

**Concordia University Chicago**  
**Center for Literacy's JiM Class**  
**Designed for Students in Grades 3-5**  
**INFORMED CONSENT FORM FOR PARENTS**

Your child \_\_\_\_\_ is invited to participate in a reading enrichment program funded by Oak Park River Forest Youth Services. The program, Jumping into Multi-literacies (JiM) Class, is designed to engage 9-11 year old students in literacy activities through meaningful, interactive and academically challenging learning experiences. Students will have the opportunity to research, write, create and engage with topics of their interest through digital technology, visual and performing arts and community advocacy.

The program will serve 24 students on Mondays (directly after school until 5:30 PM) beginning September 30, 2013 through January 6, 2014, with our culminating project being presented at Community Night on January 10, 2014. A second group of 24 students will attend sessions on Wednesdays (directly after school until 4:30 PM) beginning October 2, 2013 through January 8, 2014, with our culminating project also being presented at Community Night on January 10, 2014. There will be twelve consecutive sessions with no sessions during the weeks of Thanksgiving or Winter Break. Groups and days will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

JiM Class will take place on the campus of Concordia University Chicago at the Center for Literacy. Free bus transportation from Irving School to Concordia's campus will be provided by the River Forest/CUC afterschool bus route. Students will be supervised during the bus ride from Irving School to Concordia University Chicago. Parents or guardians are responsible for picking up their child at Concordia University Chicago's Christopher Center, 7400 Augusta St. River Forest, IL at 5:30 PM for Monday sessions and 4:30 PM on Wednesdays.

The benefit of this grant-funded, fee-free program includes the opportunity for your child to receive authentic and meaningful literacy experiences from educational professionals under the supervision of Concordia University Chicago's Center for Literacy faculty.

The participation of your child is voluntary. If you decide to grant permission for your child to participate at this time, you are free to withdraw your consent and discontinue participation at any time.

In order to best serve your child in JiM Class, it will be necessary for the instructor to administer some informal assessments to help guide instruction. Your permission is necessary to do this and is granted by the signing of this document and participation in this program. The evaluation instruments also informally assess the program's effectiveness. Any assessment information obtained in connection with JiM Class will remain confidential and will be disclosed only to the Concordia University Chicago Center for Literacy personnel and to you, upon your request. You are also granting permission for your child's image to appear in student-created, multi-literacy projects to be presented at the culminating Community Night, scheduled for the evening of January 10, 2014. This may include video or still images.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Irving School Principal John Hodge at (708)524-3090 or [JHodge@op97.org](mailto:JHodge@op97.org) or the Center for Literacy Director, Dara Soljaga, Ph.D. at (708) 209-3508 or [Dara.Soljaga@CUChicago.edu](mailto:Dara.Soljaga@CUChicago.edu).

***Please sign this form and return it to Irving School.***

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My child, \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in JiM Class. I have read and understand the information detailing the program above.

I am committed to having her/him attend every session and I assume the responsibility for picking my child up from Concordia University Chicago's Christopher Center, 7400 Augusta St. River Forest, IL.

I have marked my preference below:

- ☐ Mondays (directly afterschool until 5:30 PM) beginning September 30 through January 6, 2014  
☐ Wednesdays (directly afterschool until 4:30 PM) beginning October 2 through January 8, 2014  
☐ Either session is fine

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

My Contact Telephone\_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Emergency Telephone \_\_\_\_\_