

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 go 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, visit any CADL branch or cadl.org/raisingreaders.

FIREFIGHTERS

BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

Firetruck Parts

I am the firetruck's tires
And this is how I go
Round and round, round and round
Where the firetruck goes.

I am a windshield wiper,
And this is how I go
Back and forth, back and forth
In the rain and snow.

I am the firetruck's siren
And this is how I go
Wee-o-a-woo, Wee-o-a-woo
Going fast, not slow!

I am the firetruck's hoses
And this is how I go
Hold me tight and aim just right
And watch the water flow!

I am the tall, tall ladder
And this is how I go
I raise up high into the sky
Oh, please watch out below!

Read selected pages from *Firefighters A to Z* and use corresponding flannelboard pieces for emphasis.

Playtime – allow children to explore the flannelboard set while playing the CD at an indoor-voice level
[Note: with older children, you might try a question-and-answer activity using *Firefighters A to Z*. For example, “Why do you think some firehalls have a pole to slide down?”]

Five Mighty Firefighters

Five mighty firefighters at the fire hall,
1 2 3 4 5 count them all!
Jump in the firetruck, open the doors
Start up the engine, away they roar!
Five mighty firefighters at the fire hall,

1 2 3 4 (clap) count them all!
Jump in the firetruck, open the doors
Start up the engine, away they roar!
Five mighty firefighters at the fire hall,

1 2 3 (clap, clap) count them all!
Jump in the firetruck, open the doors
Start up the engine, away they roar!
Five mighty firefighters at the fire hall,

1 2 (clap, clap, clap) count them all!
Jump in the firetruck, open the doors
Start up the engine, away they roar!
Five mighty firefighters at the fire hall,

1 (clap, clap, clap, clap) count them all!
Jump in the firetruck, open the doors
Start up the engine, away they roar!
Five mighty firefighters at the fire hall,
(clap, clap, clap, clap, clap) count them all!
Jump in the firetruck, open the doors
Start up the engine, away they roar!

Read *Fire, Fuego, Brave Bomberos!*

Play *Stop, Drop, and Roll!* On the music CD and encourage audience participation as appropriate.

