

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.

WINTER BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

Cap, Mittens, Shoes and Socks

(To the tune of "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes")

Cap, mittens, shoes, and socks,
Shoes and socks.

Cap, mittens, shoes, and socks.
And pants and belt, and shirt and tie,
Go together wet or dry,
Wet or dry!

The Winter Pokey

to the tune of "The Hokey-Pokey"

You put your right mitten in,
You take your right mitten out.
You put your right mitten in,
And you shake it all about.
You do the winter pokey, [shiver]
And you turn yourself around.
That's what it's all about!

You put your left mitten in....
You put your right boot....
You put your left boot....
You put your long scarf in....
You put your warm cap in....
You put your snowsuit in....

Lets make snow paint!

What you need: Glue, Shaving cream, and glitter.*

How to make it:

In a bowl mix approximately 1 cup shaving cream to 1/2 a cup of glue (plain old school glue works great!) and add glitter till you feel there is enough glitter in it! Now you take a paintbrush and use this mixture as your paint!

*The addition of food coloring makes the snow paint different colors.

Game:

Use the yarn snowballs to help teach hand-eye coordination and try and have the child throw the yarn ball into the mouth or the belly of the snowman poster.

