Dear Families,

Students are hard at work on their Greek mythology books. This week for homework they will write the rough draft of their own personal myth. The directions are included in this week’s homework materials. They will go through the entire writing process (pre-write, rough draft). Next week they will revise, edit, publish). This will be an important part of their writing grade. Please check with your child to see if they are up to date on their books. The due dates were sent home previously and are on my website.

In addition, in class we have read, “It’s All Greek To Me” by Jon Scieszka. It is this “The Time Warp Trio” story that our Greek Play is based on. Jon Scieszka wrote this play, from his book, for his daughter when she was in fourth grade. On Tuesday we are reading the scripts and then Mrs. McMahon and I will ask the children to make a list of parts they would be willing to do. This is a polished (or as polished as possible) production. All lines must be memorized and all actors must be in costume and able to emote and project. There is not one part that is more or less important than the other. Please encourage your child to be flexible in making their selections. Every year we have too many children vying for too few roles. When that happens we go for the “name out of the hat” method of role selection. Roles will be announced by Friday. Then next week rehearsals start. So, it is important that your child is current with all their assignments.

Mrs. McMahon and I are going to need your help to make this Greek festival a success. First we need someone or ones to step forward to organize fellow parents into two groups. One group to help decorate the stage and one to organize the nectar and ambrosia to share following the play.

Now, here is an issue that I am still working on. Rather than two and one-half days for conferences this year, we will have two. I am thinking about doing two after school on both Tuesday and Wednesday, March 19 and 20. That way I will be able to do eleven each day on March 21 and 22. I will let you know. Because of the tight schedule there will be very little room for flexibility.