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**Holiday Letter For Family**

**Holiday Greetings from the Johnson Family!**

December 20, 2024

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* **Emma** continues to teach third grade and started a blog about creative teaching methods, which has gained a surprising amount of followers and has become a passionate part of her life.
* **Lucas** started his first grade this fall and is thriving in science and art. He recently won the school science fair with his volcano project!
* **Sophie and our dog, Buster**: As always, Sophie keeps us on our toes! This year, she started soccer and has shown great enthusiasm and skill, scoring her first goal last month. Buster, ever the mischievous one, managed to eat a whole birthday cake when we weren’t looking!

**Special Moments:** One of our most cherished memories this year was our family trip to Yellowstone National Park. It was a time of laughter, love, and lots of photographs that we’ll treasure forever.

**Acknowledgments and Wishes:** As we celebrate this holiday season, we want to thank you for being a part of our lives. We hope this season fills your home with joy, your heart with love, and your life with laughter.

Looking ahead to 2025, we wish you all peace, happiness, and prosperity. May the New Year bring you new adventures, opportunities, and an abundance of joy.

**Closing:** We hope to see you in the coming year! Until then, stay safe and warm, and may your holidays be merry and bright.

With all our love,

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