



One School, One Book is back at Ivy Drive School

We are very excited to announce that we have kicked off our annual *One School, One Book* program at Ivy Drive today! The program will run March 2 - March 20, 2020.

One School, One Book is a program designed to create a singular reading experience within a school community. We will ALL be reading the SAME BOOK at the SAME TIME.

EVERY student, EVERY parent, EVERY teacher, and EVERY staff member will be reading the amazing text, *The Cricket in Times Square*, written by George Selden. This book was a Newbery Honor Book in 1961. The story is timeless and begins set in our home state of Connecticut.

What is the book about?

The main character of the story is Chester Cricket. He never planned on leaving his peaceful home in the suburbs of Connecticut. However, he gets trapped in a picnic basket and he finds himself lost in Times Square, in New York City!

While in Times Square, Chester befriends Mario, a young boy, trying to sell newspapers for his family's business. He also meets Tucker, a mischievous, streetwise, city mouse, and Harry the Cat. As Chester learns to adjust to a new life in the city, he realizes that he has a special hidden talent.

This book is full of larger-than-life characters and lots of friendship. *The Cricket in Times Square* is an exciting and sweet story that we hope will be loved by ALL of our students and families.

What can families expect during One School, One Book?

Every family will receive one copy of *A Cricket in Times Square*, and a reading calendar; the book is for families to keep.

Every night, we ask that families read the scheduled chapter to, or with, their child(ren). Each morning at school, our students will engage in a trivia question, literary conversations, and activities surrounding the events and features of the book.