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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Manchester School District is always looking for ways to encourage students to read outside the classroom. During the winter holiday vacation from school, your children might have some extra down time perfect for picking up a book. We are excited to tell you about a new Winter Reading Program for preschool, elementary and middle school students that we've created in partnership with the Manchester City Library.


If you have children in preschool or elementary school grades, ask them to show you the reading record they brought home from school. It is set up as a game board. For every 15 minutes they read, students will color in or cross out a snowflake. A completed game board amounts to 5 hours of reading time. On the back of the elementary form we have listed all of the events that are happening at Manchester City Library locations during vacation week. We hope you have a chance to attend, and don't forget to borrow some books to take home from the library, too!

Middle school students received a reading challenge form at school which asks them to read at least one book and write a brief review. Students can also rate the book. On the back of the form is a list of several popular titles. Students are welcome to choose one of those suggestions or any another book that interests them. If you need other ideas or something new, please visit the city library for inspiration and borrow one!

The Winter Reading Program will run during the holiday break, December 23-January 2. Once your child has completed his or her reading record, it can be dropped off at Manchester City Library locations or at school libraries up until January 10. Each student who submits a reading record will receive a reading incentive prize from a local business.

Thank you in advance for your support and participation in the Winter Reading Program. We hope that you and your family enjoy the holiday break.

Sincerely,


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