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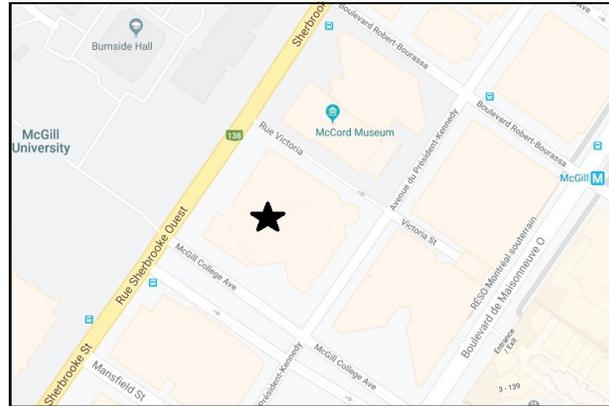
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LEARN AND ENGAGE THROUGH PLAY

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A play-based shared storybook
reading program for boys at
McGill University



Study Summary

Shared reading between an adult and a child promotes language and literacy development. The child's social and emotional growth is also supported. Shared reading is one of the best ways to prepare your child for school.

Some boys do not learn as much as some girls during shared reading, especially in small groups. Boys might need more help to learn to take turns, pay attention and regulate their emotions.

The purpose of this study is to teach boys self-regulation skills during shared reading. We want to know if they will learn more from stories when taught using a play-based approach.

Outline of Sessions

Play-based Shared Reading Study

This study will be approximately 6 weeks in length. There will be a total of nine (9) sessions. Sessions will be held twice a week. Each session will be approximately 1 hour in length.

Session 1: Screening

The first session will be an assessment of your child's speech and language abilities.

Sessions 2-4: Paper-Book Reading

The researcher will read a paper book to a pair of boys and engage them in craft and drama activities about the story.

Session 5: Post-Reading Test 1

We will assess your child's learning from the paper book sessions by asking him to participate in two short activities.

Sessions 6-8: E-Book Reading

The researcher will read an electronic book to a pair of boys and engage them in craft and drama activities about the story.

Session 9: Post-Reading Test 2

We will assess your child's learning from the e-book sessions by asking him to participate in two short activities.

Eligibility Criteria

Your child can participate in our reading group program if:

- He can talk about books using sentences in English.
- He is a 4-5 year-old boy who will be starting kindergarten next year.

Eligible children receive:

- A fun learning experience
- A certificate of participation
- A book

Participation is entirely voluntary and the data that is collected in this study is confidential.
