

Dear _____,

This is Flat Stanley. My second grade class has been reading about him. Flat Stanley is a boy who was accidentally flattened when a bulletin board fell on him. Don't worry, he was okay. He just ended up being a half an inch thick! At first, he didn't think this was so great. Then he realized it had some benefits. He could fit under closed doors, he helped capture some criminals, and he was able to visit a friend in California for the cost of a postage stamp! His parents couldn't afford to send him by plane or train so they put him in an envelope and mailed him there.

We decided it would be fun (and educational of course) for each of us to send Flat Stanley to a friend or relative to visit. **Here are some suggestions of things you could do while Flat Stanley is with you:**

1. Take a picture of Flat Stanley with you so I can tell my class about you.
2. Take pictures of Flat Stanley in some interesting places you take him (your work, school, museum, with your pet, etc.)
3. Make Flat Stanley an outfit that depicts the place you live. It could be a sports jersey, shorts and a t-shirt (if you live someplace warm), cowboy boots (if you live in the west), winter jacket (if it is cold where you live), etc.
4. Collect some small souvenirs (postcards, placemat from a special restaurant, brochures, etc.) from places you visit with him.

When Stanley's visit is over please send Flat Stanley, a letter telling about his visit with you, and his souvenirs back to me. I am going to put them together on a poster and present it to my class.

Our posters will be hung in the hallway for the rest of the school to see. We are also using a map to plot Stanley's travels.

I would appreciate it if you could **send Stanley back to me by Friday February 29, 2011.**

Sincerely,
