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I was so pleased to have received your letter!

It is busy, busy, busy around these parts as we enter another joyful holiday season. Mrs. Claus, our Chief Toy Engineer, has examined all of the toys and given her seal of approval. In my walk-through inspection of the workshop today, it was exciting to see that the elves had just about finished wrapping up all the presents and prepared them to be loaded on the sleigh. The holiday spirit is on full display. The North Pole Band has been playing all the big Christmas classics while the work is being done, and everybody is dancing along! Even though getting ready for Christmas every year is hard work, we make sure to have a lot of fun while doing it.

After all, the holidays are a time to sing and dance and be close to those we love. Reading letters from children like you reminds me that I have the luckiest job in the whole world!

I can hear the reindeer outside my window and they are getting restless. I can't blame them. We're just about ready to depart for the big night! Rudolph's red nose is beginning to shine brightly - that means it's almost time to begin the sleigh ride. I hope this letter gets to you soon, and I'm very much looking forward to reading more letters from you again next year.

Your friend, *Santa*

