Summer Assignments

6th Grade English
Episcopal Collegiate School

Required:

1. Read one book of your choice (150 pages minimum).
2. Read *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan (ISBN 9780786838653).

For our summer reading, first, read a book of your choice. Second, our required novel, Rick Riordan's *The Lightning Thief,* will introduce you to a cornerstone of English literature: **Greek mythology**. As you read, think about how Percy finds his place among the other half-bloods. How does he develop confidence as a demigod, and what can this show you about finding your place (and voice) in the world? Be prepared to analyze the hero's journey, especially how Percy changes and how his experiences change him.

Recommended:

- **Annotate with care.** As you read *The Lightning Thief*, think about the questions below:
    - Who are the main characters? (*Hint*: Create a character list)
    - What am I learning about them? (*Hint*: Add details to your character list)
    - What do you notice about Percy's voice (how he tells the story)? How would you describe his style?
    - Where is the story taking place?
    - Which Greek gods, goddesses, monsters, etc. play a role in this story? (*Hint*: Create a "Characters from Mythology" list)
    - What are Percy's problems in this story? How does he solve them?
    - What lessons does he learn? What lessons do other characters learn?
    - In the end, how does he feel about being a half-blood? Where would he say his "place" is? Why?

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