By Brianna
Grade 1

When it’s Christmas, some families celebrate Christmas. My family celebrates Christmas. Christmas is not just about presents it’s about spending time with your family and that’s what Christmas means to me.

By Chloe
Grade 4

It’s Christmas time let’s give a cheer!
Mickey Mouse is here.
He celebrates it every year.
Friends and family are always there.
That’s the Mickey Mouse Christmas land!!
National Candy Cane Day, December 23, 2005
A story about Nick, grade 3

During the month of December in the year 2005, Nick came home from school and pro-
claimed that “National Candy Cane Day” was to be December 23rd the day before Christmas
Eve. He said that all the candy canes were to be left off the Christmas tree until December
23rd at which time they would be carefully hung on the Christmas tree.

Baffled his Mother and Dad looked at Nick and asked why the candy canes were not to be
hung on the Christmas tree? Insistent, Nick said the candy canes were not allowed to be
hung on the tree until the “National Candy Cane Day.”

So the month of December progressed and the 9 foot family Christmas tree was erected com-
plete with trimmings. But no candy canes were allowed to be hung on the Christmas tree.
Nick saw to it that all the candy canes were neatly arranged in a fancy tin on the mantle
above the fireplace, in wait for December 23rd.

In the meantime, Nick’s Mother and Dad were busy asking friends and relatives if they had
ever heard of National Candy Cane Day? They asked parents and teachers at Erickson
School where Nick went to school.

Finally the day arrived, December 23rd National Candy Cane Day. On that morning, Nick
and his Mother and Dad took the candy canes from their tin on the mantle. They were told
to take one candy cane each and tell a story about someone they loved and were thankful for
in their lives. Then they placed the candy cane on the tree in honor of them.

One by one each candy cane was placed on the tree. There were stories of Grandma looking
down from heaven, thankfulness and anticipation for the piano that was to be picked out as a
gift from Papa, and on and on the stories went about uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

And finally, the last candy cane was put on the tree by Nick. His final thank you was to his
three Grandpa’s who bravely served out country in World War II.

Invented or tradition, National Candy Cane Day, December 23rd has had a lasting effect on
our lives, as we saw a sensitive and appreciative side of our Nick. Our lives have been
touched in ways never imagined.

Pass on the tradition and perhaps we will be thinking of you when you are think-
ing of us!
Run, run as fast as you can
You can catch him
He’s the gingerbread man!
He can run but he can’t hide
Because he is the gingerbread man.

Kitten is soooo cute
In his stocking.
Toulouse is his name
The cat climbs my Christmas tree.
Even cuter than before
Nine lives.

Tracy joined a track team
Tracy was a girl who signed up for a track team but she always lost in races. She tripped and broke her braces. She was always skipping and walking instead of running. She even got a trophy for the one who’s always walking, but HEY! You shouldn’t blame her... she’s a turtle anyway!
Christmas is the time

We start a fire as we gaze at the Christmas tree all lit up. Still gazing we sip our hot chocolate with tiny little marshmallows melting in your mouth. Warmth of the fire pressing against you. Snowflakes falling, each so unique. So Christmas is the times for what Christmas is the time for merry so merry Christmas to everybody.
By Lindsey
Grade 1

Dancer

I like to dance. It makes me feel happy! I do tap, jazz, and ballet. I spin, I leap, jump and a “pas de butter.” I go to competitions. Dance is the best!

By Anielle
grade 4

by Austin
grade 2

By Theresa
Grade 4

Snow everywhere
Noooo I got hit by a snowball
Oh, Jingle Bells
Wow! It looks pretty outside
Flakes of snow
Lakes covered in ice
A lot of fun
Kids having fun
Eevery kid in the snow
Simmering hot chocolate

by Jola
grade 2

By Robyn
Grade 4

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Now
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By Jarissa
Grade 4

What carol does every horse love?

A: *Deck the stalls*

What’s black and white and says ho ho ho?

A: *A penguin wearing a disguise*

What do you call Frosty the Snowman in May?

A: *A puddle*

By Lauren
Grade 2
By Taylor
Grade 3

So cold
No more sun
Oh so awesome
White is the color of snow

by Anthony
grade 2

By Irene
Grade 4

One day there was a girl named Pat and she loved the winter. She went outside everyday to play in the snow. One day she got sick and she wanted to outside to play in the snow so she didn’t tell her Mom. She got dressed and went outside. Than the had to go home for dinner. That night she fell in her nice warm bed.

by Kevin
grade 2

by Jenna
grade 2
By Cameron
Grade 1

One day at school I did not know that I had a mouse in my back pack. When I saw my back pack I saw a mouse in my back pack eating my snack. I screamed, OOOOOOO! And everyone heard me. When school was over I took out the mouse in my back pack. The next day the mouse was in class. Everyone saw him in the reading corner reading *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*. Everyone laughed. I was embarrassed. My teacher knew it was me and then I got a detention. I was so mad at the mouse. After school on Thanksgiving before the people came I took the mouse and put him in the garbage. But this caused more trouble he got mad and screamed, OOOOOOO! No one heard him and he and I had a food fight and my Mom told me to clean it up! When the people came they love it. The mouse went to be and settled down and then he saw another mouse and they were friends and the were always with each other and never bothered me again.
ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

By Caroline Dickerson

All I want for Christmas is a puppy so cute and sweet. That’s the only thing I want to see under my Christmas tree.

Christmas morning I wake up and run downstairs. I hear a noise, then I hear “ruff, ruff” coming from somewhere behind my Christmas tree. My dream has come true...yippee!
By Megan
grade 1

By Brianna
Grade 1

I ate turkey and potatoes. I had my cousins over. We played ice hockey. We play games. We had fun. We put up our Christmas tree with ornaments and lights.

By Irene
Grade 4

White snow
Icicles
Nice by the fire
Tossing snowballs
Eating popcorn
Roasting marshmallows

By Nicole
Grade 5

All kinds
Nice and caring
Incredible
Most kinds have fur
Awesome
Lovable
Small or big
This story takes place in the 1950s. It’s about two girls who play baseball and their names are Agatha and Rose. They live in segregation. Their main goal is for the whole nation to have Civil Rights. Will they get their own freedom? Read the story to find out.

Chapter I Problems

“Hey throw it over here!” said Rose.
“Okay.” said Jake. Rose, Jake and Agatha were playing baseball.
“Let’s get a drink, I’m thirsty!” said Jake.
“Okay,” said Rose. When Rose got to the fountain she noticed two signs above the two water fountains that said white and colored. Jake started drinking from the white fountain.
Rose noticed the policeman standing by.
“Uh, Jake, I don’t feel comfortable with you drinking from that fountain.”
The policeman noticed Jake drinking from the fountain and he immediately said, “STOP.”
“Why?” said Jake.
“Because that’s for whites only!”
“Oh,” said Jake. “I’d better get going now, see you guys later.”
“Bye,” said Rose, “See you tomorrow.” Jake went home feeling confused and discriminated against.

Chapter II Rosa Parks

“You get the newspaper?” said Jake
“No.” said Agatha.
“In it it says that this one woman named Rosa Parks wouldn’t give up her seat to a white person.”
“Wow!” said Agatha.
“But we can’t do something like that,” said Rose.
“Yeah.”
“How about making up a play at home about her?”
“OK” said Rose. “Then our parents could watch it. Let’s go home and prepare for the play.”

Chapter III The Play

“I call Rosa Parks!” said Agatha.
“I want to be the white person!” said Jake.
“I will be the bus driver!” said Rose.
As soon as the practiced their play, they performed it in front of Agatha’s and Rose’s parents. After the play was over all the parents thought the play was very true. After the play the kids started talking about segregation and what it does to one’s race. Everybody agreed that not being equal was unfair to everyone.

Chapter IV Understanding

As much as Agatha, Rose, and Jake understood the Character Counts! Pillars which are: Responsibility, Respect, Caring, Citizenship, Trustworthiness, and Fairness they couldn’t really do anything about it. They wanted peace not war. They were fighting for justice as much as they could.
By Joseph
Grade 1

On Thanksgiving my family is going turkey hunting! Today I have a birthday party and I got an invitation. Last night I played football. But my brother has to go on his knees when we play football in the house.

By Rebecca
Grade 1

Thanksgiving is here and the work is done. So the time has come to have some fun!
Once upon a time there was a snowman that was happy. The snowman liked winter. But one day, a hot day, the snowman didn’t know what to do. The snowman was melting. The little kids were rushing to him and put more snow on his body. Then the next day it was Christmas and the snowman was happy after that!

THE END
Hi! My name is Karolinka. I have two sisters Kasia and Justyna and two brothers Peter and Chris. I like to play with them. We do a lot of things together. My parents are very good to us. My family does things together. We eat dinner after school. We go to church. We play and do homework. I love my family very much.
by Alec
grade 1

by Kaley
grade 4

by Annie
Grade 4

Winter
I love it!
Non stop fun
The snow!
Everywhere snow
Rudolph the red nose reindeer
Sledding or Santa
Fun
Unbelievable
No one’s mad

By Rebecca
Grade 3

Why did the duck cross
the road?

A: Because the chicken
was on vacation

by Nick
grade 1
By Doria
grade 1

by Rishi
grade 2

By Marianna
Grade 4

A creature
Nice
In the world many kinds
Many
All live on earth (that we know of)
Lovely

By Anielle
Grade 4

Ice cube
Cold as ice
Excited to build a snowman
Can’t stop chattering my teeth
Oh please stop throwing snowballs at me
Laughing a lot
Don’t take your coat off
by Jordan
grade 3

by Emily
Grade 1

My Thanksgiving Trip to Chicago

We went to the Shedd Aquarium with our friends from church. It was very nice. We saw dolphins, turtles, seahorses, penguins and even a live tarantula.

by Anielle
Grade 4

Scarf
Never melts unless it not cold
Oh how cold
Wear your coat
Mittens
Ew I see something in the snow
Noon is the time I like to build a snowman

by Jola
grade 2

by Anielle
grade 4

by Gina and Rachel
Grade 4

Friends forever
Rachel and Gina BFF
In step
Excited
Never apart
Demanding play dates
Staying together forever
Snowmen

by Michael grade 2

by Kevin grade 2

by Liz grade 2

by Abigail grade 2

by Matthew grade 3

by Joey grade 2
Santa is a saint, he gives kids gifts until they faint.
He rides on a sleigh on a cold winter day.
Then he lays on his sleigh and dreams about Christmas day.
His reindeers are fast and forever they’ll last.
The bells will be ringing, the kids will be singing
Christmas songs all through the night.
The elves will make toys for all the boys and all the girls.
May all their wishes come true on this very night.
The snowflakes are falling from the sky tonight,
The stars can be seen cause they are so bright.
Pretty soon Christmas will be here
The kids will be excited and they will shout cheers.

by Dakota, Patrycja,
Nelly and Steph
grade 4

by Therese
and Robyn
grade 4

by Joey
grade 1
By Rachel and Gina
Grade 4

Once there were two girls named Gina and Rachel. They were playing in snow. “Hey Rachel, we should make snow girls,” said Gina.

“That’s a great idea but we should make separate ones,” Rachel said.

“Okay, so they can be friends.”

When they were almost finished their brother Anthony pushed them into the snow girls.

“I really hate him,” Gina said with her face in the snow girl.

“DITTO” said Rachel with her face in the snow girl too.

When they got their faces out of the snow girls, they brushed themselves off and pick up some snow and sprinted off to get revenge on Anthony.
What did the porcupine say to the cactus?
A: Is that you mommy?

What do prisoners use to call each other?
A. Cell phones

Where do polar bears vote?
A: The North Poll

What did the grape do when it got stepped on?
A: It let out a little whine!

What bow can’t be tied?
A: a rainbow

Where did the computer go to dance?
A: to a DISC-O

Goodbye leaves
Goodbye grass
Hello cold and sneezes
Goodbye warmth
Goodbye sunblock
Goodbye to everything that freezes
Hello heat
Make all of us melt
Make Christmas be fun
Make it be joyful
Make all dreams come true
Have lots of hot chocolate
Have lots of food
Have a happy ending TOO!

By Nikki
Grade 4

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By Francesca
Grade 4

by Dakota
grade 4

by Jordan
grade 3
The Miracle

One fall day my dog, Madison, was very sick. So my dad thought he should take him to the vet. He thought the vet might have to put Madison to sleep. He called my neighbor, Joe, to come over to help lift Madison into the car. When Madison saw Joe, Madison jumped up to see Joe. We did not have to put Madison to sleep on this day. And this is my miracle!
by Amanda  
grade 2

This is the story of my birthday on December 6th!

Mine, not yours MINE!
Yes, me!

Boss of dinner
I love it
Right now!
Time for gifts!
Happy day!
Day full of me!
Awake and excited
Year older.

By Jose  
Grade 1

by Jarissa  
grade 4

November is  
A time to remember
No bare feet
Walking by
Buzzing bees
Staring to die
November is
Before December.

by Matthew  
grade 2

By Rachel  
Grade 4

by Lindsey  
grade 1
Soaring Eagle

P.E.

Reading

Science

Math

Recess

Handwriting

Magazine

by Anielle

grade 4