



## Programming for Preschoolers & Their Parents | April to May 2024

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Kinder Links @ Home is FREE programming for families with young children living in the River East Transcona community. These programs feature exciting ways to enjoy literacy and numeracy activities from the comfort and safety of your home. Get creative, playful, and passionate about early learning with our FREE parent-child programming!

Sign up for as many VIRTUAL programs and special events as your schedule allows. To ensure the best virtual experience, we encourage parents and children to participate in these program activities together. You'll enjoy this quality time learning, laughing, and making memories as a family. Get comfortable, cuddle up, and enjoy interesting literacy and numeracy activities with your Kinder Links facilitators.



### VIRTUAL Going on a Picnic

*Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years*

Here's to a virtual picnic playdate to celebrate the start of spring! This class is

packed full of spring songs, educational ideas, and stories about tasty foods, kites, and little ants who'd love to join the picnic. Can you guess what's in the picnic basket each week?

**Mondays, April 8–29**  
10–10:30 a.m.

### VIRTUAL ABCs & 123s

*Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years*

Explore numbers and letters with engaging rhymes, fingerplays, stories, and movement games. Classes feature fun ways for children to incorporate literacy and numeracy into their day. At the end of each session, your facilitators will share an activity challenge to try at home.

**Tuesdays, April 9–30**  
10–10:30 a.m.

### VIRTUAL Up, Up, and Away!

*Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years*

Time is sure to FLY as we're having fun at this new VIRTUAL experience! Through songs and stories, young aviators will embark on an exciting adventure featuring planes, helicopters, kites, balloons, and other interesting things that soar through the skies. This high-energy program is filled with your favourite Kinder Links songs, active games, and an idea for a flight-themed craft to try at home.

**Wednesdays, April 10–May 1**  
10–10:30 a.m.

### VIRTUAL Animal Crackers

*Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years*

*Animal Crackers* is an exciting program where families learn about animals big and small. Through interactive stories, activities, and crafts, participants will meet a different animal each class!

**Thursdays, April 11–May 2**  
10–10:30 a.m.



### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### VIRTUAL Celebrating Earth Day

*Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years*

The Kinder Links team is excited to celebrate Earth Day through special stories, songs, and environmentally themed activities. This special event is an excellent opportunity to develop a deeper appreciation of the world around us and how we can take better care of our planet.

**Friday, April 19**  
10–10:45 a.m.

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Registration begins immediately by completing the [Online Form](#), emailing us at [kinderlinks@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:kinderlinks@retsd.mb.ca), or leaving a message at 204.669.4043. When registering, please provide the following information:

- Parent/caregiver name
- Names and ages of all children to attend the program
- Home/cellphone number
- Home address
- Email address where you wish to be contacted
- Program(s) you wish to register for (name of program, date, and time)

Upon registration, you'll receive a confirmation email that your request has been processed. Before the start of each program, participants will receive a reminder email and phone call.



### KINDER LINKS PEN PALS

Introduce your child—ages three to five—to the joys of reading and writing through RETSD's Kinder Links Pen Pals program. Our team of Kinder Links facilitators is looking forward to connecting with preschool families this year. As a Kinder Links Pen Pal, your child will receive a special package in the mail featuring a short letter, notes, songs and rhymes, a joke, stickers, and a seasonal activity to try.

The best part of being a pen pal is writing back! We can hardly wait to start receiving letters or drawings from your child(ren). For every letter sent to the Kinder Links office, we'll reply with a special package filled with fun activities for your child. This is an excellent way to get your child excited about literacy while having fun practising their printing, drawing, and numeracy skills.

Submissions can be mailed to:

Kelly Martino  
Kinder Links Office  
Maple Leaf School  
251 McIvor Ave.  
Winnipeg, MB R2G 0Z7

### FREE BABY GIFT FOR NEW PARENTS

Did you just have a baby? River East Transcona School Division and the Early Childhood Matters Parent Child Coalitions in River East and Transcona would like to help you celebrate this wonderful event. We have a book, *I Love It When You*, which we'd love to give to you to keep and enjoy. To receive your FREE book, contact us at [kmartino@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:kmartino@retsd.mb.ca) or 204.669.4043. Please leave us your mailing address, child's name, and date of birth.

### KINDER LINKS ADVISORY GROUP

Are you interested in sharing your ideas to help shape Kinder Links parent-child programming? We are recruiting new members for our Kinder Links Advisory Group, which meets virtually to discuss and provide feedback on our free early-learning programs. Contact Kinder Links at [kinderlinks@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:kinderlinks@retsd.mb.ca) or 204.669.4043 for more information.

### THE EARLY LEARNING TEAM

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