

Student Assent Form

Authorization to Serve as a Research Participant

Dear Student,

I will be conducting a study in our classroom to determine if beginning the day with cultural studies will increase engagement and improve reading scores. I am asking permission to use this data I collect from you during this process. Participation in this study involves regular classroom activities. You may ask me questions at any time about this study. Ms. Stephanie Speicher, the Director of the school has approved this study.

The purpose of this study is to determine if beginning the day with cultural studies increases engagement throughout the day along with increasing reading scores. The study will take place in our classroom 9 weeks from September 2-November 15.

During the study, I will collect various forms of data to determine whether *Cultivating Engagement and Improving Reading Scores Through the Cosmic Curriculum* was successful. Possible types of data I will collect include:

- Data Source 1- Observational data-A checklist will be created to measure student engagement in cultural activities. Including; how often children are working on expanding a cultural lesson throughout the day, trips to the cultural shelves and the use of non-fiction books.
- Data Source 2- Artifacts- Pre and Post DIBELS Reading Assessments-these tests show growth in specific reading skills including fluency and comprehension.
- Data Source 3-Artifacts-Student Journals will be used with occasional writing prompts to gauge engagement throughout the intervention.
- Data Source 4- Inquiry Data-Conferencing will be used to explore student perceptions of cultural lessons as well as their perceived engagement in periodic lessons.

Benefits of participating in this study include:

- ❖ Cultural studies will be given priority and the chance of missed lessons will be minimized.
- ❖ Students will be more engaged and interested in cultural shelves and independent study.
- ❖ Connections will be made between across the curriculum for a more meaningful education.
- ❖ Data will provide further education for our teachers regarding strategies, skills, and tools to use to integrate and collaborate subjects and classrooms.

If you agree to let me use your data in the study please print and sign your name below.

I give permission for my data to be used in this study.

Student's Printed Name

Student Signature

Date