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Dear Families,

My name is Kelly Arnold and I am so excited to say that I will be your child's second grade teacher next year! I am looking forward to this new adventure ahead and having the wonderful opportunity to work with such awesome students. This summer I am asking your child to read *Flat Stanley; His Original Adventure!* Who is Flat Stanley, you may ask? He is a special character in a series of children's books written by Jeff Brown. Stanley was a regular boy until one night a bulletin board fell on top of him while he was sleeping. Stanley was unharmed by the bulletin board, except for the fact that his body was flattened! Stanley lives his life as a normal child, except he has certain unusual abilities. He is able to slide underneath doors, fly like a kite, and be shipped in the mail to visit friends and family. Stanley has been all over the world and this is where our project comes into play!



# Flat Stanley Summer Reading Project

## Directions:

1. Read *Flat Stanley; His Original Adventure!*
2. Decorate your own Flat Stanley using the attached Flat Stanley outline.
3. Take along Flat Stanley on your summer vacation or family outing and bring back pictures of the places Flat Stanley visits. Pictures and postcards are not mandatory; however, I will award extra credit for pictures or postcards included in the project.
4. When Flat Stanley is finished with his travels, please complete the following Flat Stanley Reading Project; due the second Friday of the new school year.
5. The first two things your child will need for this project is a poster board and a pencil. On the poster board, students will draw two lines, sectioning the poster board into four sections (one horizontal line and one vertical line). They should be sectioned off evenly into four equal squares.

6. Students will use each of the 4 sections to describe the main ideas of the story. Each section should only require 3-4 sentences. The four sections are:

1. Characters
2. Setting
3. Plot
4. Conflict/Resolution.

7. Once they are done writing, students will glue their Flat Stanley to the poster board and then decorate the rest of the poster board themselves. Some students may choose to add a few pictures from their adventures with Stanley or draw some of their own. They may decorate their poster however they like. This will help me get to know them as one of my new second grade friends!

**Happy travels and happy Summer!**

