## THE NORTH POLE

Dear

Brrrrrrr, it is cold at the North Pole! The elves in the stable are working round—the—clock to keep the water in the reindeer's water dishes thawed. It seems to freeze solid every hour. When they miss a bowl, the reindeer bump their noses on the ice when they try to take a drink. Almost all the reindeer have bruises on their noses. Even Rudolph.

Did you write a letter to me this year? Mrs. Claus likes to tease me about forgetting things. But I never forget the important things, like where you live or how old you are. I do, however, often forget where my glasses are. (They are almost always in my beard. It is such a big fluffy beard that I tuck my glasses inside to keep them safe and then I forget about them.)

Are you enjoying the holiday season? Mrs. Claus and I love this time of year. We drink hot cocoa and watch the snow fall and tell stories about our elf & reindeer friends.

It's fun to think of you getting older,
I hope you know how special you are and how very much you are loved, exactly the way you are.

It's time for me to say goodbye now! I need to bring some soup to the Chief Elf. He has a cold and his nose won't stop running. It is dripping on all the presents.

Don't forget your friend Santa Claus! I won't forget you.
I'll see you very soon. And remember, the reindeer & I love carrots & cookies!

Merry Christmas!

your friend,

Santa Claus