

## **WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN**



# Chirp Magazine

### **TALK**

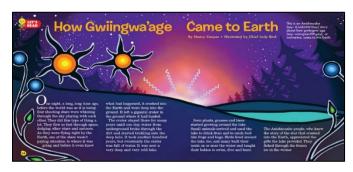
- Going into kindergarten is a big transition for children and it is never easy. Talk to your child
  about their feelings around going to school on the first day. Encourage them to share their
  fears and anxiety. Share your experience of attending school for the first time. What were you
  worried about? How did you overcome your fears? If children can relate to important adults in
  their lives, it may provide a sense of comfort.
- Making Friends in kindergarten. There are lots of ways to make friends in kindergarten. Read together the Chirp Magazine on page 6-7 and share with your child different ways to make new friends, so they will feel more confident when going to school.
- Sing together: This is the way we go to school
  - Tune: Mulberry Bush <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZ1a94-tNyw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZ1a94-tNyw</a>
  - Lyrics: This is the way we \*walk to school, walk to school, walk to school.

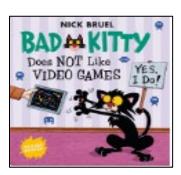
This is the way we \*walk to school so early in the morning.

Substitute with different action words: skip, hop, jump, lunge.

Try this song while you are on your way to school.

## **READ**





- **How Gwiingwa'age Came to Earth** by Nancy Cooper. This is an indigenous story about a special animal. The story can be found on pages 12-15 in the Chirp Magazine.
  - Listen to this story and many other Owlkids-Chirp stories: https://www.owlkids.com/audio/
- Bad Kitty Does NOT Like Video Games by Nick Bruel: <a href="https://youtu.be/EP209-4pSJA">https://youtu.be/EP209-4pSJA</a>
  - Aside from video games, what other activities does your family enjoy doing? Look at page 16-19 in the Chirp magazine for more ideas to do at home.

## **CREATE:**

**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.** There's a lot of things that you can reuse the materials at your home and turn it into fun activities. Let's use a tin can or a plastic container from the kitchen and turn it into a drum!

#### **Tin Can Drum**

- Materials: tin can or cylindrical plastic container, large balloon, scissors, masking tape, glue, construction paper, stickers/markers/crayons/ribbons for decoration, wooden sticks.
- Instruction:
  - Cut off the mouthpiece of the balloon with scissors
  - Stretch the balloon over the opening of the tin can or plastic container and secure it with masking tape.
  - o Glue construction paper around the container and decorate it.



### **PLAY**

#### Nature Fun - https://youtu.be/LYblxS8fcXg

- Walk around your neighbourhood and see what you can find. Collect items like leaves, rocks and flowers and turn them into beautiful art.
- Paint some rocks and leave them around the neighbourhood for others to enjoy.
- For more ideas, look at page 10-11 in the Chirp Magazine.





#### Volcano Experiment - https://youtu.be/kM2MiAwnzgA

- Materials: cardstock paper, vinegar, baking soda and food colouring (optional) and a tray
- Instructions:
  - Make a "volcano" with cardstock paper and place it on a tray.
  - Make the "lava" by mixing vinegar and food colouring in a container, and then add baking soda.
  - o Pour "lava" into the volcano and watch the eruption!



<sup>\*\*</sup>For more science experiments, check out page 20-21 from the Chirp magazine.