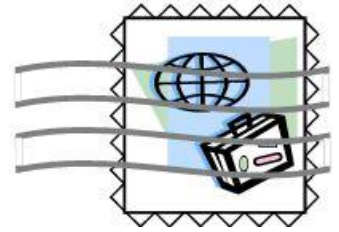


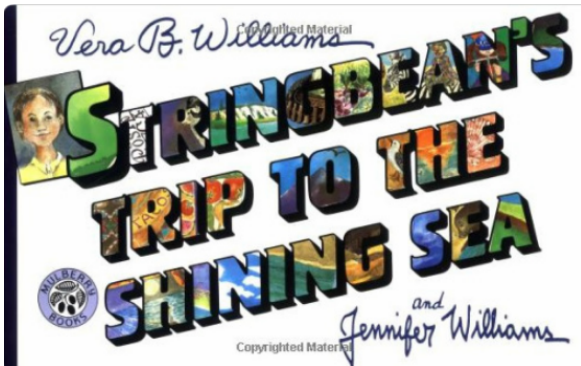
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Dear Parents,

I am sending this letter about an upcoming project a bit early, before we start losing students for Spring Break.



Each year (for the past 20+ or so years...) I have encouraged students to collect postcards, brochures and/or maps from their spring break. This can be maps from parks, state maps from rest stop welcome centers, etc. Postcards may not be as popular as they once were, but many places still have them. Of course...photos or drawings count...so take a photo and help your child print it to turn into a makeshift postcard, or encourage them to draw a picture from a trip or outing. This project idea is loosely based on a fun old book called Stringbean's Trip to the Shining Sea. This realistic fictional story follows brothers on a road trip from Kansas to California.



I know that not everyone is traveling, and therefore you might think this won't be possible. So I ask you to think about it a little differently...a staycation is still something great. Many of you will cook, bake or grill throughout this week. Some have day trips planned. As you spend this time as family, try to capture the moments. Some examples might be a great pizza that everyone helped make, an impressive grill full of

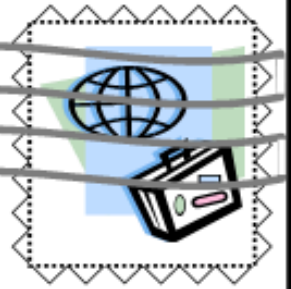
burgers, hotdogs or veggies, a walk with the dog, caring for the chickens or almost anything. Maybe this will be an excuse to start a craft or fun project. I once had a picture of aerating my lawn and grilling.

This project will be developed into a writing/poster assignment once we all return. Encourage your student to write something each day. This would be a great conclusion to each day so that when we return they have a chronological record of the week. The narrative that they will create from their journal will become a poster project. Check out the website (link above/below) for some years past. This is one of my favorite projects!! I always look forward to everyone returning from break to see this project come together!!

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Post Card



(Picture side...for hand-drawn picture)

