



## Merry Christmas!

Christmas is coming up quick and things are very busy here at the North Pole. The elves are finishing up in the Toy Workshop, the reindeer are practicing their flying, and Mrs. Claus is in the kitchen baking lots and lots of cookies. She wants to make sure I fit into my red Santa suit by Christmas!

It takes teamwork to get ready for my Midnight Run on Christmas Eve, but with everyone here at the North Pole working together, the job always gets done. But you know all about teamwork. Thank you for picking up your toys, and helping around the house. A family is a team, too, and when everyone helps, you get to the fun stuff faster. Ho, Ho, Ho! And I can't think of a more fun thing to do than throw a party. Every year, after Christmas, the elves have a big party. The Elf Band will play, with Elf Evie on the piano, Elf Eddie on the guitar, and Elf Ethan on the drums. And there'll be singing and dancing, and lots of eating, and hanging ornaments on the Christmas tree. For here at the North Pole, every day is like Christmas. Elf Elsie will hang paper streamers; Elf Eva, the balloons; and Elf Eli will hand out the goodie bags. There are always goodie bags, filled with candy canes!

Mrs. Claus always makes apple cider and hot chocolate, and my favorite: cookies. Mrs. Claus bakes the best cookies. There is nothing better than a day spent outdoors, playing in the snow, followed by Mrs. Claus' cookies. The kitchen always smells so good! There's gingerbread cookies, and chocolate chip, and shortbread. But I think my favorite are the snowflake sugar cookies. Yum! Are you baking cookies for Christmas? If you do, will you leave a few out for me? The reindeer and I get awfully hungry traveling all around the world in the sleigh.

Oh, I can't wait to see you Christmas Eve! But no peeking. I'll tell the reindeer to be extra quiet on your roof, so we don't wake you. Have a very merry Christmas!

Love,

**Santa**

