



Greek Mythology

January 11

Welcome to Ancient Greece!

As we begin a new learning unit, our fifth grade class will continue exploring an age long past – the times and stories of Ancient Greece! This exciting period of time will be celebrated with exciting projects and activities.

While familiarizing ourselves with amazing mythological stories, we'll also be learning about specifics on the realities of the time period and the rich history the Greeks left us.

We will be incorporating a variety of Vermont Standards & Learning Opportunities into this unit, and hope to incorporate a writing piece, play, and puppet show to our unit!

Let's Celebrate!

The culminating events of this terrific unit will be two hands on activities involving drama and we'd love to have your help!

Our kiddos will be writing a first person piece on a god or goddess of their choice. They'll then be asked to make a puppet representing this deity. (Rubric enclosed!) The puppets will be photographed for posterity during our writing periods sometime during February. **Please do not begin**



this project yet, the children still need to learn the basics of mythology before they can chose a god/goddess to create and write about. We'll also be presenting an evening of Greek theatre!

We will present to you three Greek plays! We anticipate assigning parts and beginning auditions the beginning of next month, with the performance taking place in the evening. As we work towards the big night we'll need adults willing to help us either with rehearsals or preparing & dressing actors just prior to performance. No parent will be asked to help during the show! We know you'll want to enjoy the show!

- Learn Greek Gods & Goddesses. Write as one of the leaders of Mount Olympus!
- Read some of the more famous Greek myths.
- Work with Greek alphabet and design a scroll. (at home)
- Design a Greek vase. (In School)
- Make a puppet of a god. (At home)
- Perform Greek plays! (February)

Costumes will be provided for the evening's performance, although we'd like children to wear light colored shorts under their togas. Girls will be asked to wear tops with spaghetti straps under their togas and boys may either wear white tee shirts or no shirt at all. Our togas are very age appropriate. We also ask children to either go barefoot or wear sandals for the performance. Thanks for thinking ahead!

If you are interested in helping with our play, please indicate below and return this form. We can't do it without you!

I can help on the evening of the performance.

Name

I can help with daytime rehearsals.

Name