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Dear eighth grade students:

Hello my name is Ethan. I live in Menominee, Michigan and go to school at Menominee Jr. High School. I am writing this letter due to the fact that it is the annual Great American Mail Race. Some facts about me: I love sports! I play football, baseball, basketball, and track. I am in French 1 and plan on going to Washington D.C. this summer. Our football season just finished last week. We finished 4-8 which isn't very good. I finished with 10 touchdowns and nearly 1,000 total yards. I start at point guard in basketball (which starts soon). In baseball I play shortstop and usually bat second or first. In track I run the 2-mile, 800 meter dash, 1-mile relay. Enough about me, I will now talk about our area.

In Menominee, we experience all four seasons. In the summer the temperatures range from the low seventies to high nineties. In the winter temperatures can get as cold as -30 degrees. We also get tons of snow in the winter. Menominee is big into football. Our team, the Menominee maroons, are very successful. We run a single wing offense which is rare. In this offense the tailback and fullback mainly get the ball. The quarterback is the lead blocker on most plays. The wingback (my position) usually gets reverses or catches passes. Here in Menominee, we live on the shore of Lake Michigan. Since we live on a lake we have a light house. It is one of our town's tourist attractions. Also our downtown area is very popular. You can walk around in downtown Menominee and go to shops and restaurants. Lastly, across the Menominee River is Marinette, Wisconsin. In marinette they build ships that go into the navy. When they launch the boat it is very cool.

I hope you liked learning about menominee and myself and hopefully you can join me in the Great American Mail race. If you do write back I would like to learn about your area. What is the weather like? What are some landmarks in your area? What kind of food do you eat? Are there any lakes near you? Once again, I hope you can write back and join me in The Great American Mail Race.

Sincerely,

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