

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.

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FLIGHT BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

Read *Owl Babies*. Use owl finger puppet to represent the owl of your choice.

Perform *Five Little Kites* fingerplay. Repeat, having children do the finger motions.

Climb Aboard the Rocket

(Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

Climb aboard the rocket, [stand and move as if climbing ladder]

We're going to the moon. [make circle motion]

Hurry and get ready, [motion of putting on coveralls]

We're gonna blast off soon. [make upside-down "V" over head]

Put on your helmets [don imaginary helmet]
And buckle up so tight. [fasten imaginary seat-belt]

Here comes the countdown, [make listening gesture]

Let's count with all our might.

10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

BLAST OFF!! [leap in air!]

Five Little Kites

Five little kites just beginning to soar,
One flew away and then there were four.

Four little kites, so pretty to see,
One blew away and that left three.

Three little kites in the sky so blue,
One flew away and that left two.

Two little kites dancing in the sun,
One blew away and that left one.

One little kite was having lots of fun,
It blew away and then there were none.

Read *I Love Planes*.

Hand out scarves and play *Shake Your Scarves* song from enclosed CD. Encourage children to move along with the song lyrics or do free-form dance.

Read *Today I Will Fly*.

