An excerpt from the original Paragraph a Week program featured at The Teacher's Desk 1998-2012

A Christmas Wish

Name _____ Date Due

Suppose you could wish for a gift for someone else this Christmas, and you knew that your wish would be granted in a special or magical way. Your gift could be an object, or it might be for something to happen, or for someone to have a special ability. Your wish may involve money, but only if it is used to bring about happiness for someone else. On the back of this sheet, brainstorm a list of at least 5 things you might wish for someone else.

Choose one wish to use as the topic for your Paragraphs a Week. Tell what you would wish for, who would be the receiver of your gift, and why you would wish for that person to receive this gift. Write two paragraphs about this wish.

REMEMBER:

_____ 5-8 sentences for each paragraph, including a topic and concluding sentence

____A TRANSITIONAL sentence which smoothly takes your reader from one paragraph to another

____ traits of good writing; focus on IDEAS and ORGANIZATION

____ clearly REWORKED rough draft

____ final is neat and written in ink

_____ signature of adult who helped you proofread your work for CONVENTIONS

__ all three papers stapled together with final on top

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