

# READING RANCH ROUNDUP



USD #417

September 2016

## KRR L.I.F.E. Family Ranch Nights

This fall, we are very excited about Family Ranch Nights! Kansas Reading Roadmap has launched a brand new Literacy Integrated Family Engagement program and USD 417 is thrilled to participate.

This evening program is held just one night each week for eight weeks during the fall term. On Family Ranch Nights, 8-10 invited families come to the Reading Ranch from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Families enjoy a meal, spend time playing games and participating in fun activities with their children, meet with other parents for an open discussion, and spend time reading together each week.

## No School = No Reading Ranch

We will not have Reading Ranch on these days this fall:

Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> – Professional Development

Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Break

Raffle prizes are available and each family attending receives a chance to win.

The final Family Ranch Night of the semester is graduation night. Families who have attended at least 6 of the 8 sessions will graduate from the program and join the USD 417 KRR LIFE Family Alumni group.

This program is provided at no cost to attendees thanks to the generous grant funded by the Department of Children and Families and awarded by Kansas Reading Roadmap.

Our L.I.F.E. Family Ranch Night leadership team includes: Christy Buchman, Jennifer Wilkens, Heidi Grant, Monica Simecka and Genna Edwards.

If school should be cancelled or dismissed early for any reason, Reading Ranch will not meet on that day.

If you have any concerns about whether Reading Ranch is in session, please contact Christy Buchman at 620-767-2554 or by email at [cbuchman@cgrove417.org](mailto:cbuchman@cgrove417.org).

If you would like to participate in Family Ranch Nights in the spring, please contact Christy Buchman by email at [cbuchman@cgrove417.org](mailto:cbuchman@cgrove417.org) or by phone at 620-767-2554. Families with children in grades kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are eligible. (Students do not need to qualify for the Reading Ranch after school or summer reading program to participate.)

Fall Family Ranch Night dates are on the reverse side of this newsletter.

## Proven Results

The Kansas Reading Roadmap program is proven to help students close the gap and master grade-level reading and phonics skills.

The tutors who work with students after school are teachers, aides and paraprofessionals who have been trained in reading best practices and provided with the resources needed to teach skills at multiple grade levels.

We are very excited for the results of fall benchmark testing to see, with data, the impact we are making on our students.



## Structured Read-Aloud and Vocabulary



Students who attend the after school Reading Ranch will each attend a 30 minute Structured Read-Aloud and Vocabulary rotation each day.

Structured Read-Aloud and Vocabulary (SRA-V) is a generalized intervention time that is suitable for all students. SRA-V compliments the KRR literacy components that students also attend daily in either phonics or fluency.

SRA-V offers opportunities for higher-level thinking and interaction with stories about diverse cultures and experiences.

Tutors read stories to the students and introduce and review vocabulary words from the story. Tutors model for students analytical and comprehension strategies that students will use when reading independently such as pace, punctuation and inflection.

With 3-5 age-appropriate new vocabulary words learned each week, their vocabulary should grow as the fall session goes along.

When your student comes home from Reading Ranch, ask what their read aloud story was for the day and what new vocabulary words they have learned. You might even incorporate the words that they share with you in your normal conversation that week. Have fun with it!

## Fall Enrollment

*There is no cost for students to attend the Reading Ranch program thanks to funding provided by Kansas Reading Roadmap, a project funded by the Kansas Department for Children and Families working in partnership with the Kansas Department of Education to promote third grade reading through locally-driven public/private partnerships.*

[www.readingroadmap.org](http://www.readingroadmap.org)

**The Fall Session is Quickly Approaching!**

**If you have not yet completed and returned your child's enrollment packet, please do so today. Our first day of the fall session is Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Invitations and enrollment packets have been sent to qualifying students at Council Grove Elementary School and Prairie Heights Elementary School for the fall. It is important to complete and return your child's enrollment form as soon as possible to secure a spot in the after school program. If your child has not been invited, and you feel that he or she would benefit from after school reading review or enrichment, please talk with your child's K-3 classroom teacher to see if they would provide a referral.

## Fall Family Ranch Nights

Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

at the Reading Ranch at  
Council Grove Elementary  
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

## Bus Transportation

We are very pleased that our KRR grant provides for bus transportation for those students needing bus services.

It is important to note that an adult **MUST** be at home **AND** acknowledge the bus driver before the student will be dropped off.

We want to make sure that all students are safe and exceptions cannot be made.

Much time and care is taken to make the bus routes for our Reading Ranch students as efficient as possible. We don't want students to spend any more time on the bus than absolutely necessary.

Consistency in riding the bus does help the routes stay on time and students arriving when estimated. If your child needs to occasionally miss riding due to activities or appointments, please be sure to let Christy Buchman know. We will only pull students from their regular bus route if we have heard from a parent.