

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE
CONSENT TO ACT AS A HUMAN RESEARCH SUBJECT**

UCI POETRY ACADEMY AND WRITING LAB

Participation in this research study is completely voluntary. Please read the information below and ask questions about anything that you do not understand before deciding if you want to participate. A researcher listed below will be available to answer your questions.

RESEARCH TEAM AND SPONSORS

Name and title of Lead Researcher: Sue Cronmiller, Director UCI Poetry Academy
Department: Education and English
Telephone Number: 949-824-6796

PURPOSE OF STUDY

The purpose of this research study is to develop ways to increase student thinking and writing ability and overall academic success.

WHY IS THIS RESEARCH?

This is a research study because university faculty will be evaluating program effectiveness by studying several measures of student academic performance including classroom participation, standardized test scores, writing samples and surveys.

SUBJECTS

Inclusion Requirements

Your child is eligible to participate in this study if you are interested in improving his/her English language arts skills.

Number of Participants

There is no set limit to the number of participants or to the duration of the program.

PROCEDURES

The following procedures will occur:

Pre- and post workshop questionnaire for 3rd grade.

Writing instruction delivered by UCI faculty and undergraduates for 3rd, 4th, 5th grade students.

Students read, discuss, analyze literature, respond by hand drafting, revising and entering original writing by login and password to our website.

Student writing is then evaluated and responded to by faculty and undergraduates, online.

When students review instructor's comments, they then revise submitted written work, for publication on our program website.

Total Time Commitment

Your child will be involved in this study from the 3rd grade until he or she leaves El Sol Academy, or as long as funding is available to support the project.

BENEFITS

Benefits to the Participant

The possible benefits your child may experience from the procedures described in this study include increased academic performance, increased English language arts skills, an increased interest in reading and writing.

ALTERNATIVES TO PARTICIPATION

The alternative to participation in this study is not to participate.

COMPENSATION, COSTS AND REIMBURSEMENT

You will not be paid for your child’s participation in this research study.

Costs

There is no cost to you for your child’s participation in this study.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Data Storage

Your child’s research records will be stored in the following manner:
All data (student writing) stored electronically will be stored on a secure network server, or on portable devices, such as a laptop with encryption (special software) and password protection. The research data will be maintained by a repository indefinitely. Other researchers will have access to the data for future research.

Data Access

The research team, authorized UCI personnel, the study sponsor may have access to your child’s study records. Any information derived from this research project that personally identifies will not be voluntarily released or disclosed by these entities without your separate consent, except as specifically required by law. Study data may be used by the research team or made available to other investigators. The researchers plan to maintain your identifiable research data indefinitely.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

If you have any comments, concerns, or questions regarding the conduct of this research please contact the research team listed at the top of this form. If you are unable to reach a member of the research team listed at the top of the form and have general questions, or you have concerns or complaints about the research study, research team, or questions about your rights as a research subject, please contact UCI’s Office of Research Administration by phone, (949) 824-6068 or (949) 824-2125, by e-mail at IRB@rgs.uci.edu or in person at University Tower - 4199 Campus Drive, Suite 300, Irvine, CA 92697-7600.

SIGNATURE LINES

Subject Signature

Date

Legally Authorized Representative/Guardian

Date

Legally Authorized Representative/Guardian

Date

Researcher Signature

Date

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RESEARCH TEAM

Name and Title of Lead Researcher: Sue Cronmiller

Department: Education and English

Telephone Number: 949-202-9522

Study Location(s): El Sol Academy of Arts and Sciences

WHY ARE THEY DOING THIS STUDY?

Sue Cronmiller is doing this study to learn more about how help students learn to write and think creatively and critically.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

You can ask questions any time. You can ask now or you can ask later. You can talk to Sue, your mom and dad, or you can talk to someone else.

DO YOU HAVE TO BE IN THE STUDY?

You do not have to be in the study. No one will be mad at you if you don't want to do this. If you don't want to be in this study, you just have to tell Sue or your teacher. If you want to be in the study, you just have to tell them. You can say yes now and change your mind later. It is up to you to decide.

Signature of Child

Age

Date

Signature of Researcher

Date