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Dearest Sattie:

As usual your beautiful Christmas gifts were something out of this world & far nicer than we deserve I am sure. Sam is hoarding his wagon of blocks like I hoard my one bottle of Scotch and I really think he is happier with your present than anything he has ever had. Mary called this morning by telephone & said "guess what?" Sam has been playing steadily with Sattie's blocks for 2 hours. I think now that his trouble has been that he never had enough interesting things to play with. The little blue dress from Fred & Taylor's for baby Helen was beautiful. It's really her first "grown-up" dress & it hardly seems possible she is ready to wear it so soon. The slip for Mary was a huge success - she was just about ready to step into some flour sacks. We both loved the leather photo album. I have started to fill it already. You ~~sent~~ shouldn't have done so much for us, but we certainly loved every thing & thank you again & again! I am going to

work very hard this New Year &
make enough so you can have
anything you want. I will buy
you an Automobile diamond bracelet
& fur coats! 'Pray for me to
do well so I can buy you
all these things!

Sam is in & out of Sarah's doll
house between spanking. So far
he has only broken one window &
the front door in it. Sarah has
roller skates and is crashing
around the house like mad.
I hope your car be here next
Christmas to take over - we are
exhausted!

Write to us when you can &
tell me where & when you will be
in New York. Try & come here first
on your way if you can. Please try to.
Lots of love - & Thanks again &
again for your wonderful presents.
Love. Rod

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Dearest Solie,

It was dear of you to send
us all such lovely presents -
I am going to smell so sweet
with the delicious rose de
cologne and sachets, and you
know many chess things are
one of my favorites. The
records of Marion A. are really
the loveliest I ever
heard her record and we
so love having them to add
to our collection. Then Sarah
was so delighted with the
pretty shirt and bathrobe.
She wears the shirt most
every day and looks
darling in it. It certainly

even laundry. They both love
the box of oil cloth animals -
they're so real looking -
Red did so much some new
hankies and these will be his
best - many, many thanks
dear for helping to make
our time so good - from
the whole King family -

Today we found a
second hand sled and
Sarah slid down hill all
afternoon, hitting only
a bush. Sam even tries
to go down the hill too
and laughs when he
falls off.

My days are so full that
I am a little late with
my thanks your notes -



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No news really except that
I would love to have
you stop off here on
your way East.

Sam is so big now and
is everything, you'd
certainly be amused by
him.

Well dear Mary, many
thanks for all our lovely
presents.

Much love,
M. Mary.



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Mr. Samuel Jones M. Moore
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New York City,
N.Y.

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16TH FLOOR WEST

Thursday

Dearest Alice,

My eyes could scarcely believe there were such exquisite dresses for children now - well I've never seen such beautiful dresses and you were such a dear to send Helen two such darling ones and the lovely bonnet too - Thank you so very much dear - She will look so sweet in them with her dark hair.

We have had such a wonderful time with mother so I know you're having

but I'm sorry she had to
bump her head.

We will miss seeing you
this summer but perhaps
you can get home before
we leave.

With loving with us

much love,

Mary
Dearest love to Mother,

MR

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Dearest Lattie:

After much pushing & shoving we finally got Sarah onto the train with Gogo! I am enclosing a copy of Sarah's report card which will interest you I am sure. We must all do what we can to liven her up a bit. She is much too sober.

If you have time I wish you would do me a favor. We were so thrilled with the music in "Carousel" that I tried to buy the record album here & they said it would be months yet before Pittsburgh stores had it. I remember seeing it in several N. Y. music stores so will you please buy one for me & have it shipped here - (1207 Denniston) my check enclosed may not be enough, if not I will send you more! I am sorry you were not available to turn around with us last week I could have used your support very nicely.

Write me when you go home & maybe we can take "The Rush" together.

I can pack benches etc from here.
We are moving the 27th.
Lots of love. Roy.

FALK SCHOOL
SECOND SEMESTER REPORT
June 6, 1945

Name	<u>Sarah King</u>	<u>Senior Nursery</u>	
		<u>Feb.</u>	<u>June</u>
Days Present	<u>60 1/2</u>	Height <u>45 3/4</u>	<u>46 3/4</u>
Days Absent	<u>24</u>	Weight <u>53 1/2 lb.</u>	<u>54 lb.</u>

Sarah has made satisfying progress in nursery school this year. Her motor coordination is good, as can be noticed in her ease and poise in walking, running and climbing. Although she enjoys being outdoors, and uses the play apparatus well, she is not too vigorously active. Her interests are centered chiefly in work materials.

The fine muscles of her fingers are well developed as shown by the skill with which she uses paint, blocks, clay and wood. Painting is preferred to all other activities. Her work habits are particularly well developed. Whatever she is doing at any time is well planned and well executed. She works with a definite purpose in mind, usually shunning suggestions from children and adults. She shows persistence, drive, and determination.

Sarah is inclined to be a little too reserved. She smiles frequently when something pleases her, but is generally a sober, serious little girl. She is quick to retaliate over the slightest bump or accident, and rarely sees there may be a funny side to the situation. Developing an ability to see the lighter side of things would release tension and help her appreciate amusing incidents in a more enjoyable manner. Upon meeting opposition, she may flare into a brief temper outburst, and perhaps sulk for a few minutes following the occasion. She is beginning to accept suggestions and helpful criticism, and is gradually becoming a "better sport".

Sarah is friendly but not affectionate toward others. She prefers playing with only a few of the children, chiefly because particular interests seem to be mutual and agreeable. Housekeeping activities and dramatic play are preferred. Her play exhibits original and practical ideas, but very little of the imaginative.

Music holds great appeal. In rhythms she loses her self-conscious attitude and expresses herself freely and easily. She is willing to participate and offers interpretations of her own which are creative and delightful.

She enjoys listening to stories. Frequently she participates in simple dramatizations. She does not contribute stories of her own, however, and has little to offer in an audience situation.

Sarah should make a better social adjustment next year. The activities of the Kindergarten will require more social organization, and will be a definite challenge to Sarah in identifying herself with a group.

Elizabeth McDowell

Teacher Senior Nursery