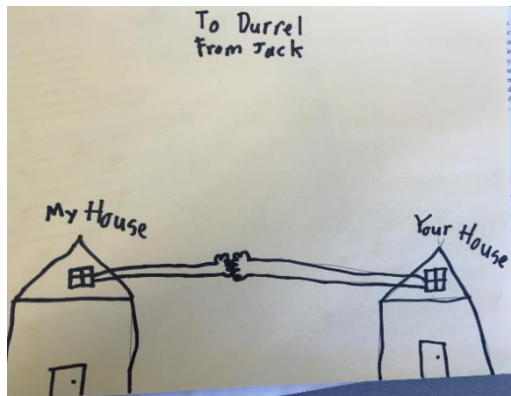


Superintendent's Highlight of the Week

May 6, 2016

Friendship stretches across the miles from Plainview, New York to Columbus, Ohio as Mr. Paskal and Mrs. Knee's fourth graders at Stratford Road have become close pen pals with a third grade class at Livingston Elementary School. Students at both schools eagerly await monthly letters, photos, drawings, cards, and Facetime. They quickly formed strong bonds of friendship in a short period of time.



This drawing from Jack to Durrel says so much as these newfound friends share their lives and learn to see experiences through the eyes of another.

Along with this friendship comes an opportunity to serve others too. Students in this class have helped fund the purchase of an iPad, collected nine cartons of school supplies and teacher materials, donated books, sent holiday care packages, and even helped fund their first class trip. The Stratford Road community held a holiday gift card drive for the students and their families. Livingston Elementary students are busy preparing a surprise for their Plainview pals later this year.



The students extended their connection as each school received a United States flag flown over the U.S. Capital to be proudly displayed. This has been a truly enriching connection for both schools.