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St. Joseph Middle School 7th Grade Summer Reading Packet

Dear Parents and incoming 7th graders,

We are looking forward to beginning next year with a running start on your upcoming school year. Therefore, we are giving you a summer reading assignment, which will be followed up the first week of school. Reading is a critical key to academic success, and most research suggests that students should be reading 4-5 days a week for at least an hour by the time they reach 6-8th grade, including over the summer!!!! Reading improves content knowledge, promotes vocabulary acquisition, improves critical thinking and fosters well-crafted writing.

The summer vacation assignment is to **read one** of two books, your choice: *Goddess of Yesterday* by Caroline B. Cooney or *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan. You must also complete (typed or hand-written) this packet, which is intended to guide your reading and focus your thoughts. This assignment will be graded and due in your Literature class on the **first full day of school**.

By carefully completing this assignment over the summer, you will be prepared to discuss the story in the fall, take a test on the book and participate in a graded in-class assignment.

Books are available at the Seattle and King County libraries as well as at any of the online or local bookstores. Audio-tapes are also available online at Audiofile, Bestbookbuys, Fetchbook, and Recorded Books. Additionally, you may simply order it from your local bookstore or check it out from your local library, though you may want to reserve it ahead of time to ensure access.

If you would like to get a jump-start on other novels that we will read next year, you may read *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson. Most importantly, simply read what you enjoy-but keep reading!!!!

We look forward to seeing you in class next fall!!

Sincerely,

Ms. Taylor, Mr. Finn & Ms. Willette

PS. (If you misplace this packet, you may go to the St. Joseph website and print off the packet).

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In order to successfully complete this assignment, you must understand the following concepts.

- **CHALLENGE:** A CHALLENGE can be considered a test of one's abilities or resources in some sort of demanding or stimulating situation. Most good stories involve challenges that characters must face and attempt to overcome.
- **CHARACTER TRAITS:** A CHARACTER TRAIT may be one word that a reader could use to describe the personality of a character. For example, a character may be considered courageous, disciplined, or curious. A reader can identify a character's trait(s) through what the character says or does as well as how other characters relate to him/her.

A. Anaxandra/Percy Jackson's Challenge: Chapters 1-6

What was the most **significant** challenge that Anaxandra/Percy experienced during Chapters 1-6?

<p>CD: Select the piece(s) of text (concrete detail) that shows this challenge. Include page number (s).</p>	<p>CM: Explain the significance of this challenge.</p>
<p>Character Trait: Identify and explain a character trait that either allowed Anaxandra/Percy to overcome the challenge or hindered Anaxandra/Percy from overcoming the challenge.</p>	<p>CD on character trait: Select the piece(s) of text (concrete detail) that supports the character trait. Include page number(s).</p>

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B. Anaxandra's Challenge: Chapters 7-11/Percy's Challenge: Chapters 7-15

What was the most **significant** challenge that Anaxandra experienced during Chapters 7-11/Percy experienced during Chapters 7-15?

<p>CD: Select the piece(s) of text (concrete detail) that shows this challenge. Include page number (s).</p>	<p>CM: Explain the significance of this challenge.</p>
<p>Character Trait: Identify and explain a character trait that either allowed Anaxandra/Percy to overcome the challenge or hindered Anaxandra/Percy from overcoming the challenge.</p>	<p>CD on character trait: Select the piece(s) of text (concrete detail) that supports the character trait. Include page number(s).</p>

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C. Anaxandra's Challenge: Chapters 12-end/Percy's Challenge: Chapters 16-end

What was the most **significant** challenge that Anaxandra/Percy experienced during the remaining chapters?

<p>CD: Select the piece(s) of text (concrete detail) that shows this challenge. Include page number (s).</p>	<p>CM: Explain the significance of this challenge.</p>
<p>Character Trait: Identify and explain a character trait that either allowed Anaxandra/Percy to overcome the challenge or hindered Anaxandra/Percy from overcoming the challenge.</p>	<p>CD on character trait: Select the piece(s) of text (concrete detail) that supports the character trait. Include page number(s).</p>

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