



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Congratulations!

Your child has been accepted into Grade 3 Reading University offered at Northwestern Polytechnic from **July 6 to July 24!** This is a very exciting program for many reasons, the most important being the impact on your child's confidence and reading skills.

The Reading University Program is 100% community funded, and this year there will be about 200 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 more than a decade.

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".

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 about 10 students on a variety of learning tasks specifically designed and created to increase reading and writing confidence, comprehension, decoding, accuracy, and fluency.

Children will have the opportunity to bring order and understanding to information by:

- ✓ Collecting and retrieving knowledge
- ✓ Understanding and sharing information
- ✓ Making judgements about the quality, relevance, usefulness of information
- ✓ Finding and understanding the relationships between ideas
- ✓ Applying and demonstrating knowledge

We are delighted that your child will be joining us for this exciting opportunity. **Our first day will be Monday, July 6. We will wrap things up on Friday July 24** 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 2026!

All the information needed to start your child off at Reading University 2026 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, Vice Principal
Helen Neufeld, Dean of Students



ATTENDANCE:

Reading University is targeted, focused literacy instruction for 14 days and therefore a child's success is dependent upon their attendance. It is our expectation that your child will attend RU each day, July 6 - July 24.

In the event your child is ill or has an appointment that requires them to be away for part of the day or drop off or pick up early, PLEASE let us know and First Student (if bussing applies).

- Reading University (text or phone): 780-882-3184
- First Student Bussing: 780-532-3545

Safe Arrival Program: **If your child is not at RU by 9:15 AM**, we will be calling home to check on your child; their safety is paramount.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION:

If you wish to drive your child to and from Reading University each day, you are most welcome. It is expected that parents will walk with their child to Pillars, NWP cafeteria in the morning to drop off and meet in the dismissal area at the end of the day.

NOTE: Because of the number of students at dismissal, it is critically important that all parents/caregivers meet their child at the dismissal area- outside main area.

For students who will utilize bus transportation:

- Parents call First Student 780-532-3545 to register for the bus- **DEADLINE is June 19**
- First Student will contact family with pick up and drop location.

Should someone else be picking up your child, please let us know by text or phone call. We cannot release your child to anyone else without your permission and we require picture ID before we send your child with anyone other than you.

*** Buses leave NWPT within 20 minutes of dismissal- thanks for being patient.**

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

Mid-morning snack provided for all students

12:00-1:00: LUNCH will be provided for all students, in 2 seatings in the cafeteria

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

3:00: Students dismissed

FIELD TRIPS:

There will be two field trips for students this year in their three-week RU experience- EXCITING!! We head to Bear Creek Outdoor pool and Coles bookstore.

LEARNING STATIONS:

Reading Time	Students will concentrate on their decoding skills as they learn and practice the most frequently used words and phrases that occur in their reading. A variety of fun, interactive activities will help foster their confidence and love of reading.
Listen Up	Students will continue to develop their listening comprehension skills through a variety of games and activities targeted to improve their understanding.
Picture This! (Library)	Students will be challenged to read beyond the text and make inferences from a variety of interesting and exciting picture books. They will reinforce effective reading behaviors with their choices from the library collection.
KidzNews	Students will experience news articles from which they will learn to develop questions and share their new-found knowledge.
Word Attack	Students will concentrate on their decoding abilities to increase the skills that help them learn, use and be comfortable with unfamiliar words in their learning.
Fried Phrases	Students will concentrate on their decoding skills as they learn and practice the most frequently used words and phrases that occur in their reading. A variety of fun, interactive activities will help foster their confidence and love of reading.
Just Sayin'	Students will practice and enhance their oral language skills using prepared scripts and props, poetry, jokes and giving/receiving directions.
Write On	Students will practice sentence writing beginning with basic structures and will move forward adding descriptors, phrases and enhanced word choices.
Get Active	Students will explore a variety of cooperative physical activities and burn off lots of energy with their friends in the great outdoors.
Tune In	Students will experience reading with all its rhythm, cadence and movement. A very active station, students will enjoy being totally engaged in songs, rhythm making and movement.

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Graduation:

Students come to class on graduation day as usual. The graduation ceremony is at the **Douglas Cardinal Theatre at NWP and begins at 11:00, with limited seating.** Parents and family are encouraged and welcome to attend and stay after for a family BBQ hosted by the Side Group.

*** LAST DAY BUSSING: Regular AM pick up- Parents are required to pick up their children- NO END OF DAY BUSSING**

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.***

Supplies:

Each child receives a backpack, water bottle and t-shirt (stays RU and home on the last day)- all other supplies are provided. **NOTE: Please ensure your child has running shoes as they are outdoors daily for phys. Ed.**

Parent/Caregiver Notes: