



Service Learning News

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This week, many classes wrote notes and drew pictures for soldiers in Iraq, including a young man who is the recently deployed son of one of our wonderful kitchen staff. Several adults added treats, and I am posting the box today. Regardless of what we think about events in the Middle East, surely we can all echo the sweet sentiments that our children wrote. Here are a few as examples...

From a third grader...

Dear Soldier,

My name is Justin. I am in the third grade in Ohio. I am thinking of you and wish you a happy holiday. I know your family must miss you so much! Thanks for all you do for our country. Stay safe and have a happy new year.

From a first grade class...

We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for doing your job. We would like to meet you when you come home. We like your mom!

From a sixth grader...

Dear Soldier,

Hi! Happy holidays! I hope you are well. I really appreciate what you are doing, serving our country. Thank you for protecting me and many others. I admire your courage and strength. I wish you luck and I hope you are safe; and when you return from serving our country, know that I will be forever grateful for what you did. Again, happy holidays and best wishes.

From a seventh grader...

Dear Soldier,

Happy holidays! I hope that the war ends and you can come home soon. Today was the first day of real snow in Ohio. I am a student at Old Trail. My favorite Christmas food is hot chocolate. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dictated by kindergartners...

*Happy Christmas! I hope you get a stocking with candy inside. Your mom loves you! I hope you have a great day.

*I love you and I love your uniform too! I hope you have a warm and sunny Christmas. Your medal your mom showed us is nice.

*I wonder if you have snow at your place. Merry Christmas and Happy Hannukah!

From a kindergarten class...

We know you are a soldier in the Army in Iraq... your mommy brought us a picture from when you were little and in kindergarten like us... we hope you like our angels watching over you... every day when we say the pledge to the flag we think of you and what you are doing for us and our country... we are sorry you won't be home for Christmas... we hope you have a happy and safe Christmas with your new friends!

From a first grader...

Merry Christmas! Your mom really misses you. By the way, it is Christmas here. In the words of Santa Claus, "A good Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"



Judy