Thursday, October 27, 2016

Dear Parents,

The \_\_\_\_\_\_ Research Center, with the \_\_\_\_\_\_ Public School District, would like to study how well ebooks (electronic books) help your child learn to read.

All the kindergartens at your school will use *Reading Books* to teach reading.  As part of the research we would like to: 1) test your child's saliva for a gene; and 2) watch how he or she acts to see if they might have trouble learning to read. We hope the *Reading Books* ebooks will do a better job of teaching children who have trouble learning to read.

First, please understand:

1. Your child does not have to be part of the research. Your child will be taught to read even if he or she is not part of the research
2. You can take your child out of the research any time without effecting your child’s education.
3. There is no benefit from being in the research.  Your child might learn to read better from ebook reading. The research may give us knowledge that may help students in the future.

Second, what we want to do:

1. If your child agrees, the school nurse or a researcher will use a cotton cheek swab or cup to collect saliva to look for a gene. The gene cannot be used to diagnose learning problems or diseases.
2. A researcher will observe your child’s behavior.
3. We would like to have your child's name, ethnicity, gender, free/reduced lunch status, the results from a listening test (given three times per year by the teacher) and the information from four questions asked in each ebook that is read.  The questions ask if your child understands word meanings and the stories.

Third, your child’s information will not be kept forever.

               Your child's name will be removed; then, all the information, including test results and listening tests, will be grouped together for use by the research team at the \_\_\_\_\_\_ Research Center and will be shared with no one – including your school. This information will be kept for up to five years on the \_\_\_\_\_\_ Research Center’s secure data computer only and used for research reports and academic articles. Your child's name will never be in any of the reports or articles.

If you have any questions about this study, please contact Dr. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_\_ Research Center 337-482-#### or \_\_\_\_\_\_@Louisiana.edu.  You may also address questions to the University’s Institutional Review Board, Dr. David Yarbrough (337) 482-1015 or IRB@Louisiana.edu.

YOU MAY KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

**Reading Books Ebook Study.**

Permission is given to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and the \_\_\_\_\_\_ Research Center to study my child’s interactions with the Reading Books and their ability to help teach reading.

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I agree to allow the \_\_\_\_\_\_ Research Center to receive information on my child for this research.

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