

Flat Friends & Big Buddies

St. Matthew's Church Pen Pal Program

Big Buddy Information

In this pen pal program, each child will be matched with a secret adult Big Buddy (like you!). Your assigned child will create a flat version of themselves, their Flat Friend, and send it along with letters they write to you, their Big Buddy. You should teach the Flat Friend all about you and your life and then send back letters to your child, hopefully including some pictures that show where the Flat Friend has been! Flip this over for ideas!!! You will write letters for six weeks, beginning the week of February 21 and ending on Sunday, March 28 at noon when we will have the "Flat Friends End Celebration" where the children will meet their secret Big Buddies.

***Note: Please carefully consider whether you are truly able to dedicate yourself to this project. It is VERY disappointing to a child when they do not receive mail from their Big Buddy and/or the adult does not attend the end celebration!**



Here's What YOU Need to Do:

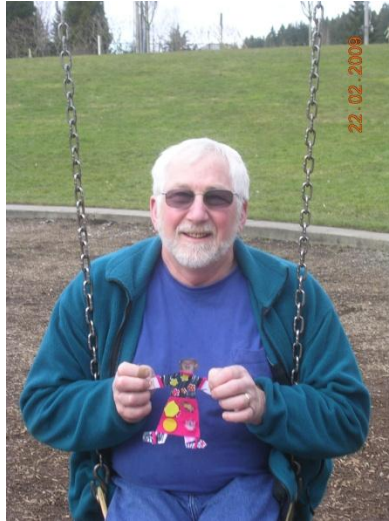
1. Put your name on the sign up sheet at the Welcome Counter.
2. Wait for the first letter and Flat Friend to arrive during the week of February 21.
3. Take pictures of the Flat Friend with you, at your house, at work, with your family, your pets, etc.
4. Write a letter back to the child talking about everything you have shared with their Flat Friend. Send it to them!
5. Don't ruin the surprise! Leave off the return address or use the church address. The child's parents will know your name and address, but the child will not!
6. Continue sending letters, the Flat Friend, and pictures back and forth to the child until you meet on March 28.

Contact Ms. Nicole at nicole.vander@comcast.net or 226-2420 with questions!

Letter Writing and Picture Taking Inspiration

Take pictures of your Flat Friend and teach them all about you!

Introduce your Flat Friend to your pets, friends, and family.



Show them where you work.



Take them special places.

