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Dear Students:

Thank you for your letter and your inquiry as to my favorite book.

Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities* is my favorite book. I often refer to the book's opening line, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..." in many of my speeches. The story depicts Dickens' belief in the possibility of resurrection, both among his characters and in society. I find the theme encouraging.

Thank you, also, for the picture of your class holding your favorite books. I always enjoy hearing from students who are excited about learning. You are the future of our great state.

Thank you again for your letter and best of luck in all of your endeavors.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

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