

Programming for Preschoolers & Their Parents | October to December 2024

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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 Rise & Shine Story Time

Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years

Get your morning off to a fantastic start with light stretches, interactive stories, songs, rhymes, and finger plays. In addition to our weekly song repertoire, children will have the opportunity to request a few favourite songs that we will happily sing together.

Mondays, Oct. 21–Nov. 18

10–10:30 a.m.

Cancelled Nov. 11

VIRTUAL Hey Diddle Diddle

Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years

Traditional nursery rhymes and stories come alive at *Hey Diddle Diddle!* Get ready for rhyme favourites, including the Itsy-Bitsy Spider, Humpty Dumpty, Mary Had a Little Lamb, and Jack and Jill, to name just a few!

A variety of colourful puppet friends will join us as we play educational games and activities. Each class ends with a special nursery-rhyme-inspired craft idea to try at home.

Tuesdays, Oct. 15–Nov. 19

10–10:30 a.m.

VIRTUAL Construction Crew

Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years

Join our crew as we learn more about big construction vehicles and the talented people who love to build, build, build! Children will enjoy stretching like a tall crane, singing about dump trucks and bulldozers, and playing a construction-themed bingo game.

Wednesdays, Oct. 16–Nov. 20

10–10:30 a.m.

VIRTUAL Fall at the Farmyard

Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5 years

Autumn is a busy and exciting time on the farm! Leaves are changing colour and it's time for harvest. Let's learn about delicious fall foods like apples and pumpkins, read books about barnyard animals and scarecrows, and celebrate the beautiful sights and sounds of autumn with fun educational activities.

Thursdays, Oct. 17–Nov. 21

10–10:30 a.m.

Cancelled Oct. 31

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SPECIAL EVENTS

VIRTUAL Halloween Story Time

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Join us for a 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!

Thursday, Oct. 31

10–10:45 a.m.

VIRTUAL Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Lights

Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months 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.

Tuesday, Dec. 3

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. 5

10–10:45 a.m.

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. 10

10–10:45 a.m.

VIRTUAL Sleighbells Story Time

Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months 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 and rhymes.

Thursday, Dec. 12

10–10:45 a.m.

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 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 or 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:

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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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