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, 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.