Dear Mrs. Dingman,

Please excuse my son from school today, for he had an accident. James, being the goofball that he is, was outside exploring and decided that he wanted to try to swing through the yard like Tarzan. When he attached the rope to the tree and hopped off the play set, the tree branch snapped off, hit him in the head, and knocked him unconscious for about two hours. We took him to the nearest doctor as soon as he had a clue as to what was going on.

The doctor diagnosed him with treebranchhithead-itus. So if James falls asleep in class due to his special treatment, just pull on the bottom of his right ear and he will wake up almost immediately. I appreciate your help, thank you!