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  6. The class can create the letter together or individually. Copies of the letter will need to be made to include in each questionnaire.
  7. Please include the letter, completed questionnaire, blank questionnaire, and directions with each envelope.
  8. Place a map of the U.S. somewhere in the classroom and locate each arriving letter with a push pin.
- \*\*\*\*\*Ideas for the Classroom\*\*\*\*\*
- **Math Connections:** Students can study differences in time zones as well as convert distances between their hometown and the schools that have written back.
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