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## Birthday Boy Asks Friends To Bring Gifts For Soldiers

JACKSONVILLE, FL -- 8-year-old Thomas Moniski wanted just one thing for his birthday. He asked his friends to bring gifts for soldiers.

Moniski's mother, Katie Grant, said her son is intrigued with soldiers.

When Thomas Moniski found out his grandmother had a neighbor whose son was being sent to Iraq, he immediately started including him in his prayers.

Moniski wanted to know if he could send him letters, but his grandmother suggested that he make a care package for him.

Moniski loved the idea so much, he decided to send care packages to several troops over seas.

His mother found a website called Anysoldier.com and Moniski sat for hours writing down names of soldiers that he wanted to send packages.

He then decided that since he had a birthday coming up that he would ask his friends and family not to bring a gift for him, but to instead bring items for care packages.

Grant said, "At first we were going to make three, but now we have enough to make a ton. My son has a really big heart, we're really proud of him."



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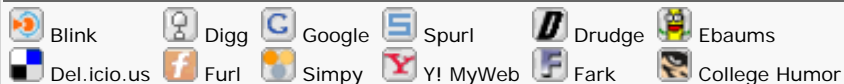
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