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Dear Educator,

Now in its thirteenth year, Barnes & Noble Summer Reading partners with educators to inspire readers in the first through sixth grades to earn a free book. This year we've invited the author of the phenomenally popular Percy Jackson and the Olympians series, Rick Riordan, to help us—and you—foster a love of reading and its rewards.

The fun and exciting activities of *Summer Reading with Percy Jackson and the Olympians* are designed to reinforce learning, nurture skills, and motivate students to extend their reading through the summer. Students can pick the titles they want to read and proceed at their own pace. Everything you need to help your students participate—and earn a free book!—is included in this package. (These materials are copyrighted, but but feel free to make as many copies as you need.)

Online at bn.com/summerreading, you'll find special interactive content, including a video interview with Rick Riordan, community discussions about children's literature, downloadable versions of the Summer Reading Journal and activity kits, and more reading suggestions. We also encourage you and your students to join the Family Room discussion in our free online Book Clubs, where we'll be discussing all the Olympians books—including the newest, and final, novel in the series, *The Last Olympian*—throughout the season.

We hope you'll begin using this kit and related materials as the school year winds down, inviting your students to join Rick Riordan to have fun and earn free books in our Summer Reading program.

Call your local store or log on to bn.com/school for more information.



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ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

Activity sheets are included in this kit. They are also available online at bn.com/summerreading

ACTIVITY 1

FIND YOUR FAVORITES

Identifying Authors and Illustrators

Concepts Covered: Students learn to identify an author's or an illustrator's particular style and choose their favorites. This activity will go hand in hand with the author/illustrator study you conducted during the school year.

1. Using the questions on **Activity Sheet 1**, ask your students to think about what makes their favorites so special.
2. Ask older students to imagine the title of their favorite author's next book. Have them compose the opening of this book in the style of the author and share their ideas with the class.

You can learn more about many of your students' favorite authors at Barnes & Noble.com.



ACTIVITY 2

FICTION AND NON-FICTION

Exploring Different Kind of Books



Concepts Covered: Students explore different genres and learn the difference between Fiction and Non-Fiction. This activity will complement the genre study you conducted during the school year.

1. Reintroduce genres to your class—mystery, biography, fantasy, history, humor. Which are Fiction? Which are Non-Fiction? Discuss the characteristics of each genre and ask students to pick their favorites.
2. Ask your students to fill out **Activity Sheet 2**. You can encourage the use of classroom tools or use this activity as the starting point for a library lesson. Go over the books the students have listed. Discuss which types of books they like and which new genres they might like to explore.
3. **Bonus Activity:** Your students can “produce” a TV or radio commercial, or write an ad for a newspaper or magazine, describing their favorite genre. Let them decide which program or publication would reach the most receptive audience, then perform their skits or post their ads on a bulletin board.

ACTIVITY 3

MYTHOLOGY

Investigate the World of Gods, Monsters, and Heroes

Concepts Covered: Students use their dictionary and reference skills to test and extend their knowledge of classical mythology.



1. Ask students to use **Activity Sheet 3** to match the names of the mythological figures with their powers or characteristics, using dictionaries and other sources as necessary.
2. When Percy Jackson discovers he is a demigod, he learns that the gods of Olympus are alive and well in the 21st century. In the space provided at the bottom of **Activity Sheet 3**, ask students to choose the one mythological figure they would like to meet, and explain why.

ACTIVITY 4

INVENT AN ADVENTURE

Writing a Story

Concepts Covered: Students employ the outlining and compositional skills they have been developing all year to plan and begin an adventure tale.



1. The Olympian exploits of Percy Jackson begin when a twelve-year-old boy living in modern-day New York learns that his father is the Greek god Poseidon. Ask students to imagine a surprising discovery about someone in their own circumstances, and the adventures it might set in motion.
2. Using **Activity Sheet 4**, students can begin a story based on the discovery imagined in step 1. Ask them to compose the first few sentences in the space provided.

READING JOURNAL

Participating in the Summer Reading Program

1. Discuss with your students the kinds of books they might enjoy reading over the summer. You know better than anyone which titles will best meet the needs of your class.
2. Explain to your students that Barnes & Noble started its summer reading program to offer kids a real reward for reading—a chance to earn a free book.
3. Distribute the **Summer Reading Journals**. The rest is simple—students enter the names of their books as they read them. When they've read eight books, they can return the completed form to any Barnes & Noble bookstore to get a free book (see form for details). Parent/guardian signatures are required.



EXTRA CREDIT

1. Ask students to think of characters from other stories that share characteristics or powers with the figures from Greek mythology that appear in the Percy Jackson books. How are they similar? How are they different? Older students can use library or other reference resources to search for the figures' counterparts in other mythologies or folklores (e.g., Indian, African, Asian, Norse, etc.).
2. Try making the traditional “What I Did on My Summer Vacation” essay more fun by asking students to imagine mythological creatures appearing in the midst of their normal summertime experiences.

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Find Your Favorites

Identifying your favorite authors and illustrators is an important part of exploring the world of books. Answer the questions below to focus on why you like this person's work.

1. Who is your favorite author or illustrator?

2. What was the first book you read by this person?

3. Who recommended this book or read it to you?

4. What other books have you read by your favorite author or illustrator?

5. What additional books by him or her do you plan to read this summer?

6. What makes this person's book(s) so special to you?

7. Are you able to identify the style of this author or illustrator?

8. What makes it so easy to recognize?

9. Does anything else you've read share similar qualities?

10. What else would you like this person to write or draw?

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Fiction and Non-Fiction

It's important to understand the difference between Fiction and Non-Fiction. Fiction is a story made up from the writer's imagination. It can include real people and events, but the story is imaginary. Non-Fiction is written entirely from factual information. Rick Riordan's Percy Jackson and the Olympians books are Fiction.

There are a number of different types (or genres) of books you can read. Use the check boxes to mark which types of books are Fiction and which are Non-Fiction. Then list an example of each from your own reading.

	FICTION	NON-FICTION	EXAMPLES YOU HAVE READ
Mystery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Humor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Biography	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Diary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Fantasy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
History	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Nature	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Tall Tale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Reference	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

You should read different types of books just as you should eat a well-balanced diet. Have fun this summer by exploring different genres. Start your reading list here.

Biography _____
Humor _____
History _____
Mystery _____
Series _____

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Mythology

When Percy Jackson discovers he is a demigod, he learns that the gods of Olympus are alive and well in the 21st century. Match the names of the gods, monsters, and other mythological figures on the left with their powers or characteristics on the right, using dictionaries and other sources as necessary.

Zeus

Hera

Poseidon

Athena

Ares

Hades

Aphrodite

Apollo

Artemis

Circe

Hydra

Cyclops

God of War

Lord of the Underworld

Goddess of the Forest and the Hunt

Monster with several heads

Siren who turned her enemies into animals

God of Music and Oracles

Goddess of War

Wife of Zeus

Monster with a single eye

Lord of Olympus

Lord of the Sea

Goddess of Love

In the space provided below, choose one mythological figure you would like to meet, and explain why.

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This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal blue lines and a vertical red margin line on the right side. The paper is slightly aged and has some minor blemishes. In the bottom right corner, there is a small portion of a spiral notebook binding visible.

Illustration ©2006 by John Rocco from *The Sea of Monsters* by Rick Riordan



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Dear Young Demigods,

Ah, summer! Time to strap on your armor, sharpen your magic weapons, and get ready for monster-fighting lessons at Camp Half-Blood.

But what's a young demigod to do on those long lazy afternoons when you get tired of the lava-climbing wall or chariot racing? As anyone in the Athena cabin will tell you, it's important to pack a few good books when you come to camp.

Fortunately, the Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Program is here with a challenge of Olympian proportions.

3 Easy Steps to Earn a FREE Book—And Get a Chance to Win an Autographed Percy Jackson Novel!

1. Read any eight books and record them on this Summer Reading Journal.
2. Bring your completed Reading Journal to a Barnes & Noble store between May 26th and September 7th.
3. Choose your FREE book from this list. Your name will be automatically entered in the autographed book sweepstakes.

So keep reading, young demigods, and stay alert for monsters. You never know when adventure will find you!

Best wishes from Mount Olympus,

Rick Riordan

GRADES 1 & 2

Abe Lincoln's Hat	Martha Brenner
Biscuit Takes a Walk	Alyssa Satin Capucilli
Camping Out	Mercer Mayer
Curious George: Piñata Party/Jorge el curioso y la piñata	H. A. Rey
Fancy Nancy: The Dazzling Book Report	Jane O'Connor
Little Bear's Visit	Else Holmelund Minarik

GRADES 3 & 4

Chocolate Fever	Robert Kimmel Smith
Clarice Bean, Don't Look Now	Lauren Child
The Enormous Egg	Oliver Butterworth
Henry Huggins	Beverly Cleary
Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World	Mildred Pitts Walter
Moonwalk: The First Trip to the Moon	Judy Donnelly
Pick of the Litter	Bill Wallace
El ratoncito de la moto	Beverly Cleary
Soupy Saturdays with the Pain & the Great One	Judy Blume
Sugar Plum Ballerinas: Plum Fantastic	Whoopi Goldberg

GRADES 5 & 6

The Aurora County All-Stars	Deborah Wiles
Beacon Street Girls #1: Worst Enemy/Best Friends	Annie Bryant
Ben and Me	Robert Lawson
Lady Margaret's Ghost	Elizabeth M. Jones
Percy Jackson & The Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan
Schooled	Gordon Korman
Sounder	William H. Armstrong
The Twenty-One Balloons	William Pene du Bois
The Wednesday Wars	Gary D. Schmidt
The Year of the Rat	Grace Lin



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Parent / Guardian Name: _____ Parent / Guardian Phone # or Email: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

TITLE AND AUTHOR	FAVORITE PART OF THE STORY
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3 _____	_____
4 _____	_____
5 _____	_____
6 _____	_____
7 _____	_____
8 _____	_____

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