March 25, 2013

Dear Parents,

We have read a story called Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown. In the story, Stanley has many wonderful adventures, including being sent in an envelope to visit friends in California. The class has made their own Flat Stanley and we want to mail them off to experience their own adventures.

There are two options to this project. We need your help.

Option #1  Send Flat Stanley to a friend or relative

Please help your child address the envelope to a friend or relative that would be willing to describe Stanley’s visit to their town, state, or far off country and then mail Stanley back to your child to you with an accounting of his visit. Inside the envelope, you will find a letter. Please help your child fill out the greeting line. Then mail Flat Stanley and letter to your friend or relative so Flat Stanley can begin his adventure. We want a postcard, picture, a brochure, or even a video from Stanley describing what he saw while visiting this new place.

Option #2 Take Flat Stanley on an adventure yourself

I know many families will be traveling over the Spring break and some students want to take their Flat Stanley with them. Take pictures of your child with Flat Stanley and keep a journal of Flat Stanley’s Adventures. Bring the pictures, postcards, brochures, etc. and Flat Stanley back to class when you return.

When Stanley returns from his trip, I will post where he went on a map and I will display your child’s Flat Stanley. I will give each child a 12 x 18 sheet of construction paper. Please let me know when your Flat Stanley comes back and you are ready for the paper. Please mount your child’s Flat Stanley and any post cards or pictures that will fit on the black paper. Please do not send in anything bigger than the 12 x 18 black paper. Lessons in geography (mapping skills), language arts (writing), and social studies (culture and ancestors) will naturally follow Stanley’s return.

Try and pick a friend or relative who would be willing to support the educational ideas behind this project. If you want to learn more about Flat Stanley just Google him. Check out the photo gallery.

All Flat Stanleys are due back by April 30, 2013.

Thanks for your help,
Mrs. Kido