

Summer Reading and Math 2023 Rising 6th Grade

Rising 6th-grade students are required to read one book during the summer: The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan.



Students are welcome (and encouraged) to use audiobooks (i.e. books on tape, Bookshare, audiobooks, [audible.com](https://www.audible.com), [audiobooks.com](https://www.audiobooks.com), etc.). However, students must follow along in a paper copy of the book if they choose this option. Another option is reading to your child or alternating pages with your child. For this year's selection, **they may also choose the graphic novel** version.

By the **FIRST** day of school, students will need to digitally share **TWO** assignments. These will be their first grades of the 2023-2024 school year.

Assignments for Required Reading

Directions: After reading The Lightning Thief, use the links below to access the templates for each activity. Please title them, "**Name-Summer Reading 1 (and then Summer Reading 2).**" As stated above, these need to be shared with Mrs. Walsh (awalsh@thelexingtonschool.org) by the first day of school (please select "**Commenter**" so I can see your comments).

Activity 1: Hero's Journey

Literature is full of examples of the "Hero's Journey," in which a character is asked to complete a task that entails many obstacles and a "final battle." In addition to the "hero," there is usually a "helper" character, a "mentor" character, and some form of "villain" as well. You will use [this document](#) to record elements of the Hero's Journey for Percy Jackson.

Example: [Here](#) is a sample document using examples from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Activity 2: Spotify Playlist

For this activity, you will be creating a possible or fictional Spotify Playlist (***you do not need an actual Spotify account***) containing a minimum of 5 songs that demonstrate your understanding of characters and plot.

*Follow the instructions on this [Playlist Template](#) to create your own. My example is on Slide 1; you will create your playlist on Slide 2. Please don't erase or click the checkmark on any of my comments on the template - they will disappear :-)!

- **Questions?** If you have already thoroughly read *The Lightning Thief* in the recent past, please email Mrs. Walsh (awalsh@thelexingtonschool.org) to discuss an alternative book choice for this assignment if needed. Also, please email Mrs. Walsh if you have any specific questions as you complete your reading assignment.



Optional Photo Contest: Take a photo of yourself reading in an unlikely location and email it to awalsh@thelexingtonschool.org. In the subject line, include your first and last name, as well as your location (ex. Bob Brown / Daniel Boone National Forest, KY). Be creative! Read at the top of the Empire State Building, in a canoe, or while climbing the Red River Gorge (be careful)! We will have prizes for everyone who participates and a grand prize drawing!

TLC Summer Math Brain Training:

Rising **6th** Graders- Must complete the ***Summer Solutions*** book which will be provided before the end of the school year. It is recommended that your child complete three lessons a week. This will allow the book to be finished and turned in on the 1st day of school in August. If your child is working with a tutor this summer, it is perfectly fine for him or her to work on it during tutoring sessions.