



Happy Birthday!

Oh, I know you think I only write letters at Christmas, but I remember birthdays, too! And how could I forget yours? You are such a special kid, and I just had to wish you a Happy Birthday! You have been so good this year. I see that from my Santa Book, where I list all the good boys and girls, and check off who is being naughty, and who is being nice. You see, it's not enough to be good just at Christmas, but all year long. Santa is always watching!

The elves and I are busy here at the North Pole getting ready for Christmas. The holidays may be months away, but we work year-round, just to make sure we're ready come Christmas. The sleigh doesn't fill itself. It's a team effort, and I couldn't do my job without the help of the elves. But you know all about teamwork. If everyone pitches in, the job gets done faster, and there's more time for fun and play. And parties. Oh, the elves love a good birthday party. And no one is goofier than Elf Ethan. He laughs and sings, and creates balloon shapes like pink poodles and yellow hats. And that's what birthdays are all about: having fun, and being silly, and celebrating with friends and family.

Well, I'd better get back to work. I need to check on the Toy Workshop, and peek into Mrs. Claus' Bake Shoppe. Maybe she's baking a cake, or some cookies. She knows I need to fill up my red suit for Christmas. Ho, Ho, Ho!

I'll be seeing you soon! Of course, you won't see me, but I'll see you. Stay sweet till Christmas, so I can keep you on my "Nice" list!

And enjoy your birthday! They only come around once a year, like Christmas.

Love,

Santa

