

Programming for Preschoolers & Their Parents | April to May 2025

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Registration begins immediately by completing the [Online Form](#), emailing us at kinderlinks@retsd.mb.ca, or leaving a message at 204.669.4043.

Kinder Links @ Home is FREE programming for preschool families in the River East Transcona community, featuring exciting ways to enjoy literacy and numeracy activities from the comfort 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 experience, we encourage parents and caregivers to participate in these program activities together with their child. 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 Mr. Golden Sun!

Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years

Join us for "fun in the sun" as we sing songs about ice cream, waves at the beach, and swimming! Get ready for some sun-sational stories and fun activities, including bingo, summer I Spy, and scavenger hunts. Each class will feature a craft idea to try at home. Feel free to dress for the tropics!

Mondays, April 7–May 12
10–10:30 a.m.



VIRTUAL Purple Stew

Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years

Purple Stew serves up a fun way to learn about wholesome meals and balanced eating, offering a tasty selection of stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and educational activities. Each class, we'll chat about healthy food and play games and activities inspired by the kitchen, garden, and even the grocery store.

Tuesdays, April 8–May 13
10–10:30 a.m.
Class cancelled April 22

VIRTUAL 1, 2, Buckle My Shoe

Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years

Count on having a great time singing, rhyming, and hearing special stories with an early numeracy focus. Classes feature fun ways for children to incorporate counting into their lives and explore numbers through educational games and activities.

Wednesdays, April 9–May 14
10–10:30 a.m.

VIRTUAL Spring Frogs & Polliwogs

Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years

Stories, crafts, and games will keep participants hopping at this celebration of spring. Together, they'll enjoy a high-energy sing-along, featuring green frogs, brown bunnies, yellow ducks, red ladybugs, and brilliantly coloured butterflies.

Thursdays, April 10–May 15
10–10:30 a.m.
Class cancelled April 17

SPECIAL EVENTS

VIRTUAL Bunny Tales Extravaganza

Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years

Hop into an egg-citing Easter adventure with your friends at Kinder Links! Bunnies, books, and bingo will be just a few highlights at this free virtual special event. Together, we'll sing about colourful Easter eggs, play "What's in the Basket?" and talk about interesting craft ideas to try at home.

Thursday, April 17
10–10:45 a.m.

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.

Tuesday, April 22
10–10:45 a.m.



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KINDER LINKS PEN PALS

Introduce your child (ages three to five) to the joys of reading and writing through RETSD's 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, songs or rhymes, a joke, stickers, and a seasonal activity. The best part of being a pen pal is writing back! We can hardly wait to start receiving letters or drawings from your child. Every letter sent to the Kinder Links office will receive a fun-filled reply. This is an excellent way to get your child excited about literacy while they have fun practising their printing, drawing, and numeracy skills.

Submissions can be mailed to:

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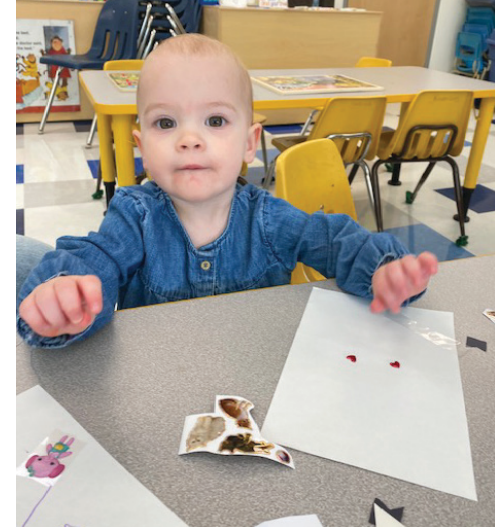


FREE BABY GIFT FOR NEW PARENTS

Did you just have a baby? RETSD 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 kinderlinks@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're 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 or 204.669.4043 for more information.



THE EARLY LEARNING TEAM

We're pleased to provide early learning and family support to families living in River East Transcona. Feel free to contact us if you have questions about our preschool initiatives.

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