

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are currently learning about continents and other map skills in class. Among them, we are learning how to locate our city, province, country, and continent on maps and globes. Now we would like your help!

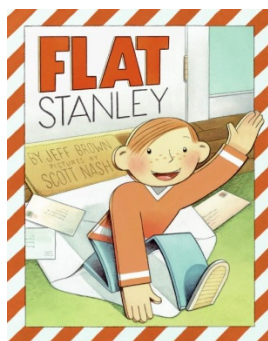
We have read Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown. In the story, a young boy gets flattened by a bulletin board (without being hurt) and is able to travel the world in an envelope and have many exciting adventures. We have been making our own Flat Stanley travelers that will also travel the world!

Your child's Flat Stanley is coming home and we're asking that you send him/her to a friend or relative that lives somewhere else in the world.

The recipient will be asked to return the traveler after a week or two along with a picture(s) of Flat Stanley in front of a landmark or scenery in the area they live. If they're able to include a postcard or small souvenir, even better! Attached are two letters: one that can be sent to the recipient along with your child's Flat Stanley and a letter they can fill out to send back to us. More copies can be printed off our class blog. When the travelers return to our school, we will plot Stanley's whereabouts on our map and share the information received with each other. It will be a tremendous learning experience for your child. We are all very excited about it!! If your family is travelling during this school year your child will be creating another Flat Stanley they can bring along on your adventures!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Many examples of past students' Flat Stanleys can be found on our class blog under the Flat Stanley link on the right sidebar.

As always, I really appreciate your support of our learning and activities!



Sincerely,
Ms. Watt

Dear _____,

Your Flat Stanley came all the way to my city/province/country,

_____.

While (s)he was here, these are some of the exciting things (s)he saw and did:

The distance between Burnaby, British Columbia and my city is approximately _____ kilometers.

If Flat Stanley should come back to visit, (s)he should wear

because the climate here is _____.

Some other interesting facts about my city include:

Happy travels Flat Stanley! ☺

(letter to send to Flat Stanley recipient)

Dear _____,

In school, we were read a book called Flat Stanley about a boy flattened by a bulletin board one night while he is sleeping. Though at first sad, he finds things that he is able to do when he is flat including folding himself up in an envelope and mailing himself to visit friends in far places!

We've made our own Flat Stanley and are now mailing them to friends so that we can learn about different places around the world. I decided to mail my Flat Stanley to you and hope you will let him visit for about a week and show him/her a good time!

During Flat Stanley's visit, please take his/her picture next to a local landmark or a place you visit. If you can't get a picture, please send a picture postcard. Tell us where Flat Stanley went and anything (s)he did while in your care. Be creative - the sky is the limit! We welcome brochures or souvenirs to display with Stanley (although not necessary!).

Please send your Flat Stanley (and other material) to:

(Student name)
c/o Ms. Stephanie Watt's Class
Nelson Elementary School
4850 Irmin Street
Burnaby, BC V5J 1Y2

Once Flat Stanleys start to return to our class, we are going to compile a class book telling others about their adventures and what we have learned. We can't wait to learn anything you can share with us! Thank you so much for letting my Flat Stanley visit with you! Thanks for helping make this a fun learning experience for my class.

Sincerely, _____