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Dear Friend or Relative,

As part of our integrated Reading, Writing, Language, Social Studies, and Mathematics programs, my class at Cambridge Public Schools have read a funny book called **Flat Stanley** by Jeff Brown. The book is about a young boy named Stanley who is accidentally squished "as flat as a pancake" when a bulletin board falls on him. Stanley is very, very flat but otherwise fine. The story goes on to tell how Stanley discovers some real advantages to being flat. Stanley's family did not have enough money to send him on a train or plane to visit a friend in California, so they decided to fold him up and put him in a large envelope and mail him. Our class has decided we would like to do the same with our Flat Stanley's.

We are sending out our own "FLAT STANLEYS", and we are sending them off to visit cities all over America and hopefully the WORLD. I have selected you to be FLAT STANLEY's "host family" and hope that you will send him back to me after a short visit (one week) telling us (my class) something about your city and the exciting things FLAT STANLEY saw or did while he was there. We would also appreciate it if you could let us know approximately how far your city is from mine (CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA) so that we can calculate the number of miles FLAT STANLEY has traveled. Of course, FLAT STANLEY would also appreciate it if you could "dress" him to reflect the season you are in, or an activity that he did, or other clothing that would tell us more about where you live or about your occupation.

Thank you for letting my FLAT STANLEY come to visit you!

Yours truly,

PS. It would be fun to get a postcard from FLAT STANLEY in your town, too!