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Dear Parents/Guardians and our amazing fifth graders!

"Learning changes, the brain. Every time you learn something, there are nerve cells that are making connections and they can strengthen or weaken those connections," said UW-Madison educational psychology professor, Edward Hubbard. "So, when you're learning, you're strengthening those connections in the brain at a microscopic level. But if you're not using that information, over time those connections will weaken. If they've lost three months of learning, the teacher is going to have to give some time to get it back," said Hubbard.

Brian McDonald NBC July 13, 2013

Over the summer to avoid the "Brain Drain" please read LOTS of books! And two of those books should be from this list below:

SWINDLE by Gordon Korman

ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHIN by Scott O'Dell

FLORA AND ULYSSES by Kate DiCamillo

BECAUSE OF WINN DIXIE by Kate DiCamillo

A WRINKLE IN TIME by Madeleine L'Engle

THE ONE and ONLY IVAN by Katherine Applegate

Attached are the specifications for both book reports. However, if you desperately want to read another book for one of your book reports, please do not hesitate to contact me (emurphymulligan@corpuschristischoolct.org) with the name and author for approval.

We are going to have an amazing year and I hope you all have a wonderful summer! Also, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best and God Bless!

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