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## Summer Reading Assignments

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! Please read as much as possible. Keep a journal of the books you read and what they were about. You have one book report to write. Choose one of the books from the list below.

SWINDLE by Gordon Korman

FRINDLE by Andrew Clements

FLORA AND ULYSSES by Kate DiCamillo

BECAUSE OF WINN DIXIE by Kate DiCamillo

A WRINKLE IN TIME by Madeleine L'Engle

WONDER by R.J. Palacio

ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHIN by Scott O'Dell

Attached are the specifications for the book report. **REMEMBER** this book report is **DUE the FIRST day of school**. You will have a reduced grade for each day it is turned in late. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at, ([emurphymulligan@corpuschristischoolct.org](mailto:emurphymulligan@corpuschristischoolct.org)).

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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The Fifth Grade Team