

Theme: Bears (Part 2)

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Hello StrongStart friends,

This post is put together by Ms. Doris (from Selkirk) and Ms. Natalya (from Nightingale).

We hope you had fun learning about bears yesterday. We will be doing more fun bear activities this long weekend. Starting us off is Ms. Natalya with a song called "Grr, Grr, Went the Little Brown Bear" - <https://youtu.be/2Te3jNrrPgQ>.

What do you think a bear sees when it goes out? Ms. Doris has a sing-and-read story called "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" - <https://youtu.be/6D8Ejst-I2E>.

Next, we will be making a teddy bear art. You will need brown paint (or just red, blue and yellow mixed together), plastic fork, paper (white, black, pink), scissors and glue. Follow Ms. Natalya as she shows you how to make it - <https://youtu.be/zlCHaMqb-Is>. With your newly crafted teddy bear or just a teddy stuffy you have at home, you can sing "My Teddy Bear" with Ms. Natalya - <https://youtu.be/vYtRny9HCzE>.

There are many types of bears - brown bear, black bear, polar bear and more! Check out this video of cute little panda bears - <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/videos/party-animals/#/788571203817>.



If you are looking for more to do, check out the attached PDF for a "Teddy Bear Racing Game".

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Have a great long weekend. Stay safe and have fun!



## TEDDY BEAR RACE RULES

How do teddy bears move across the racetrack? You will need 2 teddy bears, race tracks (can use alphabet foam playmat or masking tape to create a tracks with square fields), and dice (any dice you already have at home, just **glue "miss" sign over the 6 dot side**).

### Rules of the race:

You put two bears at the **start**, each of the contestants takes turns throwing a dice and bear moves as many places as dice shows. The first bear to come to the **finish line** is the winner! 😊

### Note:

- You can have as many contestants as you wish! You just need to make more tracks.
- You can use different stuffed animals! **What animals you will race?**



### WHY IS THIS GAME SUCH A HIT WITH MY TODDLER?

There are several things your child will love about this game:

**1st:** Child can choose which animals will compete!

And they can have a somewhat different game each day!

**2nd:** Children love to throw big dice around the room!

**3rd:** They can feel the joy of feeling and learn to cope when they lose.

Things which **toddlers learn** with this type of game:

### Sharing.

We share toys and we share the dice. For most toddlers sharing is hard. And they need to learn this so they can have good relations with their friends and other people.

### Taking turns.

They are practicing and improving their patience span by taking turns. They must wait which is something that is hard for all toddlers. They usually want things "now"!

### Math.

Dice has 1 – 5 dots and this helps them recognize and count.

### Winning / losing – all part of life.

From an early age, it's important to teach kids not to get mad if they lose a game. It will most certainly improve their social life and help them get along with other kids.