

## **ABSTRACT**

This bachelor thesis concerns book reading as part of leisure activities in after-school care. The goal of it is to outline the infrastructure of family reading through interviews with after-school care students and to also suggest reading related activities – recitals, discussions, opinion sharing etc. around the selected book of Miloš Kratochvíl – Puntíčkáři. These activities were completed by the creation of lapbook. They were not only conducted but also their efficiency was reflected through observations, afore-mentioned interviews and an analysis of the students' creations.

The theoretical portion of this thesis presents after-school care in its historical and contemporary context as well as it shows its functions and goals. Concepts such as reading and reading literacy, personal development, communication skills, free time, leisure time education and reading strategies for children and youth, are introduced here.

In the practical portion, reading strategies were applied when working with the book Puntíčkáři by Miloš Kratochvíl. One of the stories from the book is also accompanied by lapbook. Part of this being the results of a survey conducted among students, using interviews on the topic of children's literature. The relationship of students towards reading, their favourite titles, genres, authors and themes were researched.

These activities were realized between October 2023 and February 2024 in an after-school care with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.

The result of this thesis shows that book reading ought to be part of the leisure activities in after-school care. Not only does reading help students rest after finishing the day's lectures, but it also develops their empathy, language skills and critical thinking. Last but not least, the experience of shared communal reading strengthens student's personalities and their confidence. Hence, reading has many positive benefits on one's growth.

## **KEY WORDS**

reading, book work, children's and youth literature, reading literacy, communication skills, fantasy development.