



Programming for Preschoolers & Their Parents | December 2022–March 2023

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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 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 DECEMBER EVENTS

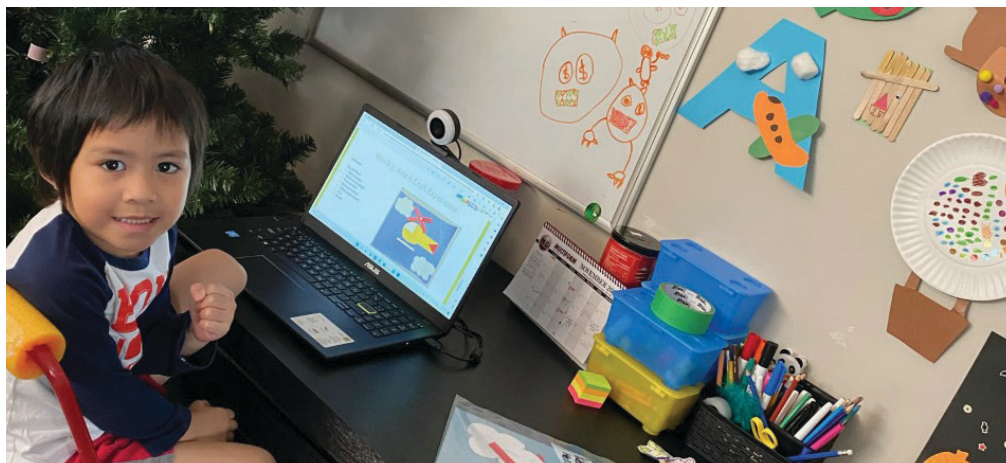
VIRTUAL Countdown in Santa's Workshop!

Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years

The countdown has started in Santa's busy workshop! In this holiday-themed math extravaganza, we'll sing, read, dance, and play. Get ready for holiday "I Spy," festive patterns and shapes, and lots of counting fun as we help load Santa's sack of presents.

Tuesday, Dec. 6
10–10:45 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 7
6–6:45 p.m.



Wednesday, Dec. 21
10–10:45 a.m.

VIRTUAL Holly Jolly Fun

Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years

Participants are sure to have a jolly good time playing holiday bingo, guessing "what's in the stocking," and getting active with a scavenger hunt and other energetic games.

Thursday, Dec. 8
10–10:45 a.m.
6–6:45 p.m.

VIRTUAL Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Lights

Best enjoyed by children ages 1 to 5 years

Twinkling lights and festive glitter make this season pop with so much colour! Together, we'll spread holiday cheer as we sing and read about green trees, silver bells, red

reindeer noses, and colourful candy treats. Get ready for a fun colour-themed scavenger hunt around your home.

Wednesday, Dec. 14
10–10:45 a.m.
6–6:45 p.m.

VIRTUAL Sleighbells Storytime

Best enjoyed by children ages 1 to 5 years

Cozy up and experience wonderful holiday books and illustrations featuring some of your favourite storybook characters. Participants will enjoy colourful felt-board activities and a few special songs/rhymes.

Tuesday, Dec. 13
10–10:45 a.m.
6–6:45 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 15
10–10:45 a.m.

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VIRTUAL FEATURE-LENGTH PROGRAMS

VIRTUAL Snowflake Sing-Along!

Best enjoyed by children ages 1 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!

Mondays, Jan. 16–March 6

10–10:30 a.m.

Class cancelled Feb. 20

VIRTUAL Where is Snowy the Owl?

Best enjoyed by children ages 1 to 5 years

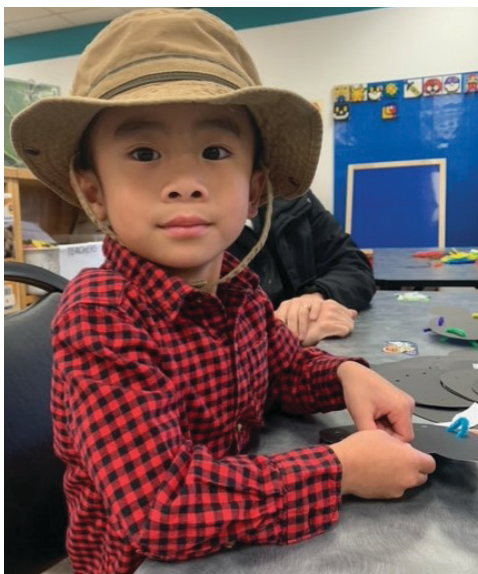
Calling all little detectives! Your help is needed to solve the case of "Where is Snowy the Owl?" Each week, Snowy will "fly the coop" to embark on a secret adventure at a new location. By listening to interesting clues from engaging books and rhymes, participants will make their guesses as to where to find our fine feathered friend.

Tuesdays, Jan. 17–March 7

10–10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays, Jan. 18–March 8

6–6:30 p.m.



VIRTUAL Safari Cruise

Best enjoyed by children ages 1 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. 18–March 8

10–10:30 a.m.

VIRTUAL The More We Get Together

Best enjoyed by children ages 1 to 5 years

The more we get together, the happier we'll be! Songs, stories, games, and great conversation will be sure to put a big smile on your face. Get ready to clap, dance, march, and hop along to high-energy favourite songs, and bring an item to "show and share" with your Kinder Links friends.

Thursdays, Jan. 19–March 9

10–10:30 a.m.

VIRTUAL SPECIAL EVENTS 2023

Be My Virtual Valentine

Best enjoyed by children ages 1 to 5 years

Feel the LOVE at the Kinder Links virtual Valentine's Day party! Together we will 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 the chance to share their ideas for showing their friends and family how much they care for them.

Friday, Feb. 10

10–10:45 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 13

6–6:45 p.m.

VIRTUAL Little Leprechauns

Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years

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

Friday, March 17

10–10:45 a.m.

VIRTUAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Celebrate your child's birthday with a special greeting from the Kinder Links team! In this 20-minute virtual session, a Kinder Links facilitator will sing the happy birthday song to your child, share a book, and play an educational game to help celebrate their big day. Appointments are available mornings, afternoons, and early evenings. **Please note:** VIRTUAL Birthday Greetings appointments are available for children six years and under, as availability permits, and must be booked in advance.





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The best part of being a pen pal is writing back! We can hardly wait to start receiving letters/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
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Joseph Teres School
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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 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 or 204.669.4043 for more information.



THE EARLY LEARNING TEAM

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

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Registration for Kinder Links programming begins immediately by email at kinderlinks@retsd.mb.ca or leave 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 address
- Home/cellphone number
- Email address where you wish to be contacted
- Program(s) you wish to register for (name of program, date, and time)

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/rhymes, a joke, stickers, and a seasonal activity to try.