



Dear Parents,

This year for I Love to Read month we are anxiously waiting for the arrival home of our Flat Stanleys and Flat Sarahs. It was especially fun watching the younger students fold their Flat Stanley and send him off in the mail wishing they could go along also.

Once your child receives their letter please send it to school to share with their classmates (we will return it). We are looking forward to seeing where our Flat Stanleys have been and we will enjoy **READING** about their adventures since they left Reston School. Since we put the maps up in the hallway to plot where Flat Stanley has gone it has been fun watching students of all ages stop to take a look and you hear for example something like, "I didn't know where Arizona was."

Travel is an education in itself. Vacations are always exciting and your child may not realize all the many lessons they are learning along the way. You don't have to take an exotic vacation you can turn a day trip into a learning experience. However you need to be a good reader to be able to find your way around.

Have **Your Child Read** the calendar of activities to help remind them of what is happening.

Please have some fun this month reading and learning about all the places you could travel to and sharing the places you have already been. Next time you are in the car leave the electronic devices behind and enjoy the ride with your child. It takes more energy to keep them engaged on the road but you will both be making memories as you travel along.

Mrs. MacKenzie

#### Things Children Learn While Traveling

1. You are not the center of the universe – they see beyond their own backyard.
2. Things don't always turn out as planned – learn to be flexible.
3. Trying new things builds confidence - stepping outside their comfort zone.
4. Reading a map is an essential skill – learning to navigate, getting lost can be a life lesson.
5. Being with your family can be fun – bonding and sharing experiences together.
6. You accumulate memories – some of the most hilarious times are on family trips.
7. Patience is a necessity – line ups happen, flights get cancelled, road trips can be long.
8. The world becomes a classroom – there is something to learn/ read everywhere.
9. History is all around us – there is nothing as captivating as a re-enactment from the past.
10. The destination is not always the best part – don't rush through life, enjoy the journey.

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