

Welcome!

Grade 2, Unit 3 Stories of the Ancient Greeks

Dear Family Member,

In this unit, students will be introduced to several well-known Greek myths that will help give them insight into ancient Greek culture.

What's the story?

Students will be introduced to many **well-known mythical characters**, including the mythical gods and goddesses of ancient Greece that people believed in.

What will my student learn?

This unit provides an opportunity for students to **understand literary allusions** and the **meaning of common words** and **expressions**. It will also help them understand **modern retellings** of these ancient stories.

Students will **write in a journal**, recording important information about the myths they will read. They will use this information to **write a summary** of one of the myths, which will prepare them to **write their own Greek myth**.

Conversation starters

Ask your student questions about the unit to promote discussion and continued learning:

1. You have been learning that Greek myths are fiction. How do you know they are fiction?
2. What was Zeus known for?
Follow up: What were his special powers? Why was he important to the ancient Greeks?
3. Who were some of the supernatural characters you have been reading about?
Follow up: Who has been your favorite? Why? What are they the mythical god/goddess of? How would you describe them?
4. How would you describe Mount Olympus?
Follow up: Can you draw a picture of what you imagine it to look like? Who did the Greeks believe lived there?