

*We asked Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville youngsters to send their Christmas gift requests to us so we could pass them along to Santa Claus. Here are some samples of their letters, complete with original grammar.*

**World peace and Xbox**

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing at the North Pole. Hope you can get some of the things on my wish list.

My name is Abdullah, I am 11 years old and go to Aldergrove Public School and I am in grade 6.

- My wish list includes:
- 1- Microsoft Xbox
  - 2- Prince of Persia Sands Of Time for Ps2
  - 3- WWE Smackdown: Here Comes The Pain for Ps2
  - 4- World Peace

Thank you for making my wishes come true.

Love you always Santa.  
ABDULLAH

**Sponge Bob rules**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Spongebob telephone. Have a good time.

GRANT ALEXANDER  
MCGUIRE  
MARKHAM

**Carrots for reindeer**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Nicole and I am 3 years old. I just celebrated my third birthday on December 16. I am very excited this Christmas. I have been a very good girl. I

would like for Christmas a toy train set, a new doll, and a shopping cart with food.

I will leave you some chocolate, milk and cookies and some water and carrots for the reindeer. Lots of love.

NICOLE TUCCHITTO  
MARKHAM

**Nolan jersey, please**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for last year's gift. I really enjoyed it. This year I would like another gift to enjoy. It is a hockey jersey.

I would like to get a blue and white Maple Leafs jersey, that is No. 11 and the name on the back is Nolan. His full name is Owen Nolan. He is a Canadian on a Canadian team. He is also good so I would like it. Please and thank you.

ADRIAN  
MARKHAM

**How cold is North Pole?**

Dear Santa,  
I was wondering how cold it was in the North Pole?

I was also wondering how all the little elves make all the toys. And please tell Mrs. Claus I say hello. Can I please have an alligator, Barbie and a movie.

I hope you enjoy my milk and cookies. Thank you for reading my letter.

HALLI DEKKER, AGE 5  
STOUFFVILLE

**What do you want?**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Harrison. I

am 7 years old.

For Christmas I would like to get a game cube.

Is there anything you would like?

I love you,

HARRISON GIRDLER  
MARKHAM

**I've been a good boy**

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Tater Strader. I've been a good boy. If you can give me these presents and toys you will make me very happy. I am 3 years old. A gumball machine, Pop-up Pirate, cars, Lilo and Stitch 1, the movie. That's all I want.

TATER  
MARKHAM

**Let's be kind and nice**

Dear Santa Clause,

I am so happy to write to you. Here's what I want. To be rich but not really rich. Everyone to be kind and nice. Also, everyone to love each other and try to help others.

Now I really want is everyone to have a good life as me! I wish that the dentist doesn't have to pull my teeth out because I think I will be hurt but I am brave.

I wish the poor people don't have to be poor.

Love,

RENEE CHAN  
AGE 7  
MARKHAM



A young reader named Chad sent along this drawing for Santa Claus, complete with a sticker of a character from the animated movie Lilo and Stitch.

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The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board is responsible for the provision of police services, law enforcement and crime prevention within the Region of York.

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- a resident of the Region of York
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We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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