April 2, 2012

Dear Families,

We're sending Flat Stanley home for Easter break! Each student will take home his/her Flat Stanley on Wednesday. We'll also send home a journaling sheet, and we ask that your child write a journal entry about things that Flat Stanley did during the break. For example: Flat Stanley and I went on a bike ride. He watched me hunt for Easter eggs. He loved eating ham at grandma's house. We'll attach a list of ideas that the students could write about. There's also room for the students to draw a picture. When the students return their journal sheet to school we'll collate them and make them into a big book that the kids can read, so they can hear about all the Stanley adventures.

We also request that families take at least one photo of Stanley during the break, either in your home or in the community (whether it's Saskatoon or anywhere else if you're going on vacation). Part of this activity involves learning about similarities and differences in the way people live, and we'd love to see snapshots of your family life. We'll be sharing the photos we receive on our Flat Stanley website. We understand that privacy is a concern for some families (this is a public website), so if you don't want to show your child's image that's fine--just take a photo of Stanley. For example, Stanley in a bike basket, or at the bottom of a slide. For ideas check out www.flatstanley.com and click on "photos".

If you'd like to take more than one photo that's great. When you've uploaded your photos, even during the break, please email them to Mrs. Hnatiuk at hnatiukl@spsd.sk.ca and she'll put them on our blog. Mrs. Hnatiuk has created this blog just for our grade one classrooms: http://bit.ly/H6FsOa Tell the kids to keep checking the blog to see what the Stanleys have been up to during the break! Stanley will especially have some fun adventures with Mrs. Gieni, so watch the website!

If you don't have a digital camera, but do have a Stanley photo, send it to school after the break and we'll scan it at school and upload it to the blog. If you don't have a camera and aren't able to complete the photo activity that's okay, we'll try to take a photo of Stanley at school after the break.

We've also provided the Stanley templates on our blog, so if you have friends or family in other places who would like to get involved with our Stanley project please send the link to them. So if grandma's in BC maybe she could print off a Stanley and get a photo of him on the beach! It's a fun way to reach out and make us feel closer to people around the world.

Please return Stanley and the journal entry to school by Tuesday, April 17th. Thanks for supporting our Stanley project, and we hope you have fun with this as a family.

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