**Cricket League Contest**

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**Parents/Guardians,**

**Check out the check out the contest below! Cricket magazine holds story, drawing, poetry and photography contests each month. Entries must be on the theme detailed along with the contest rules. The theme relates to a story or article in the monthly issue. There is no entry fee, and no limit to who may enter! If you would like to look at examples of past winners, check out the website above. If your child would like to participate, mail in your entry to the address below, or bring it to school by Sept. 20 and we will send it in for you. Let me know if you have any questions.**

 **-Laura Taylor**

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**Origin Myth**

Pudding really enjoyed reading “The Legend of the Giant’s Causeway” and imagining how that intriguing rock formation was created by the Irish giant Finn MacCool (although Tater insists that it was really formed by volcanic activity). Pudding longs to hear more myths and legends about the origins of things. For this month’s contest, she’d love to read your best story about how something came to be.

Will you create a myth or legend about the origin of a natural wonder, like the Grand Canyon, a Hawaiian volcano, a rainbow, or a waterfall? Perhaps you’ll invent a myth about the formation of a constellation or the rings of Saturn, or explaining why the ocean is salty, or how the kangaroo got its pouch, or even how a favorite sport was invented. Perhaps you will feature characters from Greek or Norse or another culture’s mythology in an original myth all your own.

Whatever you choose, everybuggy will be mythologizing around the Cricket Country mailbox, imagining why there is an Ugly Bird and awaiting the arrival of your best origin myth—just 350 words or less, please—about how something came to be.

**Here are the only rules:**

1. Your contest entry must be your very own original work. Ideas and words should not be copied.

2. Your entry *must* be signed by your parent or guardian, stating that it is your own work, that no help was given, and that *Cricket* has permission to publish it in the magazine and on our website.

3. Be sure to include your name, age, and full address on your entry.

4. Only one entry per person, please.

5. If you want your work returned, enclose a self-addressed, *stamped* envelope for *each* entry.

6. Your entry must be *received* by September 25, 2016**.**

7. Send entries to **Cricket League,** P.O. Box 300, Peru, IL 61354. (No faxes or email submissions, please!)

8. We will publish winning entries in the January 2017 issue and on the*Cricket* website.