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Dear Parent or Caretaker:

Robert Goddard Montessori School will be participating in the Prince George's County *Write-A-Book Literary Competition (WAB)* again this year. The *WAB* activity is an integral part of the total curriculum. The project is an excellent opportunity for our students to use learned skills and creative talents in writing and illustrating. As students use the elements of plot, characters, and action to develop their stories, they will implement the skills needed for functional reading and writing. Students write to inform, persuade, and express personal ideas. During the editing and rewriting stages, students practice higher level thinking skills. They become more proficient in writing through *WAB*, thereby broadening their scope of knowledge.

Students may submit entries for different categories **depending on their grade**: Picture Story Book, Illustrated Fiction, Short Story, Poetry, Play, Non-Fiction, and Graphic Fiction. Entries must adhere to the established guidelines and rules in the *WAB Literary Guide*, which has been posted on the RGMS Library website (rgmslibrary.weebly.com) on the Programs page. Please check the guide for specific guidelines for your child's entry interest **or their entry may not be accepted for competition**. Updates and fliers sent home during the *WAB* program will also be posted on the RGMS Library site on the Programs page.

We at RGMS appreciate parental support! While we will have an editing workshop, writing for *WAB* should be a **home activity**. Please help oversee your children's writing. All stories and illustrations must be the **ORIGINAL** work of your child – clip art, pictures from the Internet, copyrighted characters, digital artwork not created by your child, or photos not taken by the child may not be used. Please see the *WAB Literary Guide* for more details.

Supplies should be purchased for book-making once your child's story has been created – we will issue a list of recommended supplies for our Book-binding Party. We also need parent volunteers for our *WAB* Committee!

We are so excited about the books our budding authors are going to write this year. Our students have already begun writing! Please contact us if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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