

(2025) 6 Summer Reading Letter

the Berkeley Carroll School

Dear Rising Sixth Grade Families,

Welcome to sixth grade humanities! We are eagerly awaiting your arrival and are excited to start learning together in the fall. In the meantime, we hope your students enjoy the sixth grade humanities summer work:

1. **D'aulaires' Book of Greek Myths:** All 6th grade students will begin reading *D'aulaires' Book of Greek Myths* by Ingri and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire this summer; Berkeley Carroll will provide copies of this text. **You will be responsible for reading from the beginning of the book through page 69. We will continue reading in the book together once the school year begins.**
2. **Creative Assignment:** While reading the Greek myths, immerse yourself in the ancient stories and get inspired! When you're done reading, complete one of the following creative assignments. Be ready to share your work when we return to school in September.
 - Create an illustration of the Olympian whose myth you found most interesting. Show a pivotal moment or scene from their myth. Then write a paragraph explaining why you chose that scene.
 - Write a diary entry from the perspective of your chosen Olympian. What does their day-to-day life look like? What issues are on their mind? What might they say about other Olympians? (Aim for 1-2 pages)
 - Write a script for an interview podcast in which you have the opportunity to ask questions of your chosen Olympian. What questions would you ask? How might they answer? As a bonus, you can record your interview to turn it into a real podcast! (Aim for 1-2 pages)
3. **Choice Reading:** In addition, we'd like you to select **two** books to read from the [Berkeley Carroll Middle Library's Summer Reading Libguide](#).

Please fill out the attached sheet to show that you have completed all of the tasks listed above. Additionally, plan to bring your copy of *D'aulaires Book of Greek Myths* and your completed creative assignment on the first day of school. We look forward to meeting all of you soon. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,
Mr. Chodakewitz, Ms. Miller-Gootnick, and Ms. Telford

Student name: _____

6th Grade Summer Work Checklist	
Task	Checkbox
I read through page 69 of <i>D'aulaires' Book of Greek Myths</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/>
I completed <u>one</u> of the three creative assignments listed above based on what I read in <i>D'aulaires</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/>
I read two books listed in the Berkeley Carroll Middle Library's Summer Reading Libguide . They are: 1. _____ 2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Student Signature Parent/Guardian Signature

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