

Parental Permission for Participation of a Child in a Research Study

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You are invited to participate in a research study conducted by Madeleine Schulz (Wyatt's mom) for her grad school program at UW. The purpose of this research is to evaluate the usefulness of certain toys or other objects to improve preschoolers' emotional health and safety.

Your child's participation will involve interacting with a simple prototype of a toy we designed to encourage good attitudes and sharing feelings. The toy is "Talk-With-Me Teddy," a teddy bear "robot" that the students can interact with one at a time. The Teddy will address topics with each student one at a time such as: emotions, sharing and bullying. Since it's hard to make an actual robot, one of us will act as the "voice" of the robot, likely hidden behind a curtain or screen so the child interacts with the teddy as if it's a one on one interaction. The teachers will be present in the room the entire time.

The amount of time required for your child's participation will be approximately 15 minutes within a block of research time we're booking out on the afternoon of 11/19.

Protection of confidentiality

We will do everything we can to protect your child's privacy. This research will not be used in any publication – it is purely a group project for class. We will submit our research to our professor and TA. We may include it as part of an online portfolio, but if we do we will not show photos of children's faces.

Voluntary participation

Participation in this research study is voluntary. **If you don't want to participate, please sign and return this permission form.** If you do not return the permission form, we will assume you are willing to include your child in our study.

Consent

I have read this parental permission form and have been given the opportunity to ask questions. I do not give my permission for my child to participate in this study.

Participant's signature _____ Date: _____

Child's Name: _____

If you have any questions or concerns about this study, feel free to email or call Madeleine at: madeleineschulz@gmail.com, or 414-940-7901.