



Flat Thomas  
Visits Bop



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Dear Bop,

Thank you for receiving my Flat Me! In school we read the book, Flat Stanley, about a boy who got flattened by a bulletin board. In the story, he wanted to go on a trip so his family folded him up and mailed him to California!

Since I can't come visit you, I am mailing my Flat Me to you. Please take "Me" on some adventures where you live and share them with me. If you take me to a special place or event, take a picture of "Me" there and write a caption to explain the photo. You can mail pictures, postcards, or brochures that show where "I" went, or if you would like to share digitally you can share photos and information by emailing them to my teacher, Mrs. Schneider. Her address is: [claudiaschneider@fredericaacademy.org](mailto:claudiaschneider@fredericaacademy.org)

We know there are many special conditions because of COVID restrictions, but I will be excited to get any pictures of me visiting you!

No matter which way you choose to share, ***please mail my Flat Me back to me by March 1*** so I can include it in my Second Grade Scrapbook.

My class is really excited to see what kinds of adventures "we" have in the next few weeks! Thanks for helping me with this project. I wish I could fold myself up and visit you!

I can't wait to see where I go and  
what I do!!!!

Love,  
Thomas



Flat Thomas arrives in Nashville to visit his grandfather, Bop Stadler





Flat Thomas visits Bop's office. Before we bought it, it was the Daniel Boone Log Cabin Homes' corporate office. It's really nice and a very sturdy log cabin.



This is what the office looks like from the front.





Flat Thomas stands on a hand carved Music Box and Humidor bought by his great-great grandparents, Mom Mom and Pop Pop Stadler, in Germany. It's over 100 years old!



Flat Thomas helping Ms. Kim, the very nice teller at the bank, make a deposit for Bop!





Flat Thomas and Bop are with Ms. Leigh at one of our favorite restaurants, Bricktops. We had our first date here!



Flat Thomas, Bop and Ms. Leigh at Bricktops again. I told you it was one of our favorite restaurants! Ms. Leigh loves Flat Thomas. Flat Thomas loves the cheeseburger and potato chips...and Ms. Leigh!





Flat Thomas, Ms. Leigh and Bop at our other favorite restaurant, 360 Bistro.





Flat Thomas and Bop visit the bank to withdraw some money. Bop likes to pay with cash.



Flat Thomas and Bop visit The Parthenon. Before Nashville was Music City, it was called the Athens of the South because it had so many colleges and universities. The original Nashville Parthenon was built of wood for the Tennessee Centennial in 1897. Everyone liked it so much they rebuilt it using concrete.

Flat Thomas, Ms. Leigh and Bop take a closeup at The Parthenon.







Flat Thomas helps Bop squeeze fresh orange juice made with Sumo oranges which are only available for a very short period of time, but boy, do they taste good!





After it snowed the next day and covered the ice, Flat Thomas wanted to see how deep it was. Flat Thomas had to get in front of the fire to warm up!



Flat Thomas playing in the snow, actually ice with a little bit of snow, in a short sleeve shirt! He only stayed out a very short period of time. It got down to 11 degrees in Nashville.





This is Kirkland Hall on Vanderbilt University's campus. Lots of Flat Thomas' relatives went to Vandy, including his mommy, his Uncle Monroe, his grandfather- Bop, two of his great grandfathers- Big Jim Stadler and Granddaddy Carell, his great grandmother Honey Carell and his great, great grandfather, George Bullard who Bop was named after. Whew. That's a lot of folks!



Flat Thomas and Bop in front of the Monroe Carell, Jr Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. The hospital was named after his great grandfather Carell. He loved this place and many times after work he would go to the hospital to talk to the doctors, patients and their parents.





Flat Thomas with his great-grandparents, Mimi and Big Jim Stadler. They were so excited that he came to visit.



This is a painting of Big Jim with Baron when Big Jim was 40 years old.





This is a painting of Mimi and Bootsy when she was 40 years old.





This is a painting of Bop and his brother, Unkie Jim, when Bop was 12 years old and Unkie Jim was 9 years old.





Flat Thomas wanted to have his picture taken with the lion at Mimi and Big Jim's. He likes lions.



On Flat Thomas's last day, Bop taught Flat Thomas some Kung Fu. Flat Thomas plays too rough.



Bop had a wonderful time with Flat Thomas and sure enjoyed showing him all of the fun places we visited. Most of all, Bop sure will miss him as he travels back to Georgia. Can't wait for him to come visit again soon! Give your family a big hug and kiss from me.

