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# Giving the Gift of Reading



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Season's Greetings** to you &  
your entire family!

The Bayonne Public Schools will be closed from December 26, 2016 through January 2, 2017. During the school recess, I urge all parents/guardians to give an important gift to your child...the gift of reading!

This is the 14th year of the Bayonne School District's highly successful literacy initiative—**Book Buddies**.

So far this year our students have read 88,088 books, which is a major milestone in the district's goal to promote a love of reading each and every day!

Please review these important reading tips. Together we can build a community of lifelong readers!

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year! Happy reading!

Sincerely,

*Patricia L. McGeehan*

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Superintendent of Schools



*Tis the Season for Holiday Reading!*

## 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.