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WISH YOU WERE HERE

For trip to Paris, travel companions fit in the carry-on bags

From Fred Plassman of Austin.

My wife, Carol, and I had two extra globe-trotting companions on our "April in Paris (France, not Texas)" trip. My granddaughter, Morgann, in Missouri, and Carol's grandniece, Monique, in Illinois, are in the second grade and both their classes are doing a Flat Stanley Project.

"Flat Stanley" is a book about a boy who wakes up one morning flattened by his bulletin board. He survives and makes the best of his altered state, and soon he is entering locked rooms by sliding under the door, and playing with his younger brother by being used as a kite. But one special advantage is that Flat Stanley can now visit his friends by being mailed in an envelope.

For their Flat Stanley projects, the girls made paper Flat Stanley figures that represented them. These Flat Stanley figures were mailed to us and we were asked to treat the figures as visiting guests and keep a journal documenting the places and activities in which the Flat Stanley figures were involved. We got the projects before we left, so our pictures show these figures at the various sights in Paris. The pictures and the journal were returned to their teachers to share with their class.

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