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Sincerely,

Patricia L. Hardré, Ph.D.
Educational Psychology

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Child’s name: ___________________________

Parent’s name: ________________________

____ YES, my child has permission to participate in the study, and the teacher may report my child’s class grade to the researchers.

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