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Dear Flat Stanley Participant.

Our class is embarking on a special geography project called, "Flat Stanley". The project is based on the book Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown and is about a boy who gets flattened when his bulletin board falls on him and leaves him flat. Stanley remains in this flat state for sometime and learns to adjust to life as a 'flat' child, enjoying many adventures on the way. One particular adventure is getting folded, put into an envelope and sent through the mail to a friend in California because going by a plane is just too expensive! From this scene in the story comes our project and your part.

Enclosed in this envelope is Stanley and his journal. We would like to ask you to help us learn about the area in which you live (country, state, city, town, neighborhood) by taking Stanley with you on some adventures and to tourist attractions and then recording them in his journal. You could bring Stanley to work, museums, the park, football games or any other place that you think would be educational for Stanley and his maker here at Williams Cone School. If you go on vacation (or know someone else that is) you could take Stanley along and record his experiences. Please include information about the climate, geographic features as well as another interesting facts about land forms and the population of the area. Once Stanley has fully enjoyed his stay, you can send him and his journal back to the above address, with attention to the student that made him.

In the past people have taken photographs of Stanley next to famous landmarks such as the Golden Gate Bridge and Bugs Bunny's star on the Hollywood walk of Fame. Occasionally people have sent souvenirs back with Stanley, such as maple syrup from his trip to Vermont or oranges from Florida when he visited Miami. The kids obviously get a kick out of those responses, but returning Stanley with a post card or a map of your city is more than enough.

We hope you are up for the challenge and would like to ask you to visit with Stanley for several weeks before sending him back which is key. We have several excited senders who will be awaiting Stanley's return to Williams Cone School.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this project!

Most Sincerely
Nathan Mao

Journal for Flat Stanley

Dear _____

From,
