Dear Families:

This past school year your child's library time was staffed by volunteers, who truly loved seeing your child grow in their reading adventures. Research suggests that students who read at least 4 books at their level over the summer will help maintain their reading skills. **To help your child continue to strengthen, and encourage not only their reading but also their geography skills, we would like to present to you a summer project for grades K-7 called #FlatLedger!** Based on the book; <u>Flat Stanley</u> written by Jeff Brown, about a boy who is flatten by a bulletin board and goes on many adventures.

We want your children to get excited about reading and geography with #FlatLedger! As you travel this summer we want you to take #FlatLedger along and document with photos and postcards to share with all the Junior Ledgers at SMSA. When students return in August, we will have a map of all the travels our #FlatLedger took with our Ledger families. Any photos and postcards will be posted by the library for all to view.

So what does this exactly mean you need to do?

- 1) Attached you will find a #FlatLedger that your child can color to their liking; you can cut it out or keep as is—he is your #FlatLedger; so make him unique because your child is unique!
- 2) Wherever you travel this summer, take #FlatLedger along. Document your travels with photographs of #FlatLedger and your child. Document in your passport for memories! Send a postcard back to school to share your travel story with us. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO MAIL YOUR #FLATLEDGER TO ANYONE, THIS IS ABOUT YOUR TRAVELS WITH #FLATLEDGER, WHETHER LOCAL OR FAR.
- 3) If you choose to email your photo, you are giving us permission to post it on social media. These photos will be posted on the 1st and 15th of each month. Any photos sent to school will only be used in school.

EMAILING PHOTO?	SNAIL MAIL PHOTO, POSTCARD or LETTER
email to: kzitlow@smsacademy.org	mail to: SMSA #FLATLEDGER 255 Cty Rd K Fond du Lac, WI 54937
subject line: #FLATLEDGER	
include child's name/grade level for 2024-2025 school year	include child's name/grade level for 2024-2025 school year

Your child will earn points for every photo, postcard or letter that they send! Bonus points will be awarded for photos of your child reading a book with their #FlatLedger at a travel location. Complete a passport for more points and prizes! Feel free to add more pages to your passport if needed. Each student who participates will be awarded a sweet treat, and also will be entered in a drawing for Scholastic Fall Book Fair Gift Certificates based on the number of points they earn through their travels.

Travels with #FlatLedger begins on May 30 and will end on August 18. All items must be submitted by August 18. Passports will be accepted through the first week of library for the 2024-2025 school year and will be returned.

We can't wait to see where #FlatLedger and our Ledger friends travel this summer and what good books they find to read!

Happy Safe Summer Travels! Your SMSA Volunteer Library Assistants