

Raising Readers Backpack

Congratulations! By checking out and using this backpack from **Capital Area District Libraries**, you are helping your child develop important literacy skills. Although these skills are very important, they can also be fun to learn.

In fact, every time you use one of these five simple practices with your child, you are helping him or her develop into a lifelong learner: **reading, writing, talking, singing** and **playing**.

Here are some ideas for using the items in this backpack:

- Read the books together, pointing out new words as you along.
- Write some of the letters or words you see in the book.
- Talk with your child about the items in the kit. Ask what he or she thinks the stories might be about.
- Listen to the music on the CD or DVD.
- After finishing one of the stories, imagine together what might happen next.

Read • Write • Talk • Sing • Play

This tip sheet stays with the backpack. For a copy of your own,

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Books

The Pigeon Needs a Bath! By Mo Willems

ISBN: 7981423190875

On My Way to the Bath by Sarah Maizes

ISBN: 9780802737342

How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth by

Michelle Robinson

ISBN: 9780805099669

ACTIVITIES

Fingerplays:

Bubbly Bubbly Bubble bath

Bubbly bubbly bubble bath,

(Wiggle ten fingers)

Filled to the top,

(Raise fingers overhead)

Listen to the bubbly bubbles

(Cup hand to ear)

Pop! Pop! Pop!

(Clap three times)

After A Bath

After a bath I try, try, try

To wipe myself dry, dry, dry

(rub upper arms with hands)

Music CD

Songs to Grow On For Mother and Child by

Woody Guthrie

Toys

Nuby Octopus Bathtime Toss

Boon Water Bugs With Net

Hands to wipe and fingers and toes

(hold hands out, palms up, then point to toes)

Two wet legs and a shiny nose

(hands on thighs then point to nose)

Just think how much less time I'd take

If I were a dog and could shake, shake, shake.

(shake body)

Songs:

Play **Wash-y Wash Wash** #8 on the CD *Songs to Grow On For Mother and Child* by Woody Guthrie

Pretend to wash the appropriate body part along to the song. You can incorporate shakers or any noise-maker into the song, by pretending to wash with the shaker, while you wash.

