



Dear College Community parents:

We are the *Growing Words Project*—researchers from the University of Iowa who study language development in children. We are recruiting children ages 7-8 and 11-12 to participate in a paid research study at our Cedar Rapids lab!

Your child will be paid \$30 for participating. The study consists of two sessions: a 1.5 hour session in the lab and a 30 minute session done remotely from your home.

During the 1.5 hour session, your child will come to our Cedar Rapids lab location to do simple reading and language tasks on a computer as a special camera tracks their eye movements.

During the 30 minute remote session, your child will complete several standardized assessments. A researcher will communicate with your child via Zoom throughout the study.

Your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us. We will be taking the following steps to protect their health before and during the study:

- Cleaning all touched surfaces between participants
- Washing hands between participants
- Wearing a mask and face shield during the study
- Requiring that all participants and parents wear a mask
- Minimizing the number of people in the building at the same time
- Scheduling only one participant at a time (accompanied by one parent only), with ample time between participants
- Moving many of the study procedures to remote testing via Zoom
- Keeping 6 feet distance throughout the majority of the study for in-person studies

After participating in this study, your child may qualify for a larger study in our lab that takes place over 4 years. They would be doing similar tasks during the study and would be paid commensurate with their time (between \$250-300).

If you have any questions or are interested in scheduling a time for your child to participate in the study, please send us an email at growing-words@uiowa.edu. You can also find more information on our website (growingwords.lab.uiowa.edu), Facebook (@GrowingWordsProject), or Instagram (@growing_words).

Thanks very much and we look forward to hearing from you!

-the *Growing Words* Team

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