

# **Family Homework Letter**

## **Class Travel Map Project**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our class is beginning an exciting geography and data project called the “Class Travel Map.” To make this project successful, students will need your help completing a short but important homework assignment.

Each student is receiving a blank map of the United States. With your help, please have your child shade every U.S. state they have ever visited or driven through. This includes vacations, family trips, school trips, or long car rides that passed through states along the way.

### **IMPORTANT:**

- A state counts ONLY if your child was physically in the state.
- It DOES count if they drove through the state or visited briefly.
- It does NOT count if they:
  - Only changed planes in an airport
  - Flew over the state without landing

The purpose of this homework is to gather accurate information for a class-wide activity in which we will create an interactive digital map showing where all students in our class have traveled. Students will tap each state they have visited, and the map will color itself based on class percentages. We will also view bar graphs and pie charts to help us understand the data. Later, students will have the option to use the data in math problem-solving activities.

This project helps students:

- Review U.S. geography in a meaningful and personal way
- Practice reading maps
- Learn how group data is collected and displayed
- Compare information across states and regions
- Make real-world connections using charts and visuals

Please return the completed map by \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you for supporting your child’s learning. Your participation helps make this interdisciplinary project engaging, accurate, and meaningful for all of our students!

Sincerely,

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Teacher