Dear Family,

We have a special project planned. We would like to write to our family members and friends asking them to send us picture postcards from the places where they live. We want to enjoy reading the postcards as we learn about all of these places and locate each one on a map.

This will be a fun project with lots of learning potential. First of all, sending and receiving mail will be a treat! We will be learning about writing letters as we develop and apply our reading and writing skills. Secondly, we will be learning lots of geography as we study and enjoying the picture postcards. We'll be learning map skills as we locate those places on the map. We will also be sharpening our math skills as we make a graph to show how many different places we receive postcards from and count how many postcards we actually receive. We hope to discover how many family and friends live right here in our city, within our state, in other states, and in other countries. Wow! What a great learning opportunity!

We will be sending a letter to each person explaining our project, and the children will write their own letters on the back, but we need your help. Please have your child bring several <u>stamped</u> <u>envelopes</u> to school by Wednesday. Please address them to the family members you want your child to write to during this project. Include the following return address:

(child's name)
(grade level)
(school's name)
(school's address, and zip code)

Thanks for your willingness to help with this project. We are excited about it and look forward to the mail we will receive.

Sincerely yours,

