

# Letter to Parents

Dear Parents

We have been learning about maps and globes. We read the story *Toot and Puddle* by Holly Hobbie. It is about a pig that travels all over the world. We are going to pretend to take a trip, too. Please help your child with this fun activity. Here is what you need to do:

1. Talk about different places in the world that your child may enjoy visiting. Look up the areas on a map or globe if you have one handy. Talk about the type of weather in the different places and types of activities that you can do in each place. Then, let your child pick one place.
2. Help your child plan his/her "trip." Have your child fill out the plane ticket. Encourage him/her to write his/her first and last name. Help sound the spelling of the destination. You can write it on a separate piece of paper, but your child should have the opportunity to write it on his/her own.
3. Discuss with your child a scene that he/she could draw on the front of the postcard that is representative of the area that he/she will be "visiting." Have your child draw a picture on the front of the postcard. Help him/her address the postcard to the class and to write or draw about something he/she did on his/her "trip."
4. Your child will need to color, cut out, and assemble the suitcase. To assemble the suitcase, cut out along all the thick black lines including the inside of the handle. Glue along the bottom of both piece A and piece B of the suitcase. In order to open and close the suitcase, use the provided Velcro. Stick the individual pieces in the indicated spots on the suitcase. Now your child can open and close the suitcase to pack.
5. Have him/her decide what type of clothing will be needed on the "trip." Your child will need to color, cut, and "pack" the needed clothing from the warm or cold weather clothing pages.
6. Help your child be prepared to talk about his/her "trip" with the class as each student will have the opportunity to present in front of the class. Each student will help me find his/her vacation destination on the map and globe, show the class his/her airplane ticket, show us what clothing he/she needed to pack, talk about some of the activities that he/she "did" on the "trip," and read us the postcard.
7. Please send back finished airplane ticket, postcard, and suitcase packed with the appropriate clothing back to school by \_\_\_\_\_.

If you need any help or have any questions, please let me know. I do not want anybody to be left out of the fun. I hope that this will be a wonderful learning opportunity for you and your child and that you will both enjoy working on this together.

Thanks,