

February 3, 2010

Mr. Glenn Shanks, Principal
Rutledge Elementary School
11501 Staked Plains Dr.
Austin, TX 78717

Dear Mr. Shanks,

As a graduate student at Texas State University, I would like to do a research study on a social skills intervention for children in the general education classroom. The research consists of reading social stories to the children who receive Social Communication Supports and Services (SCSS) support. The stories will be read during morning check-in. The students will then make an "I will" card during their pull-out social skills session that they can take to the classroom with them to help them remember the social story when they are having difficulty in that time (writing, following directions, staying on task). As a result of this study, the desired outcome will be for the student to successfully problem solve difficult situations independently in the general education setting. It is possible the student may become frustrated when attempting to use some of the strategies on the card in the general education setting. If this occurs, the supervising teacher will provide prompts and help them work through the situation in order to de-escalate the frustration.

In order for the students to participate in the study, both the parents and students must sign consent. The study will begin approximately February 15, 2010 and will continue through the end of the 2009-2010 school year. I am asking for your support while I conduct this research study. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come to me, or to get in touch with my faculty advisor, Dr. Amanda Boutot. Her email is eb15@txstate.edu

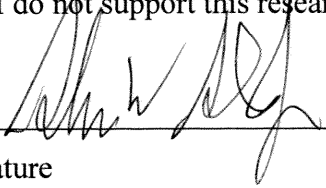
Thank you so much for your support,

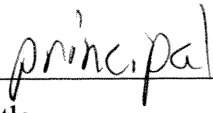
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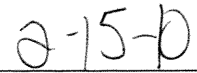
I have read the attached letter and understand the research study that will be conducted.

☒ I support this research study.

☐ I do not support this research study.


Signature


Title


Date