

Flat Friends & Big Buddies

St. Matthew's Church Pen Pal Program

KIDS' PACKET

In this pen pal program, each child will be matched with a secret adult Buddy. The child will create a flat version of themselves, their Flat Friend, and send it along with letters they write to their Big Buddy. After some learning and adventures with their Flat Friend, the Big Buddy will send back letters to the child including some pictures that show where the Flat Friend has been! The children and adults 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.



Here's What YOU Need to Do:

1. Fill in the blanks in the letter on the next page.
2. Decorate the Flat Friend template on the last page to look like you. You can use crayons, markers, real pictures, or anything!
3. Cut out your Flat Friend.
4. Return your letter page and Flat Friend to the tray at church by February 14.
5. Wait for mail from your Big Buddy to arrive!
6. Write your own letters and send them with your Flat Friend back and forth to your Big Buddy until you meet on March 28.

**PARENTS!!!! -You will be contacted by Nicole with the name and address of your child's secret Big Buddy. Please address the letters for your child, so their Buddy stays a secret until the end.*

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

DATE: _____

DEAR BIG BUDDY,

I AM SO EXCITED TO BE YOUR NEW FLAT FRIEND! MY NAME IS _____ AND I AM _____ YEARS OLD AND I AM IN THE _____ GRADE. MY FAVORITE COLOR IS _____ AND MY FAVORITE FOOD IS _____ . THE PEOPLE IN MY FAMILY ARE _____ AND I GO TO SCHOOL AT _____ . SOME OF THE THINGS I LIKE TO DO BEST ARE _____

I CAN'T WAIT TO LEARN ALL ABOUT YOU. I HOPE YOU WILL SHOW THE FLAT FRIEND YOUR HOUSE, WHERE YOU WORK, AND YOUR FAVORITE PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO. I WOULD LOVE IT IF YOU SENT ME PICTURES OF YOUR ADVENTURES WITH THE FLAT FRIEND AND LETTERS TELLING ME ALL ABOUT IT.

YOU CAN MAIL LETTERS AND PICTURES BACK TO ME AT THIS ADDRESS:

NAME: _____

NUMBER & STREET: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON!

SINCERELY,

1. Decorate to look like you! Use crayons, cut your face out of a real picture, or whatever materials you like!
2. Cut out your new Flat Friend.
3. Return the Flat Friend with your filled in letter to the tray on the Welcome Counter by February 14.

