



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Congratulations!

Your child has been accepted into Grade 3 Reading University offered at Northwestern Polytechnic (formerly GPRC) from **July 4 to July 21!** 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 well over 150 students eligible to attend. We are very grateful to all the generous donors from the Grande Prairie area for their support of Reading University and to Northwestern Polytechnic for hosting our program for the past 9 years. This program wouldn't be possible without the partnership of the three local school divisions; Peace Wapiti School Division, Grande Prairie Catholic School Division, and the Grande Prairie Public School Division. Reading University is a unique coalition of educators in what has 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 4. We will wrap things up on Friday July 21 with a graduation ceremony and family BBQ at Northwestern Polytechnic. Please watch emails and follow Facebook for more details and exciting happenings of each day at RU!

All information needed to start your child off in Reading University 2023 is included in this package. It is very important that you keep this document handy so that you have access to the phone numbers, email, and any programming details.

Thank you for the partnership and we look forward to working with your child this summer.

Corinne J. Kruse, Principal
James Hudyma, Assistant Principal
Helen Neufeld, Dean of Students



ATTENDANCE:

Reading University is targeted, focused literacy instruction for 14 days and a child's success is dependent upon their attendance. It is our expectation that your child attends RU each day, July 4 - July 21.

In the event they are ill for a day or have an appointment and may be away for all or part of a day, please let us know. You will need to contact BOTH FIRST STUDENT Bussing, 780-532-3545 and text **READING UNIVERSITY AT 780-882-3184.**

Daily Attendance: **If your child is not at R U by 9:15 AM,** we will be calling home to check on your child. The children's safety is critically important to the whole RU Team.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION:

For students who require transportation, parents are asked to please call First Student (780-532-3545) to make bussing arrangements. Once they have all the schedules made, First Student will contact you with the details for pickup and dropoff for your child. You will also need to contact them if your child will not be using the bus on any day (ie. illness or is getting picked up).

If you are picking up your child at the end of the day, please come into the CAFETERIA FOR PICKUP. Should someone else be picking up your child, please let us know with a note, text or a phone call. We cannot release your child to anyone else without your permission and we require picture ID before we can send your child home with anyone other than you.

DAILY SCHEDULE:

Reading University daily schedule may change from time to time; however, here is the basic daily overview. Students will cycle through 10 classes each day with breaks for lunch and snacks.

8:45: Buses arrive

9:00-12:00: Core learning activity centers, in small group instruction

10:30: Snack provided for all students

12:00-1:00: LUNCH will be provided for all students

1:00-3:00: Core learning activity centers, in small group instruction

3:00: Bus students dismissed

Parents pick up for students in the College cafeteria

FIELD TRIPS:

There will be two field trips for students this year in their three-week RU experience- EXCITING!!

Coles Book Store: July 19 th

Swimming @Bear Creek Pool : Friday afternoon, July 14

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Lunch and Snacks:

Daily lunches and snacks will be provided for the children. *If your child has special dietary requirements, then we ask that you send along a packed lunch and snacks to meet his/her needs.*

Daily Schedule:

Classes start at 9:00 am and end at 3:00 pm.

Students will be in small groups and will travel with their groups to 10 different classes each day.

Supplies:

Backpacks and water bottles will be provided as will all supplies needed for the program.

Preferred footwear is running shoes as students will have daily PHYS ED outdoors if the weather cooperates.

Main Gathering Area:

The NWP cafeteria is the main gathering area for RU- meet in the AM at drop off, snack, lunch, pick up and dismissal at the end of the day.

LEARNING STATIONS:

LISTEN UP! Students will learn how to be better listeners through a variety of listening games and purposeful activities.

WORD PLAY is where students will practice and master sentence writing beginning with basic restructure and moving forward to add descriptors, phrases and enhanced word choices.

WORD ATTACK is where students will be using their phonemic awareness skills to learn, use and be comfortable with unfamiliar words in reading.

GUIDED READING will concentrate on comprehension, encouraging students to talk about the stories they read under the guidance and support of their instructors.

KIDZ NEWS Students will hear and listen to news articles from which they will develop questions and share their new-found knowledge.

JUST THINK! Students will work with patterns, problem solving, strategies, puzzles and subtraction facts focusing on counting backwards (think: making change \$\$).

JUST SAYIN! Students will practice and enhance their oral language skills using prepared scripts, poetry, jokes reading directions to others and then following their directions.

FRIED PHRASES is where students will practice their decoding skills as they learn and practice the most frequently used words and phrases that occur in their reading.

GET ACTIVE (PE) Students explore a variety of cooperative physical activities and burn off excess energy with their friends.

TUNE IN (MUSIC) is where students experience reading with all its rhythm, cadence, and movement. A very active station, students will enjoy being totally engaged in song, rhythm making and movement.

At Grade 3 Reading University small group instruction is the key. We have the good fortune of being able to boast an adult to student ratio of approximately 1:5. One teacher and one educational assistant work with 10 students at variety of learning tasks specifically designed and created to increase reading confidence, comprehension, accuracy, and fluency. Students will be highly engaged in a variety of learning experiences.

- ✓ Collecting and retrieving information
- ✓ Understanding and sharing information
- ✓ Making judgements about its quality, relevance, usefulness, or efficiency
- ✓ Finding and understanding the relationships between ideas
- ✓ Using and transferring knowledge
- ✓ How to make sense of and bring order and understanding to information they have heard, seen, or read.