



# 2010 SHCPS Big Summer Read

## Going Into GRADE FIVE Myths and Legends

*"The more that you read,  
the more things you will  
know. The more you  
learn, the more places  
you'll go."  
— Dr. Seuss*

**In August children will be writing their own myths or legends on our CORE VALUES  
Hope, Integrity, Compassion, Respect, Justice, Wisdom, Courage and Responsibility**

### Myths and Legends

Myths are stories that usually explain something about the world and involve gods and other supernatural beings. Although, myths are fictional stories, in most libraries they are found in the non-fiction section. A legend is a story, sometimes of a national or folk hero, which has a basis in fact but also includes imaginative material.

**Worcester Public Library** owns a *LARGE COLLECTION* of myths and legends, ask a librarian for help. Borrow books from the public library at no cost and continue reading all summer long.

**Read as many books as you want BUT you MUST read at least FOUR books.**

#### Books in the Worcester Public Library

Percy Jackson Series by Rick Riordan:

The Lightning Thief  
The Sea of Monsters  
The Battle of the Labyrinth  
The Demigod Flies  
The Last Olympian  
The Titan's Curse

The Wish by Gail Carson Levine

Fairest by Gail Carson Levine

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine

Tales From The Odyssey by Mary Pope Osborne

The Land of the Dead  
The One-Eyed Giant  
Sirens and Sea Monsters  
The Gray-Eyed Goddess  
Return to Ithaca

The Grey King by Susan Cooper

The Dark is Rising by Susan Cooper

Young Heroes Series by Jane Yolen

Odysseus in the Serpents Maze  
Young Merlin Trilogy

Fablehaven (series) by Brandon Mull

Harry Potter Series by J K Rowling

Sea of Trolls Trilogy by Nancy Farmer

Skeleton Man by Joseph Bruchac

Bearwalker by Joseph Bruchac

#### More titles Your Child Will Enjoy

Black Ships Before Troy: The Story of The Iliad by Rosemary Sutcliffe

Pandora by Robert Burleigh

The Beautiful Stories of Life: Six Greeks Myths,  
Retold by Cynthia Rylant

The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling

American Tall Tales by Mary Pope Osborne

Cut from the Same Cloth: American Women of

Myth, Legend and Tall Tale by Robert San Souci

Prince in the Pond by Donna Jo Napoli

**READ ANY MYTHS or LEGENDS!**