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Dear Middle School Parents and Students,

Our hearts' desire is that each student at Naples Christian Academy will cultivate a love of reading and ultimately will read for a lifetime of pleasure and information. **We believe students develop a love for reading by practicing the skill and being permitted to read materials that interest them.**

We know it is important to have students read during the summer because if the skill of reading and analyzing text is not practiced it cannot be strengthened and the student's ability may even regress.

**Students - This summer we want you to read of your choice.** Read a variety of materials and authors. Read as much as you can. Read fiction and non-fiction. Read your Bible. Read poetry. Rising 7th and 8th graders, we're encouraging you to add historical fiction and non-fiction titles that connect to American history from the 1600s to the early 1900s because that will provide some great context for what we'll be studying in Social Studies starting in August. No matter what you choose, cultivate being a reader!

Keeping track of what you read is a good idea. **Then, near the end of the summer, your assignment is to write one letter to us.** Tell us about what you read over the summer. Tell us what you enjoyed or what you learned or even what challenged you.

We've also used IXL to reinforce our curriculum this year, and **each student that was signed up last year will continue to have free access to the online program over the summer.** IXL has lessons covering punctuation, capitalization, grammar, figurative language, reading comprehension, sentence structure, vocabulary, word analysis, writing, and composition. With hundreds of interactive skills, IXL is a great way for students to keep their learning fresh and strengthen their skills over the summer.

**We look forward to reading your letters at the end of the summer!**

From your teachers who love to read,

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