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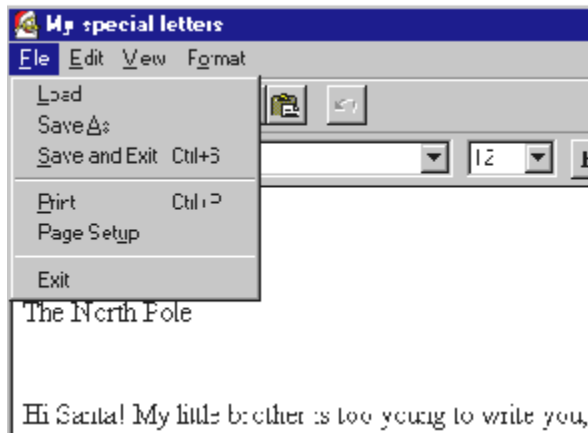
Yes Virginia

Recommendations

You may wish to send your child's letter to Santa on the Internet.

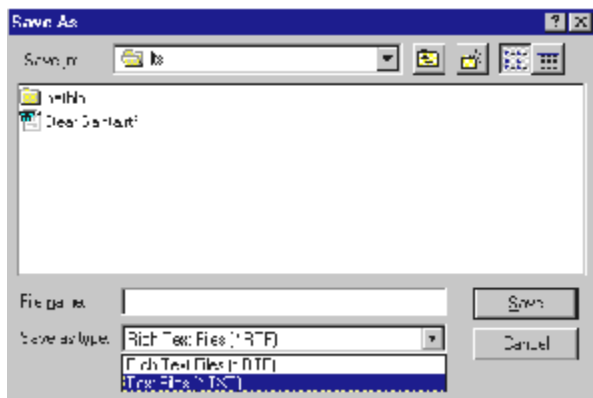
To save the letter as a file so that you can attach it to email, please follow these steps:

1. Open the program and help your child create a letter to Santa. Click on F2 to activate Word Pad.
2. When the letter is complete, click on FILE, SAVE AS:



File, Save As

3. Select TEXT:



Select TEXT

Select an appropriate name for the file.

Consult your Internet Mail program for directions on attaching files to Email to learn how to send your child's letter.

If your child has added a drawing, you may need to send it by regular mail, or, you may need to scan the letter to send it through the Internet.

Sites with entry forms

Some sites have specific entry forms that they require you use to send a letter to Santa.

Sites

We have searched the Internet for FREE sites that accept letters and return replies.

These sites were active on the date tested (July 20, 1998.) Sites sometimes close or change from free to a pay service. A few of the sites below do not have a "live" email connection to Santa all year and open email as Christmas draws near,

Please verify that the site meets your needs before using it. Many of the sites have special instructions and notes that you should review prior to mailing your child's letter. We have NOT screened these sites for the quality of the response or service.

<http://www.santaclausonline.com/santapages/main.html>

<http://texaswebs.com/santa/>

<http://www.marlo.com/dearsant.htm>

<http://kellnet.com/onelink/santa/>

<http://www.markettech.com/santamail/default.asp>

<http://www.northpole4kids.com/>

<http://mrclaus.com/>

<http://www.santaclaus.com/>

<http://www.northpole.com/main.html>

Support

Please see the main manual for customer support information.

Please see the main manual for license and warranty terms.

Yes Virginia

Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

Editorial Page, New York Sun, 1897

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!

