

# 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](http://cadl.org/raisingreaders).

# MONSTERS

## BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

**Horns and Fangs** (sung to tune of 'Head and Shoulders')

Horns and fangs,  
knees and claws  
knees and claws.  
Horns and fangs,  
knees and claws.  
Eyes and ears and tail and paws.  
Horns and fangs,  
knees and claws  
knees and claws.

### Five Monsters

Five little monsters sitting on the floor.  
The first one said, "Let's knock on someone's door."  
The second one said, "Let's act a little scary."  
The third one said, "Why are we so hairy?"  
The fourth one said, "I hear a funny sound."  
The fifth one said, "There's no one else around."  
Then "WHOOSH" went the wind and "EEK!" someone said.  
Five little monsters hid under the bed.

**Monster, Monster** (act out the song with your child!)

Monster, monster, turn around  
Monster, monster, touch the ground  
Monster, monster, reach up high  
Monster, monster, squint your eyes  
Monster, monster, show your teeth  
Monster, monster, stamp your feet

### Handprint Monsters

Paint your child's hand with any color of paint and stamp it onto a piece of paper. Once the paint is dry, decorate the handprint monster with pompoms, googly eyes, sequins, and anything else you want. For a bonus activity, make a few handprint monsters, cut them out and act out different stories about each monster.

