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Preschool Writing Program

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Dear Parent:

As your child begins preschool, we would like to invite him or her to join a federally funded research study happening at the Orange County and Durham County Head Start programs.

This program has been funded by the U.S. Department of Education to look at how children learn to write. Information from the study will help us learn about the factors that affect a child's ability to learn to write and about strategies that may help to improve writing skills. There will be 299 children participating in the study, which is under the direction of Dr. Stephen R. Hooper at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Department of Allied Health Sciences. We would like to invite your child to participate in this program, which could provide beneficial assistance towards the development of your child's writing skills.

Enclosed, for your consideration, is a flyer that provides a quick overview of the program and a copy of the consent form, which provides detailed information about the study, including what participation means for you and your child.

If you would like your child to participate, please sign the consent form and return both the signature page and participation slip (attached). If, upon review, you prefer us to contact you, or decide that you would not like your child to participate in our study, please check the appropriate box and mail us the participation slip using the enclosed envelope. By returning the participation slip, you and your child will be eligible for a drawing to win a \$100 gift card; your child does not need to participate or qualify to win. One parent will win **per school**; drawings will be held on **October 15, 2018** and are based on chance in which each parent and child per school has equal odds of receiving the gift card.

For more information about the study, please contact the Program Director, Lara Costa, by phone at 919-966-4844 or by email at lara-jeane_costa@med.unc.edu for answers to any questions you may have.

We are excited about the program and look forward to talking with you. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Lara-Jeane Costa, Ph.D.
Program Director, Preschool Writing Program

I am returning this participation slip in the included envelope because...

- YES**, I would like my child to participate in this study. Enclosed is one completed copy of **page 5** of the consent form, including my **signature** and video/gift card release options **checked**.
- NO**, though I understand that my child may qualify, I do **not** want my child to participate in this study, and I would no longer like to receive information from the Preschool Writing Project.
- I would like **more information** before I make my decision.

Parent Name: _____ Student Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Head Start School: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Preferred method of contact: ____ phone ____ email

Preferred language: _____