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Dear Parents & Guardians of Grade 2 - 5 Students,

This year, Saint James School will again be partnering with a research team from the University of Connecticut on an educational study aimed at developing a better understanding of the science behind how children develop reading skills—and why they progress at different rates. This fascinating study provides a valuable opportunity for our school to contribute to impactful educational research. I encourage you to review the details below and consider enrolling your 2nd–5th grade student(s) to take part:

- This study, titled "Predicting Learning Outcomes in Schools," aims to identify key predictors of reading skill growth over time. The study is being done in conjunction with Yale University School of Medicine. Students must be entering grades 2 through 5 this upcoming school year to be eligible.
- Participating students will take part in two assessment sessions a year for two years (one each fall and one each spring). These assessments will occur during regular school hours and focus on reading and language skills.
- For a portion of each session, UConn researchers will record your child's brain waves using electroencephalogram (EEG) while they participate in learning games. This measure is completely noninvasive and will not hurt. The purpose is to study how students' brain responses may relate to their reading development. Please note, in all interactions with your child, researchers will be adhering to strict safety guidelines that have been approved by the Yale and UConn Institutional Review Boards.
- To register your child to participate you will need to review and sign the consent form. This form also describes the study in greater detail. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE FORM
- If you have any questions, our study liaison, Ruby Diaz-Hayes, will be available at the Meet-the-Teachers event tomorrow, or you may email her at ruby.diaz-hayes@uconn.edu.

We are incredibly fortunate to have nationally recognized research institutions like UConn and Yale in our state. I am excited that Saint James School has once again been selected to support this effort and thank you kindly for your consideration.

Warmly,

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