

## Programming for Preschoolers & Their Parents | May 2022

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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 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.

Arts and crafts packages will be available for pickup as a complement to virtual feature-length programming. Packages will feature art experiences shown at the end of class for participants to make at home. Information on package pickup will be shared upon registration.

### VIRTUAL Alphabet Artists

*Best enjoyed by children ages 2 to 5*

Through alphabet-inspired artwork, young participants will love learning their letters. This creative program showcases the alphabet through interactive stories, rhymes/fingerplays, movement activities, and amazing art projects.

Please note: this virtual program is a continuation from last session and features letters L–Z.

Tuesdays, May 3–24  
6–6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, May 4–25  
9–9:30 a.m.

### VIRTUAL Diggin' with the Dinos

*Best enjoyed by children ages 2 to 5*

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, active games, and creative art experiences.

Mondays, May 2–30  
9–9:30 a.m.

*Class cancelled May 23*



### NEW! VIRTUAL Let's Go Camping

*Best enjoyed by children ages 2 to 5*

Pack your sleeping bag and join your Kinder Links friends on a virtual camping trip! Campfire songs, games, and stories about exciting outdoor adventures will make this interactive program even "s'more" fun! Together, in our imaginations, we'll pitch a tent, hike, swim, and fish! Happy campers will also enjoy a few special treats provided in the complimentary arts and crafts package.

Tuesdays, May 3–24  
9–9:30 a.m.

### NEW! VIRTUAL Shake, Rattle & Rhyme

*Best enjoyed by children ages 18 months to 5*

Let's make music together! Families are sure to enjoy stories about the magic of music, learning about instruments, and being a musician. Imagine the fun we'll have singing, dancing, and playing in a marching band using homemade instruments.

Thursdays, May 5–26  
9–9:30 a.m.

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### VIRTUAL Stay & Play

*Best enjoyed by children 18 months to 5*

Introducing an exciting new way to enjoy virtual Kinder Links parent-child programming. Offered as a daily online drop in from Monday to Friday, participants can attend as their schedule allows. Each virtual session features different stories, songs, and numeracy activities guaranteed to shake out those wiggles and share some giggles. At the end of class, Kinder Links facilitators will share ideas for learning at home.

Monday to Friday

May 2–27

1–1:30 p.m.

*Class cancelled May 23*

### VIRTUAL Whale Tales

*Best enjoyed by children ages 2 to 5*

Journey under the sea for an adventure where we will play, learn, and laugh! Together, we'll dive into fantastic books, games, and math activities celebrating our friends who live in the deep blue sea. Enjoy participating in a seaside serenade and make an underwater craft.

Fridays, May 6–27

9–9:30 a.m.

### VIRTUAL SPECIAL EVENTS

#### VIRTUAL Mother's Day Tea Party

Join us for a virtual celebration of mothers, grandmothers, and those important ladies in our lives! Cuddle up with mom (or someone special) to enjoy songs and stories all about Mother's Day. Together, we'll make a beautiful craft that can be given as a gift to show how much you love her.

Thursday, May 5

6–6:45 p.m.

### KINDER LINKS 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 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.



### 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. 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  
Kinder Links Office  
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131 Sanford Fleming Rd.  
Winnipeg, MB R2C 5B8

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 should you have questions regarding our preschool initiatives.

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