November 2020 — Thanksgiving Issue (#5) — For Kids, by Kids!

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Entertainment

Spoiler Alert

Reviewed by Akaash K.

The Lightning Thief tells tales of Greek mythology through a 12-year old boy named Percy Jackson, who learns that his father is Poseidon, god of the sea.



Poseidon is accused of stealing from Zeus, the god of heaven,his lightning bolt, his symbol of power. Percy Jackson and his few friends have to recover Zeus's bolt before the winter solstice. They also have to accomplish some unexpected side missions.

I like this book because it has lots of humor and adventure. Hungry for more? Rick Riordan wrote many more more books inspired by myths around the world:

- Percy Jackson & The Olympians, 4.3 ☆
- The Heroes Of Olympus, 4.3 ☆
- Kane Chronicles, $4.1 \stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$
- Magnus Chase And The Gods Of Asgard, 4.2 ☆

- *The 39 Clues* series, 3.9 ☆
- *The Trials of Apollo*, 4.4 ☆
- Très Navarre, 3.6 ☆

So what are you waiting for? Start reading!

TV Time

Are mysteries your thing? Then this show, set in Jalpur, India, is right up your alley! In *Mira*, *Royal Detective*, Mira must solve mysteries for the people of Jalpur.

But Mira is not alone! She has the assistance of her loveable sidekicks,



the mongeese Mikku and Chikku and the inventions of the second oldest prince of Jalpur, Neel. Mira and her friends race to the answer in every episode with a paced rhythm that will work its way into each and every watchers' heart.

Popcorn Pick

If you're ready to bust a gut laughing, you've come to the right place! Robert Stevenson's classic & hilarious movie, *The Love Bug*, follows the events that come after a defeated racer buying a new car (called Herbie) with a mind of its own — literally! Watch on as this

racer makes friends and enemies.

Eventually, it all comes down to one race that could settle his racing career for good, in which his enemy will do anything to win, even if it means fighting dirty...

Self-driving cars were a joke fifty years ago, when this was made. So don't be worried that it's too serious: I award it my *Funniest Movie of All Time!*

Sports Survey

Written By Charlie B.

The NFL is doing great, even with Korona. Here are the top QB stats:

CIN	Joe Burrow	221
CAR	Teddy Bridgewater	220
BUF	Josh Allen	217
ARI	Kyler Murray	190
KCC	Patrick Mahomes	190
LAR	Jared Goff	186
NOS	Drew Brees	185
SEA	Russell Wilson	183

As you can see, rookie Joe Burrow from LSU is playing great! (Even though, in my opinion, his team isn't that good.) The Niners have so many injuries, but they might still have a shot at the playoffs.

Mystery Time

Bella's Birthday: Part 1

Written by Seerat D.

Bella, Mia, Nyra, were getting ready for Bella's birthday party.

Nyra blew the last balloon. "C'mon, guys!" Nyra said.

"Yeah, come on, Bella! Bella, where are you??" Mia screamed.

"She must be somewhere!," Nyra said, "You look in the kitchen, I'll look in the playroom!

Next Issue: Clues

Word on the Street: "Pavo"

I'll let my one of my little sisters, Diya, take it away: The *o* in *pavo* is pronounced like the word *oh*.

Here's how I remember: P + A = pa (as in popcorn) and V + O = vo (as in violet). When you combine it, it equals... PAVO! You did it!

The English translation is very important for Thanksgiving. Need a hint? Here are three hints:

- I was used back during the first Thanksgiving...
- 2. I am big and round and waddle...

If that's still hard, here's a final clue:

3. You might eat me on Thanksgiving Day.

Do you know what *pavo* means yet? If you said "turkey," you were right! But don't worry: next time, it won't be so easy!

Boredom-Inspired

Creative Arts

Materials: Paper • Pencil • Sharpie Optional: Googly eyes, Glue dots, Feathers •

Step 1: Put the piece of paper on a table and put your hand (any hand) and trace it with a pencil.

Step 2: Make a beak and the wattle (the red thing below the turkey's neck)

Step 3: Then, go over your pencil lines with your Sharpie

Step 4: Decorate your hand, and you're done! Here's mine:



Why don't you...

Go on a vacation! You can't actually travel to Hawaii or something like that, but you can pretend!

To start off, cut a piece of paper into however many family members you want to invite. Then, on each slip, write the name of your airline (e.g. *Cloudliner*), a name slot, and a seat number. You can also decorate it with a picture of a plane or a price like \$304 (I'm just guessing here, so cut me some slack).

Once you've made tickets, arrange chairs (you should have as many as you have family members) to look like an airplane, circle, trapezoid, or any other shape you can imagine. If you can, get a large plate to use as a serving tray (in case you hadn't guessed, for serving snacks and beverages).

After you've done that, "sell" your tickets to your family members. Remember, if you actually want to charge money, lower the price to, like, a dollar and make sure they enjoy top-notch service (like Wi-Fi and beverage service — though you shouldn't be held responsible if the Wi-Fi fails!).

Real News At Last!

An Exclusive Interview with Computer

Written by Seerat D. and Zoya K.

"Hi, folks, and welcome to another exclusive interview. Let me introduce.... *Computer!*"

As Computer excitedly bounced in the room, his shiny gray outfit reflected the lights of the room. "Hi! You can call me 'Puter for short."

"My first question is, Puter, how is it like to be so popular around the globe?" I asked.

"It's amazing! Being famous is so fun 'cause people use me, and now thanks to korona, people sit in front of me for *AT LEAST* 3 hours — including you!"

"Nice," I said. "Next up: do you like Korona, and why?"

"I LOVE Korona because it caused me to become one of the most popular things in the world!," he boasted.

"Okay, my last question is: How do you feel about virtual school?

"I sometimes don't like kids and adults takin' calls because if their Internet goes out, somehow it's all my fault, when I didn't do anything!"

"But otherwise, you like it?" I asked.

"Totes!," Computer confirmed.

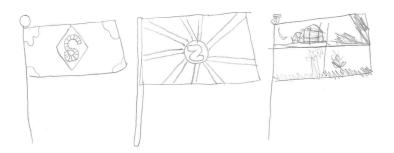
"Oh, before you go, I forgot to thank you for letting me record this interview on my phone!" I exclaimed.

"What?!" Puter gasped in shock. "I am perfectly capable of recording myself! How dare you insult me by using an inferior phone to record!! I'm leaving!" And with that, he stomped out of the room.

Doodle and Draw

Can You Draw It?

It's time to make your room a national nation! For it to be taken seriously, though, you need a flag. Here are my Zoyazhan flag, Jaya's Jayajamany flag and Seerat's Seerithaca flag!



When you design your own flag, keep in mind these five principles from vexillologist¹ Ted Kaye, *Good Flag, Bad Flag: How To Design A Great Flag:*

- 1. Keep it simple.
- 2. Use meaningful symbolism.
- 3. Use two to three basic colors.
- 4. No lettering or seals.
- 5. Be distinctive or be relative.

Special: Calligraphy

In this special special, we'll be working on calligraphy along the lines of Katie Kurz's *Intro to Hand Lettering Workbook* (\$10). To start learning about calligraphy lettering, we'll explore downstrokes. Calligraphy is gonna get easy 'cause I'm about to teach you a cool technique! To start, write your name. Then, go back and thicken anywhere where your pen moved down(towards bottom of the page). Now you're done!!

¹ Dad made me add this word because it "sounds funny"

Thanksgiving BrainPuzzles!

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ThanksgivingCross Puzzle

Maze Time!

Can you find your way out? Finish as fast as you can!



PartyFind

Contributed by Laykha D.

Sweet	Long		Fe	ast	Food		
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Words can be vertical, horizontal, diagonal, forward, or backwards!

Too Cheesy!

 ${\it Riddles~Contributed~By~Seerat~D} \\ {\it What~do~librarians~take~when~they~go~fishing?}$

Bookworms!

I have no beginning, no end, and no middle. Who am I?

A donut!

What do you get when you cross a cheetah and a hamburger? Fast food!

Which animal is the strongest?

A snail! It carries its entire house on it's back!