



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Congratulations!

Your child has been accepted into *Grade 3 Reading University* to take place at *Grande Prairie Regional College* from July 2 to July 19, 2013! This is a very exciting program for many reasons, the most important being the potential impact on your child's confidence and reading skills.

The Reading University Program is 100% community funded, and this year there are close to 100 students eligible to attend. We are very grateful to all the generous donors from our the *Grande Prairie* area for supporting Reading University and to the *Grande Prairie Regional College* for hosting our program. This program wouldn't be possible without the partnership of the three local school jurisdictions: *Peace Wapiti School Division#76*, *Grande Prairie Catholic School District*, and the *Grande Prairie Public School District*. Reading University is a unique coalition of educators in what been described as "the most successful tri-district initiative ever".

We are delighted that your child will be joining us for this exciting opportunity. Our first day will be Tuesday July 2, 2013. We will wrap things up on Friday July 19, 2013 with a graduation ceremony and family BBQ at *Grande Prairie Regional College* gym.

All information needed to start your child off in Reading University 2013 is included here. Please keep this document handy so that you have access to the phone numbers you will need during the program.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In case of emergency call HELEN NEUFELD, PRINCIPAL at 780-830-8312 (Cell). Please note that daily attendance is a requirement for participation in the program. All students are expected to attend all days. If your child is sick or has an appointment and will be away for all or part of a day, please let us know. You will need to call BOTH Students First Bussing (if applicable) at (780) 532-3545 AND HELEN NEUFELD, PRINCIPAL at 780-830-8312(C). If your child is not at Reading University by 9:15, we will be calling home to check on your child if we have not heard from you. Please be sure to call if your child will be away!



We have a Reading University website www.readingu.org that contains links that your child will be using while on campus and is welcome to use at home if you happen to have access to the internet.



our HOME BASE.

We will be moving around the college throughout the day using many class rooms, computer labs and other facilities. Please follow the signs the first day to find the room that has been designated as



For students living in Grande Prairie, please call Michelle, at First Student (780-532-3545) ASAP to make bussing arrangements. You will also need to contact them if your child will not be using the bus on any particular day (i.e. illness, getting a ride from you, etc.).

Daily Schedule

We expect that our daily schedule may change from time to time; however, here is the schedule that will guide most of our daily activities.

8:45ish	Bus arrives
9:00-12:00	Core learning activities. Small group instruction, centers, etc.
10:30ish	Morning Snack will be provided for all students

The following outcomes will guide all the work that your child does while at Reading University. It is our intent that your child will continue to learn:

12:00-1:00 pm	LUNCH will be provided for all students PLAYTIME
1:00 pm - 3:00	Small group instruction, the occasional field trip, to the Library, Eastlink Centre, round and about the college.

End of Day Pick Up Policy

If you are picking up your child at the college, we will require picture ID before we can send him or her home with you. If someone else is picking up your child, please let us know with a note or a phone call. We cannot release your child unless it has been authorized by you. If you are not at the college to pick up your child 3:15pm, we will contact your emergency contacts to pick him or her up.

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Program Outcomes for Reading University

Students will be highly engaged through a variety of teaching and learning experiences.

Students will develop confidence in the clarity and artistry of their communication.

Students will be able to tell the story of their literacy journey as it relates to their own thoughts, ideas, and experiences.

Students will develop relationships through shared literacy experiences with a variety of people within a variety of contexts.

- how to collect and/or retrieve information
- how to make meaning by adapting, applying, designing, inventing, repurposing or authoring information
- how to interpret and represent information: by making judgments about its quality, relevance, usefulness or efficiency ; by finding and understanding relationships between concepts; and by using and transferring knowledge
- how to exchange information by various means
- how to make sense of, and bring order and understanding to, information



PLEASE FILL IN THESE TWO PAGES AND RETURN THEM ASAP IN THE STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE ATTACHED

Please review the request for information below and sign/return this form in the attached envelope ASAP to ensure that your child has a place in the program. Your consent is required for your child to participate, and your acknowledgement of the other items is needed to support program operation and to help inform teachers next fall about the work they do this summer. If you have any questions about the information below, please contact Helen Neufeld at 780-532-5850(H) OR 780-830-8312(C)

Student Name: _____

Student Grade: _____ School Next year: _____

Hello! We are delighted that your child has been chosen to participate in one of the most exciting learning opportunities in our region – **Reading University**. Reading University is a program that is entirely community funded, for the purpose of giving Grande Prairie and area grade 3 students the opportunity to improve their ability and confidence at reading independently before starting grade 4. Specific information about the program is included in the attached Parent Handbook.

I understand that participation of my child in Reading University is dependent upon their ability to attend for the duration of the entire program. I support my child's nomination and commit to supporting their attendance every day, barring illness.

(Please initial: YES _____ NO _____)

I understand the participation in this program requires communication with my child's school to identify reading levels and to share progress reports at the end of the program. As a condition of my child's participation, I give consent to program organizers and staff to collect information and communicate with my child's school for the purpose of planning and reporting re: my child's participation in Reading University. Information will only be shared with schools, and will not be used for any other purposes other than supporting student learning.

(Please initial: YES _____ NO _____)

As part of ongoing fundraising within the community, I consent for my child's picture to be used in promotional materials. Student names will never be used to identify students, only pictures or video may be used in the creation of future promotional materials.

(Please initial: YES _____ NO _____)

Date: _____ Student Name: _____

Student Grade: _____ School Next year: _____



STUDENT NAME			
Parent Names			
Signature (s)			
Address, Postal Code			
Phone (Mom)	H	W	C
Phone (Dad)	H	W	C
Emergency Contact Name			
Relationship to Student			
Emergency Contact Phone	H	W	C

If your child has any allergies or medical conditions that you feel the staff at Reading University should be aware of, please explain below.

Student name
Allergies or Medical Condition:

IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE USING BUS TRANSPORTATION, PLEASE INDICATE BELOW WHO WILL BE PICKING UP YOUR CHILD AT THE END OF EACH DAY.

Name _____ Relationship to student _____

Contact Numbers: Cell _____ Work _____ Home _____