



**ST. PETER'S  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
A MINISTRY OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT PETER

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Dear parents of soon-to-be 5<sup>th</sup> grade students,

Though this letter's intent is to share the novel I have chosen for your child's summer reading, I would like to welcome you to my classroom. My wish is for us to share a wonderful school year.

When I think of choosing one novel from a plethora of many superb choices, I find myself favoring those that have become classics and/or have been awarded the Newbery Award for children's literature. *The Cricket in Times Square* fulfills both of those characteristics. It was first published in 1960. *The New York Herald Tribune* said "This is absolutely grand fun for anyone, a nine-to-ninety book..." *The Horn Book Magazine* endorses that sentiment by saying, "Delightful reading for the whole family." Having chosen this novel in years past, and remembering my students' enjoyment of it, I feel hopeful that your children will share that same reading pleasure.

My post-reading activity is going to be a combination of skills. Please review these directions with your child.

1. Illustrate your favorite part of the book. If you cannot decide, a piece of drawing paper can be sectioned into two halves, with each half containing a favored part.
2. Your picture will be colored in crayon or colored pencils...no markers.
3. Under your illustration, write a four or five sentence paragraph that explains your picture and why you liked it.

Please see my second sheet for a little message to my future students.

Sincerely,

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Dear soon-to-be fifth grade student,

How are you today? I am thinking that you are already enjoying your summer vacation. Isn't it wonderful to sleep in a little and look forward to spending a day any way you wish to (of course, with your parents' permission)?

During the summer, I am asking that you read the novel *The Cricket in Times Square*. Even though I do not know you well, something tells me that you will enjoy reading about Chester Cricket, Harry Cat, and Tucker Mouse. It takes place in New York City, and these three certainly illustrate how wonderful it is to have friends.

I have asked for you to do an assignment after completing the novel. It is not a very difficult one, yet it allows you to use your art and writing skills. Children, neatness and the quality of one's work are very important to me. You will hear this message throughout the school year, and I think your summer assignment is the perfect time for you to "do your best" for the greater glory of God.

I look forward to seeing your creations during our first full week of school. Please do not bring it on the first day of school; we will be organizing our desks and supplies on that day 😊.

Have a blessed, safe, and very happy summer.

See you in August,

Miss Boron