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Dear IDEAL Families:

It has been a pleasure partnering with you and sharing in your children's personal and academic growth throughout the year. Each year, the English and math departments develop summer work that will engage, challenge, and prepare students for the next school year. This work is designed to cultivate our students' love of reading, curiosity, and background knowledge. There are two parts to the Middle School's summer reading assignment:

**1. *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom**

All students are required to read *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom. In conjunction with this required text, students must complete the following reading comprehension questions ([LINK](#)). Students must be prepared to discuss *Tuesdays with Morrie* when they return to school. ***Students will be assessed on their reading within the first couple of weeks of school and therefore must arrive having completed their reading with care and thought.***

**2. Student Choice (each student must select and complete *at least one book* from the suggested reading list)**

All Middle School students are also required to select and read at least one book from the [attached list](#) of Student Choice books. They must complete the [attached](#) reading log to keep track of the Student Choice book they read, as well as any additional books they read, and be prepared to discuss one additional selected book upon their return in the fall.

**Purchasing and Accessing Books**

All students must purchase copies of *Tuesdays with Morrie* and bring them to school on the first day. Students should be highlighting and annotating as they read this book.

**Student Choice** books may be purchased, read on a Kindle/electronic reader, or borrowed from the library. Additionally, Student Choice books are available on the online platform Bookshare ([www.bookshare.org](http://www.bookshare.org)). Please refer to the attached [Bookshare login guide](#).

As an added incentive to keep up reading over the summer, the Upper School class that reads the most books on average by September 6 will win an ice cream party!

**IXL this summer**

In addition to summer reading, each student should complete this [IXL LOG](#) over the summer for practice work for a minimum of 30 minutes per week. Students should work on the recommended math activities that appear on their homepage. Students should work on the recommended math activities that appear on their homepage and/or take the diagnostic assessment which will support them in identifying skills to work on.

We wish everyone a relaxing and wonderful summer, filled with adventures and laughter. Please work with your child to help with the selection of books and with the pacing of reading assignments so that it does not become overwhelming. Do not hesitate to reach out to Middle School Head [Joanne Ginis](#) with questions this summer.

Best,  
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