

## RESEARCH NOTIFICATION FOR CHILD



Hi!

A researcher will soon visit your classroom. The researcher is just a typical adult – like your parents or your teacher. You may remember the visit of a VUOKKO-researcher in your classroom last year?

In the VUOKKO-study, we are interested in the reading and math skills of the 4th and 5th graders. We are also interested, how you and your classmates are taught at school and what kind of discussions you have with the teacher during the lessons, for example.

The researcher will come to do **reading and math** tasks with you and your classmates. Because we have the tasks only in Finnish, we can invite only children who speak Finnish in the study.



The tasks **resemble typical school tasks you do normally in the classroom**. The researcher gives instructions and makes sure that everyone can keep up. **You can also respond to a questionnaire** in which you are asked to tell how much you like doing different school tasks, for example. You will do the tasks during three lessons in 4<sup>th</sup> grade spring and again in 5<sup>th</sup> grade spring. You can say if you do not want to do the tasks and we can give you some other tasks with your teacher while your classmates do the research tasks together with the researcher.

**Some of the children also do tasks individually with the researcher.** These tasks are also done during the school day but in a quiet space together with the researcher. These tasks take about half an hour. Doing the tasks with the researcher is also voluntary, which means that you don't need to participate if you don't want to.

In addition, some of the teachers have agreed with the researchers that the researcher will visit your classroom in one day and **video record two lessons**. You are not followed in the recording, but all of your classroom and your teacher during typical lessons. You have a possibility to decline of the video recordings, and, if needed, we and your teacher will give you some other tasks when your classroom is video recorded.



**We wish that participating in the study feels comfortable to you.** That is why the researcher always tells you and your classmates first what you should do. You can also tell the researcher about anything: for example if you are anxious, tired, or thirsty. You can also tell the researcher, if you wish to stop doing the tasks or if you don't wish to be seen on the video. No one will be angry to you. Your teacher will get your results from the reading and math tasks, and also your parents can ask about them. Your responses to questionnaires are confidential, which means that only the researchers will see your answers.

After researchers have carefully examined the tasks and the recorded videos, they will tell about the results by writing in different journals and reports. You, your classmates or your teacher can never be identified from these texts. This means that nobody will know who participated in the study.

Kind regards, on behalf of VUOKKO-researchers,

Jenni Salminen, responsible researcher