

The Summer Elf

It's the last day of school, and The Summer Elves Phoenix and Sunny are out delivering prizes to all the deserving children. But when it turns out that Phoenix forgot something important, will the two be able to complete their mission?



Sunny consulted her list. This was it. House number 42. "Perfect," she whispered. With a quick look around, she shrunk down to the size of a teeny speck of dust. Pulling her bum bag behind her, she shimmied under the door.



Sunny grinned as she returned to her normal size and placed a scooter at the foot of the stairs. Suddenly, she heard footsteps. Dashing to the wall, she quickly camouflaged herself.

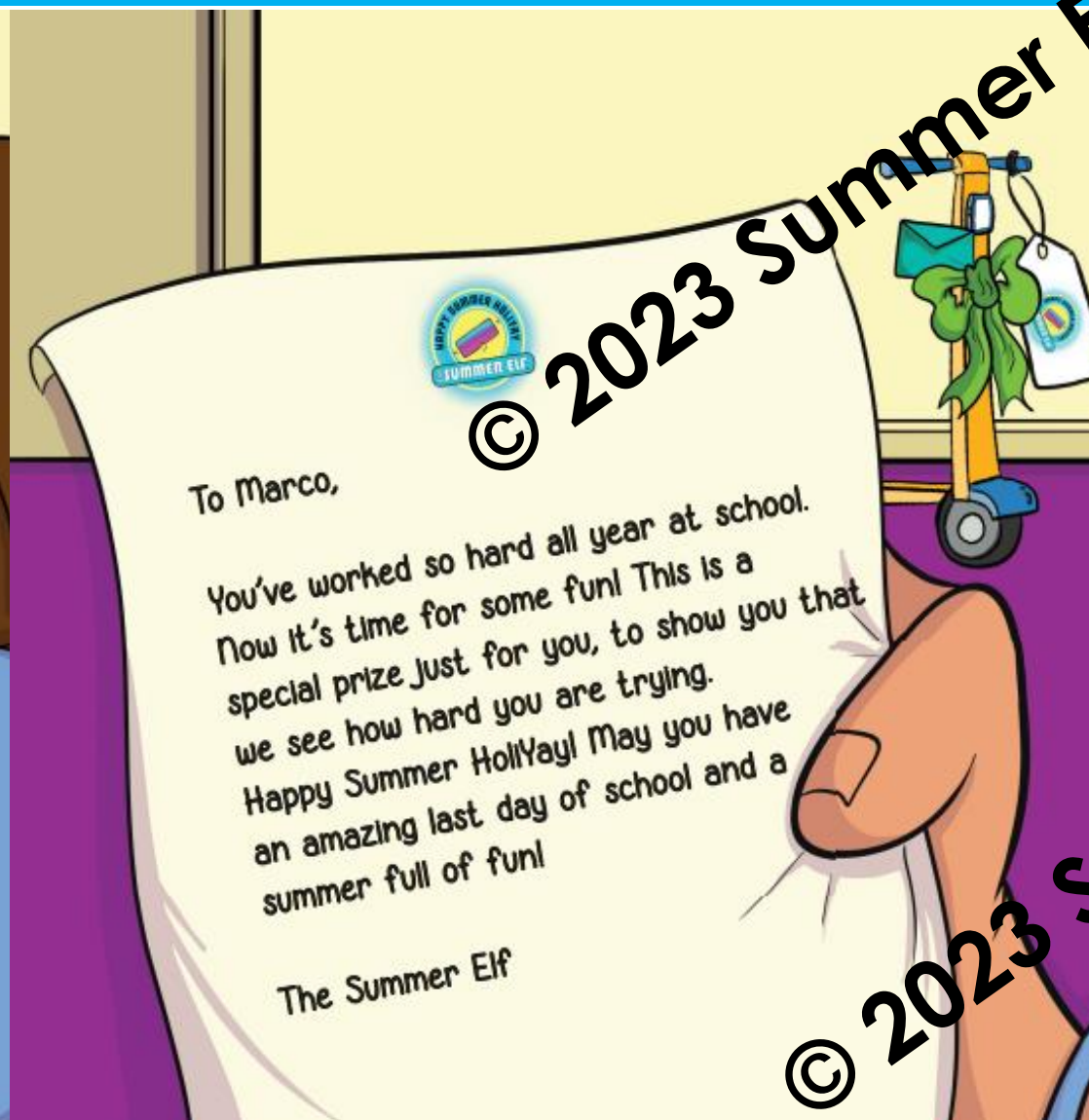


Sunny loved delivering presents to the kids, but every Summer Elf knew the one golden rule: Don't get caught!

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"Wow!" Marco shouted.
"Mom! Did you get me a scooter?"
Marco's mom came around the corner. "It's not from me. But look, there's a note."



To Marco,

You've worked so hard all year at school. Now it's time for some fun! This is a special prize just for you, to show you that we see how hard you are trying. Happy Summer Holiday! May you have an amazing last day of school and a summer full of fun!

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"Cool!" Marco shouted. "Can I play with it now?"
Marco's Mom shook her head. "You've got all summer to play. Now go enjoy your last day of school!"

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With a big hug for Mom, Marco raced out the door. "Summer, here I come!" Inside, Marco's mom looked at the note again. "The Summer Elf. Hmm. Wonder if that's anything like Santa's."

Sunny giggled as she shimmered back into sight. If only Marco's mom knew how close to the truth she was. In fact, the summer elves were descendants of Santa's elves. You might even call them "Santa's summer helpers."



It had all started when Granddad Elf realized that the winter weather made it hard for kids to enjoy most outdoor toys and games. He'd suggested leaving his gifts on the last day of school - toys they could use all summer. Earning their Summer Elf gifts would motivate kids to set goals and do well in school all year long! Santa had a hard time saying no, and the rest, as they said, was history!



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"Phew, that was a close one!" Phoenix said when Sunny slipped outside. "Now let's see . . . who's next?"



Every year their friends back on EverDream Island prepared prizes to give to kids on the last day of school. Not every child could have a gift waiting when he or she woke up on the last day of school, but Sunny and Phoenix always made sure they had gifts waiting by the time they got home. "Number 48," Phoenix said finally, making his way down the street. "Come on."

Glossary

Bum Bag	They are not just a regular bag. They are magic and designed to carry all the fun prizes to be delivered.
Sunglasses	This super stellar eye wear does more than just protect against the sun. They also come equipped with DRN (delivery route navigation) so all the Summer Holiday gifts get delivered on time. This awesome eye wear even allows Summer Elves to communicate when danger is nearby. Remember the golden rule: Don't get caught!
Wristband	Wearing The Summer Elf wristband is a daily reminder for children to keep working toward their goals. It is also how children know they are on the Elves' prize list for the Summer Holiday.
Boomerang	The Summer Elf elves need to get around the World fast! Their boomerangs are exclusively hand-crafted for speed, agility, and precision return.
Headphones	The Summer Elves use their headphones to communicate with each other in flight.
EverDream Island	Santa said the North Pole was too full, so the Summer Elves moved to EverDream Island! It's also where they store the prizes!
Sunny	Second in command when it comes to the Summer Holiday deliveries. With her amazing magic, she is able to change colors like a chameleon and instantly blend into her surroundings. She also has the unique ability to shrink to the size of a speck of dirt. This comes in handy, especially when she is delivering prizes.
Phoenix	One of Santa's head elves for many, many, many years. Having worked his way through all the ranks on the Christmas side of things, Santa knew he would be perfect to lead Summer Elf Enterprises. His magic is super strength, and the ability to speak to animals. He has a special growl only they can understand.

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