

Birmingham Youngsters Reveal Christmas Desires in Letters to Santa Claus

The Eccentric is happy to cooperate with Santa Claus this year in helping him handle his mail from Birmingham. We are receiving all letters from the very little folks in the local schools at this office, and are forwarding them to Santa in plenty of time for him to handle all requests. In addition to this, the letters are being published in The Eccentric so that any of his helpers who are subscribers may also have the lists without having to wait for Santa's answer to be returned to them.

The list of schools will open this week with the publication of the letters from the youngsters at Adams School. We're quite sure that Santa is going to be very proud of these letters, and will do everything he possibly can to get that the boys and girls who write them receive the things they want the most.

The Adams school letters will be followed, next week, by those from Pierce school.

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