



Programming for Preschoolers & Their Parents | October–November 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 Diggin' with the Dinos

Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years

Be prepared to have a ROARING good time as we bravely explore the world of dinosaurs both large and small. On this journey, participants will learn about the T-Rex, Stegosaurus, and other interesting dinosaur friends through songs, books, puzzles, active games, and creative art experiences.

Mondays, Oct. 16–Nov. 20
10–10:30 a.m.

VIRTUAL Fall Leaves & Counting Trees

Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years

This numeracy-inspired program explores the sights, sounds, and animals of autumn. Through counting, patterns, sorting, and number fun, we'll explore colourful fall leaves and talk about delicious seasonal foods like apples and pumpkins. This virtual class also features autumn-themed books, rhymes, and educational activities.

Tuesdays, Oct. 17–Nov. 21
10–10:30 a.m.

VIRTUAL Whale Tales

Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years

Join our virtual school of fish for an exciting, educational, under-the-sea adventure. Together, we'll learn about baby sharks, jellyfish, crabs, and magnificent whales. Participants will love diving into fantastic books, games, and math activities that celebrate our friends who live in the deep blue sea.

Wednesdays, Oct. 18–Nov. 22
10–10:30 a.m.

VIRTUAL Bookworms

Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years

If you love to dive into a good book and read-read-read, *Bookworms* is definitely the program for you! Together, we'll enjoy stories written by notable children's authors through educational games, activities, and artwork. Along with an amazing selection of songs, rhymes, and finger plays, circle time will feature two special stories from the "Author of the Day."

Thursdays, Oct. 19–Nov. 23
10–10:30 a.m.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

VIRTUAL Halloween Story Time

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Join us for a VIRTUAL Halloween adventure as we read stories and sing seasonal songs about spiders, black cats, and pumpkins! Participants will also have fun dancing and playing Halloween games and activities. Remember to dress in your favourite Halloween costume for this free virtual special event!

Monday, Oct. 30

6–6:45 p.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.

VIRTUAL Birthday Greetings appointments are available for children six years old and under as availability permits and must be booked in advance.



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:

Kinder Links Office
Maple Leaf School
251 McIvor Ave.
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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 about our preschool initiatives.

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Registration for Kinder Links programming begins immediately by online registration form (below), by email at kinderlinks@retsd.mb.ca, or by 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)

Registration is simple with our:
[Online Registration Form](#)