

You are being asked to allow your child take part in a research study. The information in this form will help you decide if you want your child to be in the study. Please ask the researcher(s) below if there is anything that is not clear or if you need more information.

Your child is invited to be in this research study because he/she is in a class where the teacher will be evaluating methods to improve reading comprehension. We want to learn more about how different group activities affect reading comprehension. We are very interested in how groups with equal numbers of girls and boys work together and how groups with students at different reading levels may affect comprehension as well.

During the fall semester, for one six-week period, students will be spending two days per week in group discussion of the assigned reading materials. During the spring semester, for one six-week period, students will work in groups to create art projects about the assigned reading materials. If you agree to allow your child to be in the research study, your child will not be asked to do anything outside of these normal class activities.

With your permission, we will collect and analyze test scores, completed homework assignments, and projects for the entire school year. We will compare results from the periods above with the information from the other six-week periods where we do regular activities.

Participation is voluntary. Anyone can stop at any time without penalty. While the class activities will continue, we will not collect information from or about your child to use in our research if you or your child want us to stop. The decision to take part or not to take part in the study will not affect your child's grades in school.

We will take steps to protect your child's privacy by replacing your child's nam

Name of Child

Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature

Date