



# KINDERLINKS Indoors

## Programming for Preschoolers & Their Parents | December 2022

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All Kinder Links programs are offered at Joseph Teres School, 131 Sanford Fleming Rd., or Maple Leaf School, 251 Mclvor Ave. Registration is required for all special events.

Kinder Links programs provide young families—with children birth to age five—with the opportunity to play, learn, and connect with each other. These **FREE** parent-child programs feature fun, educational ways to explore literacy, numeracy, physical health and well-being, and creativity through art experiences, rhymes, stories, activities, and games. Kinder Links programs are an excellent way for young children to develop a lifelong passion for learning, develop their skills and self-confidence, and help prepare them for the adventure of school!

### DECEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Santa Baby Sing-Along

*Best enjoyed by families with babies*

Enjoy quality time cuddling with your baby as we sing seasonal songs, rhymes, and carols! Sing along to your favourites while learning a few new lap songs, diapering songs, and lullabies that are sure to delight and stimulate your little one.

**Tuesday, Dec. 6**

12:30–1:30 p.m.

Maple Leaf School

**Wednesday, Dec. 7**

1–2 p.m.

Joseph Teres School

**Friday, Dec. 9**

10:30–11:30 a.m.

Joseph Teres School

#### Holiday Yoga & Sing-Along

Join us for a leisurely Sunday morning filled with holiday-themed yoga, storytelling, songs, and an art experience. Led by trained yoga instructor Cathy Spack, we'll stretch our bodies with favourite yoga moves, including the Christmas tree pose, reindeer pose, holiday star pose, and gingerbread pose, just to name a few! Participants are asked to bring their own mat or blanket to the program.

**Sunday, Dec 4**

Maple Leaf School

#### TYKES CLASS

*Ages 21 months to 5 years*

9:15–10:30 a.m.

#### TOTS CLASS

*Ages 7 to 20 months*

11 a.m.–12 p.m.



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### Candy Cane Crafters

*Best enjoyed by children ages 1 to 5 years*

Holiday crafting has never been more fun as our little artists create Christmas-themed collages and special keepsake art. Participants of all ages will enjoy seasonal stories, classic holiday carols, and educational games and activities.

#### Monday, Dec. 5

9:15–10:30 a.m.

11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Joseph Teres School

#### Tuesday, Dec. 6

9:15–10:30 a.m.

11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Joseph Teres School

#### Wednesday, Dec. 7

10–11:15 a.m.

Maple Leaf School

#### Thursday, Dec. 8

10–11:15 a.m.

Maple Leaf School

#### Sunday, Dec. 11

9:15–10:30 a.m.

11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Joseph Teres School

### 'Tis the Season Storytime

*Best enjoyed by children ages 1 to 5 years*

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

#### Thursday, Dec. 8

6–7 p.m.

Joseph Teres School

#### Friday, Dec. 9

10–11:15 a.m.

Maple Leaf School

#### Monday, Dec. 19

9:15–10:30 a.m.

11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Joseph Teres School

#### Tuesday, Dec. 20

10–11:15 a.m.

Maple Leaf School

### Gingerbread Friends

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

*Gingerbread Friends* is the perfect recipe for family fun with sweet songs, active games, and stories about exciting gingerbread adventures! Decorating yummy cookies and crafting are sure to be highlights at this holiday-themed session.

#### Saturday, Dec. 3

9:15–10:30 a.m.

11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Maple Leaf School

#### Sunday, Dec. 4

12:30–1:45 p.m.

Maple Leaf School

#### Monday, Dec. 5

10–11:15 a.m.

Maple Leaf School

#### Tuesday, Dec. 6

10–11:15 a.m.

Maple Leaf School

#### Wednesday, Dec. 7

9:15–10:30 a.m.

11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Joseph Teres School

#### Thursday, Dec. 8

9:15–10:30 a.m.

11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Joseph Teres School

#### Wednesday, Dec. 14

6–7 p.m.

Maple Leaf School

### 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.

#### Monday, Dec. 19

10–11:15 a.m.

Maple Leaf School

#### Tuesday, Dec. 20

9:15–10:30 a.m.

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## Reindeer Games

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

Game for a night of jolly-good family fun? Holiday-inspired bingo, "What's in the stocking?", and reindeer training school are just a few of the activities planned for these special events. Participants will enjoy a lively circle time filled with reindeer songs, stories, and free play with toys.

**Monday, Dec. 12**

10–11:15 a.m.

Maple Leaf School

**Monday, Dec. 12**

6–7 p.m.

Joseph Teres School

**Tuesday, Dec. 13**

10–11:15 a.m.

6–7 p.m.

Maple Leaf School

**Wednesday, Dec. 14**

9:15–10:30 a.m.

11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Joseph Teres School

**Thursday, Dec. 15**

9:15–10:30 a.m.

11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Joseph Teres School

## Countdown in Santa's Workshop!

*Best enjoyed by children ages 2 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.

**Saturday, Dec. 10**

12:30–1:45 p.m.

Joseph Teres School

**Monday, Dec. 12**

9:15–10:30 a.m.

11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Joseph Teres School

**Tuesday, Dec. 13**

9:15–10:30 a.m.

11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Joseph Teres School

**Wednesday, Dec. 14**

10–11:15 a.m.

Maple Leaf School

**Thursday, Dec. 15**

10–11:15 a.m.

Maple Leaf School

## Mistle-TOES Dance Party

*Best enjoyed by children ages 2 to 5 years*

Tap your toes and move those feet as trained dance instructor Miss Laura and the Kinder Links team teaches us some groovy moves to holiday classics! Enjoy lively music and rhythms as you express yourself creatively. Party guests will be treated to a holiday story, sing along and a special art experience. Wear comfy clothes and bring indoor shoes and a water bottle for this FREE dance program!

**Saturday, Dec. 3**

10:30–11:45 a.m.

Maple Leaf School

**Saturday, Dec. 10**

10:30–11:45 a.m.

Joseph Teres School

## Painter's Playhouse

*Best enjoyed by children ages 2 to 5 years*

Get into the holiday spirit painting beautiful works of art to celebrate the festive season! Using fingers and feet, paintbrushes, and household items to create unique art, young artists will explore different textures and rich colours in their painting projects. The program features a circle time filled with holiday-themed rhymes, stories, and interactive games.

**Tuesday, Dec. 6**

6–7 p.m.

Joseph Teres School

**Wednesday, Dec. 7**

6–7 p.m.

Maple Leaf School

**Friday, Dec. 16**

10–11:15 a.m.

Maple Leaf School

**Friday, Dec. 16**

9:15–10:30 a.m.

11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

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- 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)

### 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  
Joseph Teres School  
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

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