

To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me, some shoes, some close and a boucey hoppy. Thank you and you and rudoff have a safe trip.

Love, Alexis Taylor

Dear Santa Claus,
I want money for Zomdie games. I am not trying to bee greaty but I wount a x-box to play with freinds.

Love, William

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good. I am wonting a Bitseeey, Bingo.

Dear Santa Claus, I Been a Good boy This yar and I wat a toy WW2 Will Jeep. and a VR.

Skye

Dear Santa,
I have been a good kid. I want a stitich squishmellow.

Love, Mariela

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very Good this year for Christmas I would like a PS5.

Love, Gunner

Dear Santa Claus,
I been a good kid ths year. I want a car.

Dear Santa Claus,
I ahve been a good kid this year, I would like Mr. Gotherd to get better and be happy!

Brai

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like Zombie games for Nintendo switch and I want money and I want P mahomes bobblehead.

Love, Easton

Dear Santa,
I been a good kid and I want pokemon cards, an ps5, a big skittle bag tha tis a 11,000,000,000,000 feet tall, funko pops and funko sodas, a planet, a Nintendo switch, a iphone 11.

Love, Michael

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been a very good girl this year! I would like you to bring me for Christmas. I really want is a real pomeranian.

Love, Zaylie

the recipe. According to a 1997 New York Times story, she was unable to get a refund and emailed the recipe to her friends in a fit of revenge.

Neiman Marcus has always denied the story, even pointing out that they did not sell cookies in their restaurants. Then, after years of having to address the rumor and combat requests for the recipe, a vice president of food service for the company came up with the idea of making a Neiman Marcus chocolate chip cookie available for customers and diners in 1997. The company also decided to make the recipe available for free on its website.

Mini chocolate chip cookies in small and large glass jars decorated red ribbons are on display on a shelf.

Curious to see if the fresh baked cookies are as good as they say they are and how they compare to the tin canister cookies I eat during Christmas, I decided to make a batch myself. (Note: Neiman Marcus would not provide me with the recipe for the tin cookies.) I followed the recipe as closely as possible—although instead of a stand mixer I had to use an old hand mixer, which made preparing the dough more of a challenge. The recipe calls for baking batches for 20 minutes at 300 degrees; I had to adjust my oven temperature to get the cookies brown and crisp and hit the sweet spot at 15 minutes at 350 degrees. My cookies were a bit on the hard side, but not break-your-teeth hard. More like good-for-dunkin' hard. They had me craving a glass of milk, which I figured meant a job well done.

I have yet to compare my version to the original fresh baked cookies sold in the Neiman Marcus bars and restaurants in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. At the NorthPark

location, you can find them at the Mermaid Bar, but they're not on the menu at the NM Café. A person from the café told me if a customer asked for one, they would get it from the bar for them.

The downtown location's Zodiac restaurant is currently only serving a holiday menu, so go to the first-floor Espresso Bar for a cookie. "You'll want to get them when they're hot," a person at the bar told me by phone. And if seeking a quantity of them, Mariposa, the Willow Bend location's restaurant, will have the cookies ready for you if you call ahead and give them at least 30-minutes notice.

As for Fort Worth, the chocolate chip cookie is available at the store's NM Café. "They are a favorite," said the staff member I spoke to on the phone.

Of course, if you're unable to travel for the big chocolate chip

cookie or not up for baking them, you can always order a tin of Neiman Marcus chocolate chip cookies. While not the same as the famous freshly baked cookies, they can be a nice gift for a friend or family member. You can say you bought them something from Neiman Marcus and watch their face light up—unless they were expecting a walk-on role at the ballet.

On This Day in Texas History December 22, 1943

On this day in 1943, war hero and escaped prisoner of war William Dyess resumed his flying career and was killed while attempting an emergency landing in Burbank, California.

Dyess, born in Albany, Texas, in 1916, was sent to the Philippines in October 1941. After the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and began assaults on Bataan and Corregidor, Dyess was thrust into combat as commander of all flying squadrons on Bataan. In March 1942 he sank a Japanese ship and damaged shore installations in Subic Bay. When American forces in the Philippines surrendered to the Japanese in April 1942, Dyess became a prisoner of war. He survived the horror of the Bataan Death March and imprisonment at camps O'Donnell and Cabanatuan and the Davao Penal Colony. In April 1943 Dyess and several other

prisoners escaped from Davao and contacted Filipino guerillas, who led them to an American submarine. After evacuation to Australia and a hero's welcome in the United States, Dyess briefed the War Department on Japanese warfare and confirmed the enemy's brutality to POWs. After staying in an army hospital in Virginia to regain his health, Dyess was promoted to lieutenant colonel and resumed flying, with fatal consequences. During his life he received the Distinguished Service Cross, the Legion of Merit, and the Silver Star. He was posthumously awarded the Soldier's Medal. Abilene Air Force Base was renamed Dyess Air Force Base in his honor in 1956.

On the 12th day of Christmas, Texas farmers gave to me...

- Twelve strips of bacon,
- Eleven glasses of milk,
- Ten juicy grapefruits,
- Nine pounds of sugar,
- Eight bowls of rice,
- Seven plump beef roasts,
- Six chicken breasts,
- Five onion rings,
- Four cotton shirts,
- Three sweet corn cobs,
- Two woolly mittens,
- And pecans from their very own tree.

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