Dear Parents,

Throughout first quarter, students have been reading Rick Riordan’s Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief. In this time students have read Greek myths alluded to within the novel, discussed common themes, key elements of mythology, and the stages of a hero’s journey. Students have written a mini analytical essay as well as a literary analysis of common themes between mythology and The Lightning Thief.

One of the 6th grade standards for Language Arts is:

**6.RL.7:** Compare and contrast the experience of reading a story, drama, or poem to listening to or viewing an audio, video, or live version of the text, including contrasting what they “see” and “hear” when reading the text to what they perceive when they listen or watch.

In conjunction with this standard, we will be watching the movie *Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief* on Friday, October 25, 2013. Please know that watching a film in class is to serve as an educational experience, not a “free day.” Students absent on this day will not be able to be graded on this standard as we will be doing in class activities surrounding both Medias.

Students will be working on a graphic organizer detailing the differences between the text and the film version of the tale. After the film, students will participate in a Socratic Seminar discussing the freedoms and liberties taken by both the author and the director. Students will then take the discussion a further step by writing a reflection relating the creative freedoms taken in both book and film to the creative liberties they may take as authors of their own hero’s journey narratives.

Please fill out the following permission slip for your student. It is your choice to have your student watch a PG movie in class. Should you choose not to have your student take part in the watching of the film, for any reason, they will be given an alternative assignment. **Students may bring something comfortable to sit on (lawn chair, bean bag) to school that day. They may not bring a pillow.** Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Miss Schiff

I , give my student , permission to watch the film ***Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief*** in class on Friday, October 25, 2013. I understand this film is rated **PG**. I understand my student is watching the film in order to meet a 6th grade standard and will be graded on their participation in class activities and discussions surrounding the film.

Parent Signature Date

I , **DO NOT** give permission for my student , to watch the film ***Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief*** in class on Friday, October 25, 2013. I understand students are watching this film in order to meet a 6th grade standard that my student will not be able to meet due to their inability to watch the film. I understand students will be graded on their participation in class activities and discussions surrounding the film, which my student will not be able to take part in. I understand my student will be given an alternative assignment related to other standards for Friday, October 25, 2013 and that my student will not be able to be graded on standard 6.RL.7 at this time.

Parent Signature Date