

Dear Parent/s or Guardian/s:

Would you allow your child to take part in a research study investigating the impact of focused reading and writing instruction? The title of the.

The purpose of this study is to gather information to inform best practices in reading and writing during elementary school instruction. If you agree to allow your child to be in this study, your child will participate in various reading and writing instructional approaches and assessments to determine the effectiveness of the instruction on student performance. The study will begin during the first two tutoring sessions. During this time, the tutor will administer various reading and writing assessments. Based on the results of the assessments, the tutor will determine an instructional plan. During the final tutoring session, the tutor will administer outcome reading and writing assessments. The study will take place over 14 tutoring sessions. All students in the tutoring program will be eligible to participate in the research study.

Although your child may or may not receive direct benefit from his or her participation, others may ultimately benefit from the knowledge obtained from this research.

Your child's answers will be confidential. The records of this study will be kept private. In any sort of report we make public, we will not include any information that will make it possible to identify your child. Research records will be kept in a locked file; only the researchers will have access to the records. If we tape-record the interview, we will destroy the tape after it has been transcribed, which we anticipate will be within two months of its taping.

Your child may choose not to answer any questions and may refuse to complete any portions of the research he or she does not wish to for any reason. If you refuse to allow your child to participate in this study, he or she may still participate in the tutoring program. When your child is finished with the tutoring, he or she will no longer be in the study.

Your child's participation in this project is voluntary. Even after you agree to participate in the research or sign the informed consent document, your child may decide to leave the study at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you may otherwise have been entitled. We will retain and analyze the information your child has provided up until the point he or she has left the study unless he or she requests that his or her data be excluded from any analysis and/or destroyed.

There are no known risks associated with participating in this study. There is no cost for participating in this study. There is no payment for participating in this study.

All information obtained in this study is strictly confidential unless disclosure is required by law. In addition, the Human Research Ethics Board and University or government officials responsible for monitoring this study may inspect these records.

If you have questions, please contact.

The Human Research Ethics Board has determined that this research meets the criteria for human subjects according to Federal guidelines.

One copy of this document will be kept together with the research records of this study. Also, you will be given a copy to keep.

I have read, or been informed of, the information about this study. I hereby consent to participate in the study.

Child's Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to agreeing to participate, I also consent to having the interview tape-recorded.

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of person obtaining consent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of person obtaining consent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_