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Dear Families:

Please supplement your child's Art Supply box with the following materials for the 2019-2020 school year:

One White Eraser  
Box of Crayola Brand Watercolors  
Box of Crayons – **Grade 1 only**  
Scissors  
Oil crayons/ cray-pas/oil pastels Grs. 2,3,4,5,6,7,8  
2 pencils  
Set of Colored Pencils - **grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8**  
1 – 12 inch ruler – Grades 6,7,8  
1 container of Clorox disinfecting wipes

Please try to purchase a good quality brand, such as Crayola, as many other brands simply do not work as well.

The supplies listed above can be purchased at Michael's Crafts, Staples, JoAnn's and A.C. Moore. Supplies should be replenished at the beginning of every semester, if necessary..

An empty shoe box works well to hold supplies or a large zip lock bag.

Thanks!

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Art Teacher

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Grade 6 Summer Reading Assignment - Troy: Last War of the Heroic Age by Si Sheppard

Guided reading questions:

**The Iliad**

Scenes 1-7

Fill in the blanks using the words provided. Some words are used more than once.

Paris	Homer	Briseis	Helen	Mycenae	Sparta
Ilium	Aphrodite	Menelaus	Troy	Thetis	Aulis
Iphigenia	amazons	Chryseis	Iliad	Patroclus	Agamemnon

Troy was an ancient city. It is also known by the name \_\_\_\_\_. When the ancient Greek storyteller \_\_\_\_\_, who is thought to have been blind, told the story of the Trojan War, he called it the \_\_\_\_\_. This famous tale recounts the story of \_\_\_\_\_, the most beautiful woman in the world, and events surrounding her capture. It is this woman who has "the face that launched a thousand ships." Her husband is \_\_\_\_\_. They are king and queen of \_\_\_\_\_. A young man named \_\_\_\_\_, with help from the goddess \_\_\_\_\_, who is the goddess of love, steals Helen from her husband. \_\_\_\_\_, returning from a trip, discovers that \_\_\_\_\_, who had been a guest at his palace, has stolen his wife and looted the palace treasury. He vows revenge and assembles Helen's former suitors, who had pledged years before to protect her wedding vows. Menelaus recruits his brother \_\_\_\_\_, king of \_\_\_\_\_, to be the leader of the Greek forces for the assault on Troy, where \_\_\_\_\_ has taken Helen. After a thousand Greek ships have assembled at \_\_\_\_\_, the wise man Calchas tells them that a sacrifice must be made in order to get a "fair wind for Troy." Unfortunately, it is \_\_\_\_\_'s daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, who must be sacrificed. Her sorrowful but ambitious father lures her to her death by telling her that she must travel to Aulis to be married to Achilles. When she discovers the real reason for her journey, she submits willingly, calling it a "noble cause." Immediately after her death, the winds begin to blow in the direction of \_\_\_\_\_. The Greeks set up camp on the shore, under the battlements of Troy. To pass the time in between fighting, the Greeks loot and burn the towns and villages around Troy, hoping to weaken her defenses by eliminating her allies. On one of the raids, two girls are taken by the soldiers and made into slaves. They are cousins, and one is the daughter of a priest of Apollo. Their names are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ is considered the prize of the raid, and Agamemnon enslaves

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her. Achilles takes her cousin. When it seems as if the Greek forces will never be able to take Troy, Calchas declares that the girl's father has appealed to Apollo, who now demands the return of \_\_\_\_\_. Agamemnon promises to return her but wants to take Achilles' prize, \_\_\_\_\_, as a substitute. Achilles is forced to give up the girl because \_\_\_\_\_ is his commander, and a king as well, whereas Achilles is merely a prince. This enrages Achilles and he refuses to fight. Achilles' refusal to fight makes others unwilling to fight. Achilles' best friend, \_\_\_\_\_, borrows his armor in the hopes of inspiring the men to a new attack. The soldiers, upon seeing Achilles' armor, burst into formation and follow him into a fierce battle, where to their horror, he is struck down by Prince Hector of Troy. When Hector strips off and claims the armor, he is astonished to find that the body beneath is not Achilles at all. Odysseus and Ajax rush back to Achilles' tent, where they find him and tell him Patroclus was slain while wearing Achilles' armor. In a fury, Achilles rushes to his mother, the sea goddess, \_\_\_\_\_. She orders Hephaestus, god of fire and metal, to make a special suit of armor, one impervious to weapons of any kind. Achilles suits up and meets Hector on the battlefield. The two warriors clash, but Hector ultimately falls to Achilles' vengeful resolve. To prove how angry he is that Hector killed Patroclus, Achilles threads a leather rope through Hector's ankles and drags the body around the walls of Troy for days on end. Everyone is horrified. After funeral games for his best friend, Patroclus, Achilles is visited in his tent by King Priam and his daughter Polyxena, who seek the return of Prince Hector's body in exchange for a ransom of gold. Achilles' heart is softened when he sees the suffering he has caused Hector's sister Polyxena. King Priam offers her hand in marriage, and Achilles accepts but states that the engagement must remain secret until he has a chance to speak to Agamemnon.

Soon after, the Greeks are besieged by allies of the Trojans, including the women warriors called the \_\_\_\_\_ and a tribe called the Ethiopians. Achilles answers the call to fight and does battle with the leaders of both tribes. After a fierce struggle, both Queen Penthesilea and Memnon, son of the goddess Aurora and leader of the Ethiopians, are slain by Achilles, devastating the Trojan defense.

## The Iliad

### Scenes 8-14

Fill in the blanks using the words provided. Some words are used more than once.

Greeks	Athena	Troy	Achilles	gates
sea serpents	Odysseus	Trojans	Agamemnon	
Priam	Menelaus	Laocoon	Greek festivities	
Paris	Ajax	Polyxena	Cassandra	Helen

Since accepting King Priam's daughter, Achilles has met secretly with \_\_\_\_\_ on occasion and grown fond of her. One day he meets her at the Temple of Apollo and they talk about their childhoods. Suddenly, \_\_\_\_\_ appears from behind a column and aims his arrow at \_\_\_\_\_' heel, the only mortal spot on his body. The great Greek warrior is killed! \_\_\_\_\_ organizes a vote for Achilles' special armor, announcing it should go to the best Greek soldier: Odysseus or Ajax. The goddess makes sure \_\_\_\_\_ gets the most votes. \_\_\_\_\_ is stunned, and after Athena sends madness into his body to keep him from retaliating, he strikes down pigs in a pen at the beach encampment. When he comes back to his senses and realizes what he has done, he is so ashamed that he falls on his sword. Losing two of the finest soldiers has a demoralizing effect on the Greeks, but Odysseus comes up with a plan. A gigantic wooden horse is built, wheels are attached, and it is set up on the shore. The secret is that it is hollow, and Odysseus takes a group of soldiers inside. Meanwhile, the rest of the Greek forces board their ships and sail off to hide out behind a nearby island. The strange wooden effigy excites the curiosity of the \_\_\_\_\_, who wonder why the Greeks would have left right in the middle of a war. Their curiosity drives King \_\_\_\_\_ to form an investigative party, which he then takes down to the seashore. Discussing the meaning of the giant structure, it is decided that the Greeks have given up and left behind a gift. King Priam's daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, who can predict the future, warns that it is dangerous and will bring about the end to Troy. \_\_\_\_\_, a priest, echoes her warning. But the princess has been cursed in that nothing she says is believed—even though she is able to foresee the future. Suddenly, to the horror of all, two monstrous \_\_\_\_\_ slither up the beach and drag \_\_\_\_\_ and his two sons into the sea. This is seen as a sign from the gods that the wooden horse is indeed a gift. Amid the last protests from \_\_\_\_\_, King \_\_\_\_\_ orders that the horse

be pulled through the gates of the city. Inside the walls of \_\_\_\_\_ , there is much rejoicing by the people who believe the war against the \_\_\_\_\_ is over. Singing and dancing and celebration of all kinds overtake the city and the \_\_\_\_\_ last long into the night. Finally, exhausted, sleep descends on the city and things become quiet. Silent inside the hollow belly of the horse, \_\_\_\_\_ and the others begin to gather their courage for the next phase of the plan. A Greek spy alerts them when the coast is clear, and \_\_\_\_\_ leads his men out into the sleeping city. He orders the \_\_\_\_\_ of the city to be opened to the waiting \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers. From that moment on, the city is doomed. With brutal swiftness, the Greeks overpower the sleepy citizens, slaughter them, and reduce their city to rubble. At daybreak, \_\_\_\_\_ , leader of the Greeks, has the survivors rounded up and parceled out as slaves. He chooses \_\_\_\_\_ , princess of Troy. And \_\_\_\_\_ , King of Sparta, accepts his own estranged wife, \_\_\_\_\_ , the most beautiful woman in the world.

Essay:

Is there a "heroic code" that guides the decisions of the characters in *The Iliad*? Discuss the values of the Homeric hero, paying particular attention to contrasting characters such as Achilles, Odysseus, Paris, and Hector. Does one character emerge as more heroic than the rest? Does one character emerge as less heroic?

Hello Students!

Summer is around the corner and I know the last thing you want to hear is what you will be working on over the summer. However, continuously reading in the summer and working on school work will help you to succeed in the upcoming school year. For my Social Studies classes, I am asking that each class **read the book** for their designated class and **write a 2-3 page report**. In your book report, state important people and their role in the book, important event(s), theme, time period, and facts of the story.

The report will be due the first week of school. *Do not wait until the last minute to read!* Start early and read daily. This assignment will count as a project grade (40%).

Any questions, please email [tscaramuzzo@blessedschoolpvd.org](mailto:tscaramuzzo@blessedschoolpvd.org) .

Have a great summer! Enjoy it and happy reading!

See you all soon,  
*Mrs. Scaramuzzo*

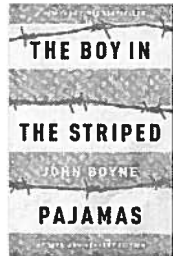
"Summer afternoon...

to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language" -  
Henry James

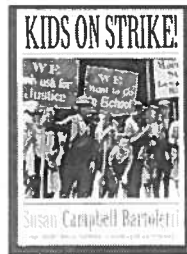
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The books assigned to each class:

- 6th Grade: *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* By: John Boyne



- 7th Grade: *Kids on Strike* By: Susan Campbell Bartoletti



- 8th Grade: *Roll of Thunder, Hear my cry* By: Mildred D. Taylor

