



For Students Entering Grade 3

Summer is here! I hope your family makes the time to REST, RELAX and READ! Most importantly I hope your children find books that they ENJOY. Reading skills are built when children listen to books, examine illustrations or images, and when they read for pleasure. Within each grade level reading skills and interests can vary tremendously, so this book list is designed to help you and your child find "just right" books that interest them and that are neither too hard nor too easy. It is important to remember that great readers don't progress systematically from easy to difficult books. Rather, they read with curiosity from a wide variety of genres and formats. As rising third graders venture into chapter book territory they will often revisit comfortable and familiar picture books and fairy tales. I hope you will encourage all kinds of reading and take time to get to know your reader through his or her book selections this summer.

Summer assignment. Prepare to go on an adventure to Washington D.C with Flat Stanley! Here are two texts that I would like you to read this summer:

Before you begin your adventure it is always a good idea to learn about the place you are going to visit. Begin your summer reading by building background knowledge about Washington D.C. by reading the following informational text:

This is Washington, D.C.: A Children's Classic, by Miroslav Sasek

Once you've learned about Washington D.C., fill out the graphic organizer, I Can Read Informational Texts, listing the interesting facts that you have learned.

Next, you're ready to go on an adventure with Flat Stanley by reading:

Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures #9: The US Capital Commotion by Jeff Brown

Once you've finished going on an adventure with Flat Stanley, write a summary about all of the places he visited while in our nation's capital using the special Flat Stanley paper that has been provided. Enclosed is a picture of Flat Stanley. Please color him and include him with your summer reading project. Please return your summer reading project during the first week of school.

Bonus activity (optional): Take your Flat Stanley with you this summer when you go places; the park, vacation, a relative's house...or you can send him on an adventure and have him returned along with a picture/note describing where he has been.

Happy Reading!

I can read informational texts.

Title: _____

By (name): _____

Three Facts

1.

2.

3.

The Most Interesting
Thing I Learned

1 Key Idea

Illustration

Caption:

My opinion about this topic:

The Flat Stanley Project

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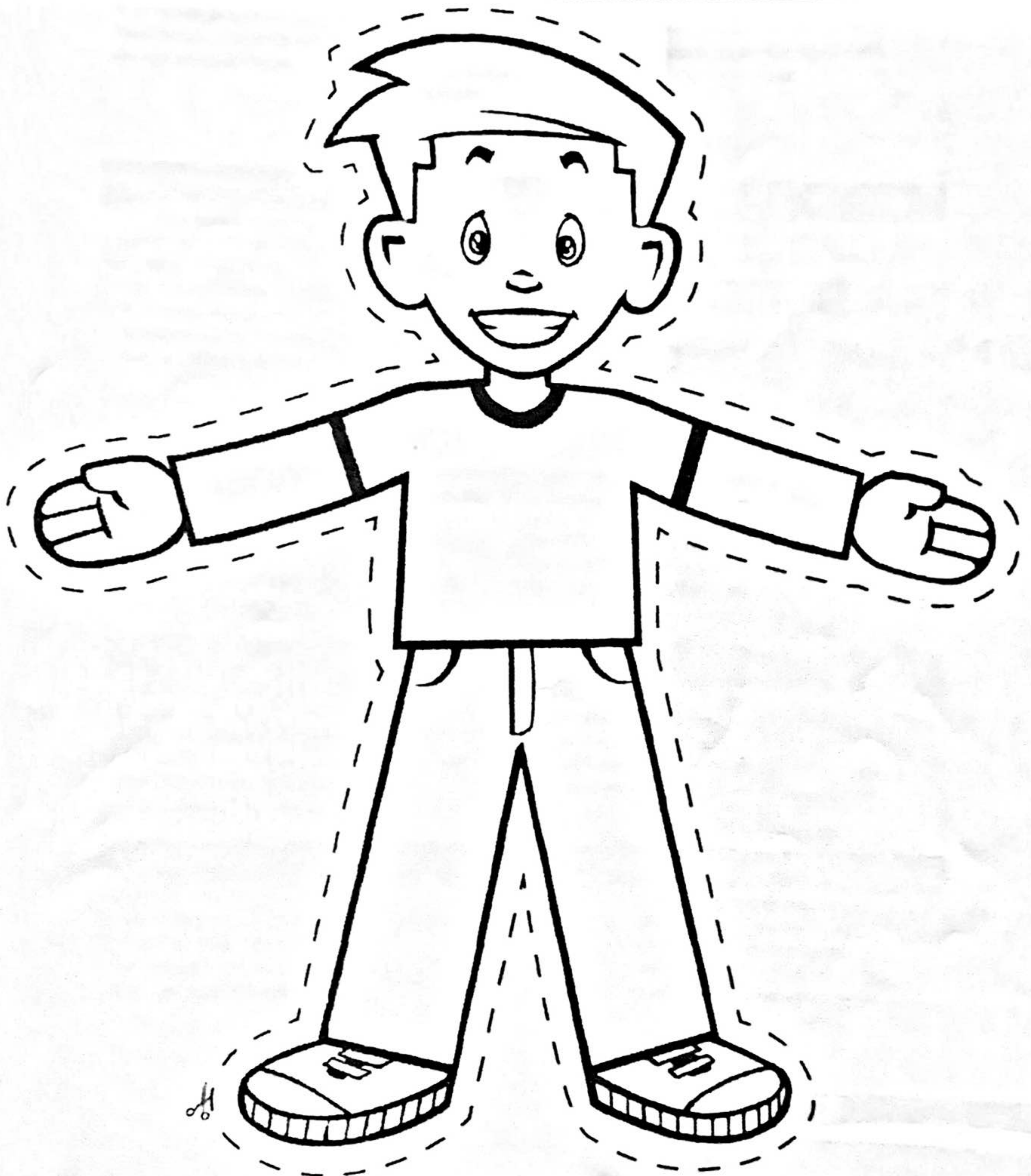


FLAT STANLEY'S

WORLDWIDE ADVENTURES

Send your own Flat Stanley on a trip around the globe!

Color and decorate the Flat Stanley below, cut him out, and send him to your friends and family near and far. Ask them to take Flat Stanley to their favorite landmarks and take pictures to mail back so you can see all of the fun Flat Stanley had.



Travel to www.flatstanleybooks.com for games, global facts, pen pal opportunities, and more activities for kids, parents, and classrooms!

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