



[Letter to Clara Breed to Katherine Tasaki,
Poston, Arizona, December 31, 1942]

Date
1942

Primary Maker
Tasaki, Katherine

Medium
paper, ink

Description
1 letter and envelope from Katherine Tasaki to Clara Breed.;
Transcription: Dec. 31, 1942/Dear Miss Breed,/I can't begin to
thank you for all the presents Please excuse me for not writing
sooner, but I just wasn't in the mood for writing. We had a very
nice Chirstmas party on our block. A orchestra leader from camp 2
was our song leader. He sang very nicly. Everyone got a preasent.
I got a paper doll set, notches, and a book. A girl gave me her
paper doll set because she didn't want it./In the morning it is very
cold. I hate to get up to go to school. Sometimes I wish it was
vacation, but still I wouldn't want to go to school in the summer
because it is so hot. We have a stove in our school room, but it
doesn't warm us up. Not even the girl that's sitting in front of it
can't feel it. We could have got a stove, but there isn't enough, so
my mother said to give it to the people who really need it. We have
a pail in our room, and we have some sand in it. we put hot
charcol in the pail and we have a stove. We go to the "park" and
burn wood, then we put it in water, and we have charcol./There's a
lot of cows in our "park." I suppose you're wondering what our

park is like, unless I already told you. If I haven't, I'll tell you now. Theres lot of trees growing, and there is a stream that
goes all around the park. In the summer time the trees make a good shade. They cleared away some of the trees, to
make charcol./Yesterday afternoon was rather hot so I went to the canteen to get ice cream, and what a surprise I had!
They had Sherbert! It tasted very good, so today I went again to get some more but they were doing inventory. My mother
washed the kitchen towels for two months, so this month she got 32 dollars for the two months. We didn't get our pay for a
long time so when we finally got it, we bought a lot of things now we have only ten dollars left from the pay. I wanted so
bad to get yarn to make my doll a pullover sweater, but my mother wouldn't let me. When I go home I'm going to get a lot
of yarn and make a lot of things. /We're working harder then ever now at school. We don't have any geography books so
we have to make the map of the United States. And we have to know where every state is, and how to spell them./Well
this is the day before New Year, so I wish you a very happy one./Yours Truly,/Katherine Tasaki

Dimensions
H: 7.875 in, W: 5 in (sheet) H: 3.5 in, W: 6 in (envelope)