

IELS: information letter parents

RESEARCH ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRESCHOOLERS



RESEARCH PURPOSE

The school of your child is participating in IELS, an international study on the development of preschoolers. The study is conducted in various countries around the world. The Netherlands is one of these countries.

The principal and your child's teacher are aware of this study and have confirmed their participation in the research.

AIM

The research aims to examine what five-year-old children can do and know in the areas of language, mathematics, and social-emotional skills. The results of the study provide knowledge to enhance the education of preschoolers.

THE PROJECT

The research consists of various parts: tasks for students, a questionnaire for the teacher and a questionnaire for parents of participating students.

More information about the study and the tasks can be found on the next page.



RESEARCH TEAM

In the Netherlands, the research is carried out by researchers from KBA Nijmegen and Expertisecentrum Nederlands. They do this on behalf of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science.

PARTICIPATING STUDENTS

Not all students from the school participate in the study. The research team randomly selects eighteen students from each school.



TASKS FOR THE STUDENTS

For students, the study consists of two parts, each lasting approximately 30 minutes. These two parts take place on different days. A supervisor will pick the student up from the classroom. The supervisor first takes time to let the student get comfortable and familiar with the setting. The various tasks the student will complete are presented in a playful way on a tablet. To the students it will seem like they are playing a few games.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR TEACHERS

The teacher completes a questionnaire about the education at school and the development of participating students.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PARENTS

Parents of participating children also complete a questionnaire. This questionnaire includes questions about their children's experiences and development.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding the study or this letter, you can contact the researchers (IELS@kbanijmegen.nl). The information we gather through this study will teach us a great deal about what five-year-olds can do and know, helping us to improve the education of preschoolers.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP AND PARTICIPATION!