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*Tis the Season for Holiday Reading!*

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# *Give the Gift of Reading*



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*"The Bayonne Public School Family –  
Moving From Good to Great"*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Bayonne Public Schools will be closed from December 24, 2018 through January 2, 2019; **reopening for students on Thursday, January 3rd.**

During the school recess, I urge all parents & guardians to give an important gift to your child...*the gift of reading!*

One of the best ways to keep students interested in reading during the holidays is to create holiday traditions of reading exciting books during these special times. By selecting fun books with holiday themes and making it a family experience, children begin to have positive thoughts about holiday family reading traditions. Making sure that they get at least one book as a holiday gift is another way of providing a natural opportunity to read.

**Season's Greetings**

Dr. Michael A. Wanko  
Interim Superintendent

*to you &  
your entire family!*

## 5 Top Tips to Encourage Reading

*Studies show what common sense tells us: the more kids read, the better they read, and the more they learn about the world around them.*

*Unfortunately, the reverse also holds true: children who read very little usually have poor reading skills. Reading is a struggle for them, and they avoid it whenever possible.*

*To make reading a part of your child's life, try these literacy tips:*

***Let your child choose.*** Plan a field trip to the library and let your child choose books that interest them. A librarian can help steer them in the right direction, too. Keep books readily available at home, in the car, wherever your day takes you.

***Read to your child.*** Establish a routine for reading. Whether before bed or at snack time, reading can fit into almost any part of your daily routine.

***Read aloud together.*** It's never too early to start reading to your little ones. For older kids, take turns reading each page of a favorite book.

***Talk about what you are reading.*** Asking questions before, during and after the read helps your child make connections and increase reading comprehension skills.

***Show your child that you enjoy reading.*** Be a reading model. Children often mimic parent behavior. Let your child see you enjoying reading and soon you may have an avid reader yourself.