



Brookings School District

Empowering all learners to embrace and be inspired to realize their potential

CAMELOT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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1. Fourth Grade Reading: Greek Mythology

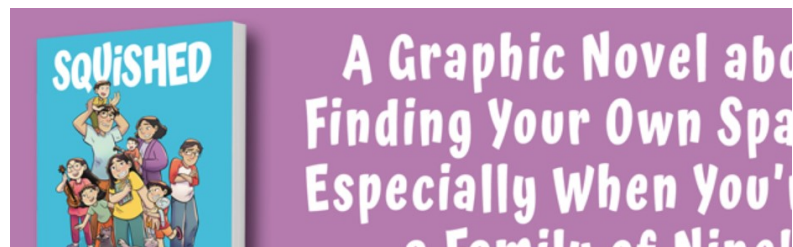
Our fourth-grade readers have been focusing on Greek Mythology to apply their understanding of plot structure, summarizing, character traits, as well as theme. The learners were introduced to the Gods and Goddesses, learned about their stories, and then began to decide which of the 12 stories they wanted to focus on. Once the learners have completed their brain mapping activities for their chosen story, they are currently working hard on a final project. The learners could choose from various projects such as performing a puppet show, creating an iMovie, building a museum piece (creating a scene from their story), or a storybook creation where the learners wrote and illustrated their story.

2. March Madness Reading Style

Fifth-grade learners on the Gray team have had a *Graphic Novel March Madness* competition bracket that brought lots of fun and excitement. The overall standard focused on how multimedia elements impact our reading experience and the overall story. Each day the class looked at different components of that umbrella: panel pacing, color palettes and how they make you feel, font choices, text layout, etc. They also focused on theme and how many graphic novels can have common themes of self-identity, friendships, etc.

After they finished a graphic novel, they filled out an interest sheet on whether they enjoyed it or not. At the end of the unit, the learners voted (bracket style) on which graphic novel they liked the best out of the six. The learners noted that they learned more by focusing on the little things that authors and illustrators sneak into the books to make the reader's experience more engaging.

Six graphic novels went head-to-head (El Deafo, Squished, Ghosts, Four Eyes, Invisible, Mighty Jack) and the champion of the classes was Squished!



3. Upcoming Dates

PTA Meeting – April 3, 5pm, Camelot Library

Fourth Grade Vocal Concert – April 4th

Breakfast with Badges – April 9, 2024

SD Assessments – April 18, 19, 22, 23, 24

School-wide attendance of James & the Giant Peach at SDSU – April 19