

Flat Stanley PBL

Project Idea:

Students will create their own Flat Stanley that will travel around North America to visit family and friends. Our family and friends will provide our Flat Stanleys with a once in a lifetime experience showing them around their local area and sharing requested information about their specific location. The information and photos received from Flat Stanley's travels will be used to learn about North America and the difference in housing costs throughout the United States.



Driving Question:

How can we create a Flat Stanley to help us learn about and label a map of North America? How can we learn from others throughout the United States about the differences in housing costs in rural, urban, and suburban areas?

Content:

Social Studies

2.2.2. Label from memory a simple map of the North American continent, including the countries, oceans, Great Lakes, major rivers, and mountain ranges. Identify the essential map elements, title, legend, directional indicator, scale, and date.

2.2.4. Compare and contrast basic land use in urban, suburban, and rural environments in California.

Language Arts

RL.2.3. Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.

W.2.2. Write informative/explanatory text in which they introduce a topic, use facts, and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section.

W.2.5. With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing.

W.2.8. Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer questions.

Math

2.NBT.4. Compare two three-digit numbers based on meanings of the hundreds, tens, and ones digits using greater than, equal to, and less than symbols to record the results of comparisons.



Major Products:

Individual - Students will create their own individual Flat Stanley and do research on one of the states that he traveled to.

Team - Student teams will create a presentation on one of the North American regions that their Flat Stanleys traveled to.

Making it Public:

Students will send their Flat Stanleys to relatives and friends across North America. They will present as a group about a region in North America to the entire second grade student body and their parents.

Field Trip:

Students will tour a company that ships items across North America to learn about shipping procedures.