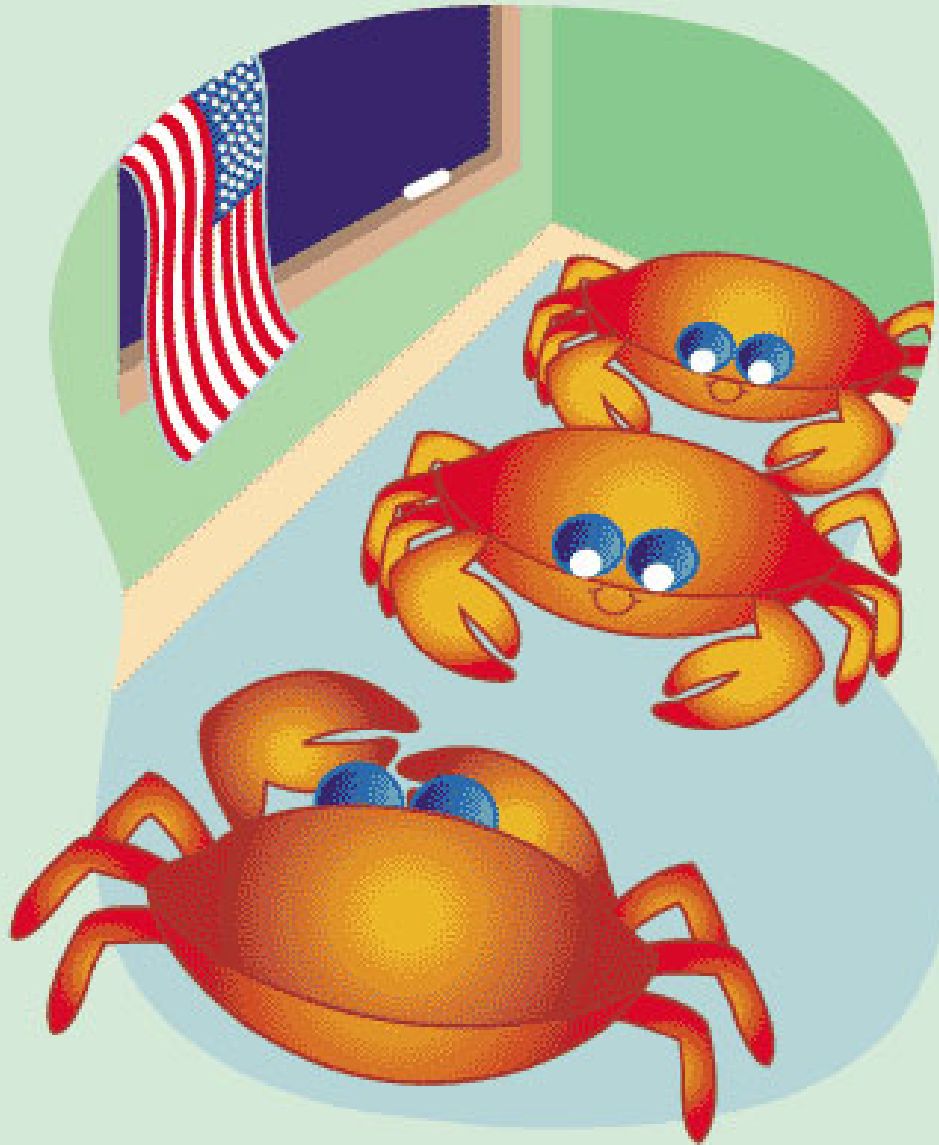


Meet Cindy. She likes to be a citizen.
Every day she tries:

- To cooperate.
- To obey rules.
- To respect people in charge.
- Not to litter.



One day Cindy arrived at school to discover the class was taking a field trip.

“We are going to walk to the police station today to talk to Officer Smith. Before we go, we must remember three things,” said the teacher.

“First, we must always look both ways before crossing the street to make sure there are no cars or bicycles coming. Second, we must hold an adult’s hand when crossing the street. Third, we must listen to the adults and follow directions.”

They headed out and prepared to cross the street. Bobby started to walk into the street without looking both ways, but Cindy didn’t. She remembered the rules.



After they crossed the street, some children started to run ahead, but Cindy didn't. She heard the teacher say, "Stay with the group," so she stayed with the group.

When they got to the police station, Officer Smith talked about not talking to strangers and about being a good citizen.

Officer Smith told the class that being a good citizen meant following the rules and listening to adults we know.

Officer Smith also said that being a good citizen means making our city a nice place to live. She said they could do this by not littering. Before they left, Cindy got to sit in the police car.



On the way home, Cindy thought about being a good citizen. She already knew that she should follow the rules and listen to adults. Now she was going to practice keeping her city clean.

Cindy saw a sheet of newspaper on the ground as she walked back. She remembered that Officer Smith said to pick up trash, so she picked it up and placed it in the trash can. Later, she saw a soda can on the ground, and she picked that up, too.

It is hard work picking up all this trash, thought Cindy. I must never throw trash on the ground again.



That night when she got home, she told her mom all about Officer Smith and getting in the police car.

Then she said: "Mom, I am going to be a good citizen every day. I am going to try to follow the rules, listen to adults and keep my city clean." And Cindy did.