

Dear Parents,

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

Each year (for the past 15 or so years...) I have encouraged students to collect at least one post card and/or one map from their spring break. This can be maps from parks, state maps from rest stop welcome centers, etc. I also encourage the students to bring in a postcard from someplace they visited over their break. Post cards may not be as popular as they once were, but many places still have them. Of course...photos count...so take a photo and help your child print it to turn into a make shift postcard.

This project will be developed into a writing project once we all return, so please try to help. One of the best parts of this project is that **it can include everyon**e...even if you don't travel far at all this break. A map could be a printed map from Google Maps of a walking trail that you and your child explored, or a map of a museum. Postcards might come from a favorite restaurant or local attraction (Purdue, parks, neighborhood, etc.)

I hope that EVERYONE will try to come back with at least one postcard (purchased or homemade), and a map would be great, to share and be a part of this project. This will be shared in the hallway, and connected to a US map. If anyone is traveling outside the US, accommodations (cartographic adjustments) will be made.

I do hope that everyone has a safe and happy spring break. Hopefully we return to Spring in Indiana, and that (plus the rest) helps to rejuvenate us all!!

Mr. Brantley



