middle School

### nyumba yetu (our house)

Tazama nyumba yetu.  
Nyumba yetu ne nzuri sana.  
Nakaa na baba na mama.  
Nakaa na babu na nyanya.  
Tazama kuku na vitoto  
vitatu.  
Paka yuko nyumbani.  
Babu yuko nyumbani.  
Tazama mama na watoto.  
Wote wanakaa nyumbani.  
Tazama nyumba yetu nzuri.

### Twende shuleni (Let's go to school)

Tazama shule yetu.  
Shule yetu ni nzuri.  
Shule yetu ni kubwa.  
Tazama watoto.  
Watoto waenda shuleni.  
Tazama wavulana na  
wasichana.  
Wote waenda shuleni.  
Tazama wavulana na  
wasichana.  
Wote waenda shuleni.  
Watoto wanafurahi.  
Wote wanapenda shule yao.  
Shule yetu ni nzuri na ki  
kubwa.

### shule yetu (our school)

Tazama shule yetu.  
Shule yetu iko mbali.  
Sote tunaamka asubuhi  
kwenda shuleni.  
Kengele ya shule iko jur ya  
mti.  
Kengele imekwisha gonga.  
Kuna madaras matatu  
shuleni.  
Watoto wanacheza kwata.  
Tazama watoto wale  
wanane.  
Wasichana wanacheze  
mpira wa mikono.  
Watoto wawili wanachukua  
udongo.  
Wanataka kujenga kijiji  
chao kidogo.  
Wote wanaipenda shule.

Presented by  
Quinette Cross,  
Danica May  
and the Swahili class

Santa Claus  
Presents  
Angel  
Reindeer  
Knowing Santa's coming  
soon  
Elves working wildly  
Leaving Santa cookies  
Icicles melting in your  
mouth  
Nazareth Nativity scenes  
Grinning Children  
Slippery snow  
Noel  
Old Saint Nick  
Windy winter  
Magnificent decorated  
Christmas Tree  
Always waiting until  
Christmas Day  
Nippynoses  
Alison Hebbeler

Dear Jolly Old St. Nick,

This year I want only twenty five thousand different items for Christmas. I realize that I might not receive them all but I might as well ask, right? The first is a bright red Ferrari 308 GTS. The second is a bright yellow five-hundred foot yacht with glowing blue stripes that shimmer in the sun. I could go on and on with this, but all of the items I want are listed on a separate sheet of paper.

I haven't been very good this year but that's okay—I don't believe in you anyway. I think you are an over-publicized, under-performing excuse for a childhood fantasy hero. Everybody that believes in you is immature and that's why I'm asking you to forward this letter to the Great Pumpkin, who will deliver my presents anytime I want instead of one stupid day a year.

Great Pumpkin: You know what I want. I don't want any childish, cheap, ugly toys like all the other kids get from that old, fat, slug of a hero, Santa. If you don't send me what I want, I'll have to find some other hero to believe in, and I'll quit your presidential campaign committee. And that is a threat, so get with it!

Sean Kell  
8th Grade

Dear Santa Claus,

One thing I would like for Christmas is a model 3 Apple computer, fully expanded with two disk drives, a line printer, 64K of memory, a few language cards (Pascal, Cobol, Basic), two paddles, a pair of joysticks, 1,000 sheets of paper for the printer, half of the game programs on the market, a good word processing program, and a few other business programs. If I were to get all of that, I would need about 100 disk holders, 50 disks, cards, cables, and a lot of books on computer programming.

I want this because it would be fun to have, useful in my dad's business, educational, able to keep my mom's school records, and we would all be able to write our own reports on it.

I deserve this gift because it is less expensive than a lot of other things people have asked for in my class, it is possible to get it, and it is useful in the world, not just there to have fun with.

Sincerely,  
Jeremy Kropf  
8th Grade

### Christmaa

Christmas has become too commercialized. We shouldn't have to buy people a present in order to make them happy. Happiness should come from within the heart. Christmas should be celebrated with some kind of parade. Families should get together and thank God for another oncoming Christmas. Christmas is a day when people should put all evil aside. It's a day when all races come together and talk about the wonderful times they had. Also this is the day Jesus Christ was born, so we are also celebrating his birth. So remember Christmas is a day for love and happiness.

Michael Louis  
Grade 8

## Humboldt

### A Christmas Then

Christmas is a time for fun and games where you receive. Toys and clothes and special things from special relatives like jewelry, cosmetics, and treats, and Christmas is a sign of Jesus Christ's birthday and the Night when God was born.

Gerald Greenwood  
Grade 5

Christmas is a time of giving things. And it is Jesus Birth. It is a time of loving, too.

Chris Williams  
Grade 2

Christmas is a day of Joy and Love, and giving to all eternity and presents to all.

Santino Gibson  
Grade 3

Christmas is a time for caring, and giving. And Christmas is the Best time ever!

Allison Krieger  
Grade 2

Christmas is a time for gifts. And for snowball fights. And for Santa Claus to come to houses and other places and it's a Holiday.

Marcus Bell  
Grade 2

Christmas is a time for loving and giving. It's a time for sharing and caring and opening gifts. And it is the best Holiday in the whole year.

Amy Gourde  
Grade 2



Craig Botton  
Tubman  
7th Grade

*Happy Holidays*

*from the  
Observer Staff*