



**Programming for Preschoolers & Their Parents | January to March 2025**

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**VIRTUAL Cool Cats & Puppy Tales**

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

A purr-fect class for pet lovers, this program features engaging rhymes and finger plays, cat-inspired stretches, and high-energy games that will leave you wagging your tail with delight! Listen to playful stories of famous furry friends like Pete the Cat and Clifford the Big Red Dog to name just a couple. Bring your favourite stuffed animal or pet to this virtual play date!

**Mondays, Jan. 20–Feb. 24**

10–10:30 a.m.

Cancelled Feb. 17



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.

Kinder Links @ Home is FREE programming for families with young children living in the River East Transcona community. Kinder Links @ Home features 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 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 Snowflake Sing-Along!**

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

Warm up your singing voice with this wintery sing-along extravaganza! Stay cozy inside your home as you embark on a virtual snow-filled adventure complete with interesting books, movement games, and art that celebrates a winter wonderland. Together, we'll learn all-new winter rhymes and finger plays to add to your song repertoire!

**Tuesdays, Jan. 21–Feb. 25**

10–10:30 a.m.

**VIRTUAL Safari Cruise**

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

Grab your binoculars for an adventure-filled Kinder Links safari cruise! During these exciting journeys, try to spot a cheetah,

rhino, gorilla, or even a pretty, pink flamingo as we share stories, songs, and games. Let's practise animal calls as we move and play like jungle creatures.

**Wednesdays, Jan. 22–Feb. 26**

10–10:30 a.m.

**VIRTUAL Stars & Spaceships**

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

Zoom, zoom, zoom—we're going to the moon! Climb aboard a spaceship as we embark on a spectacular adventure to outer space. Through songs, stories, and space-themed games and activities, young astronauts will learn about twinkly stars, the Milky Way, and planets. At the end of each class mission, facilitators will share ideas for creating galaxy-inspired art to make at home.

**Thursdays, Jan. 23–Feb. 27**

10–10:30 a.m.

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## VIRTUAL SPECIAL EVENTS

### Be My VIRTUAL Valentine

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

Feel the LOVE at the Kinder Links virtual Valentine's Day party! Together, we'll enjoy sweet stories about hearts and hugs, Cupid, and the adventures of your favourite storybook characters. It'll be fun to learn a few special songs and counting rhymes and play energetic games to celebrate Valentine's Day. Young participants will also get to share their ideas for showing their friends and family how much they care for them.

**Friday, Feb. 14**

10–10:45 a.m.

### VIRTUAL Little Leprechauns

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

Enjoy stories about lucky little leprechauns while learning a few songs and finger plays! Participants will have fun counting shamrocks, dancing an Irish jig, and playing lively games and activities.

**Monday, March 17**

10–10:45 a.m.

## 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, 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 children. Every letter sent to the Kinder Links office will receive a reply filled with fun activities. 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**

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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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