

# 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).

# MONKEYS

## BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

### Monkey See, Monkey Do

When you clap, clap, clap your hands

Monkey claps, claps, claps his hands

Monkey see, Monkey do

Monkey does the same as you

Repeat with:

When you tap, tap, tap your toes

When you jump, jump, jump up high

When you blink, blink, blink your eyes

When you...

Have fun coming up with your own actions!

### Activity:

Play a word game together, starting with the “M” for monkey. What other words start with the letter M? Next try “B” for bananas. Monkeys live in the jungle – what else starts with the letter J? This is a great activity for car rides, waiting in line at the grocery store, etc.

### Use the Five Little Monkeys finger puppet set to act out the following song:

Five little monkeys swinging in the tree, teasing Mr. Alligator: Can't catch me!

Along came Mr. Alligator quiet as can be and snapped that monkey out that tree

Four little monkeys swinging in the tree, teasing Mr. Alligator: Can't catch me!

Along came Mr. Alligator quiet as can be and snapped that monkey out that tree

Three little monkeys swinging in the tree, teasing Mr. Alligator: Can't catch me!

Along came Mr. Alligator quiet as can be and snapped that monkey out that tree

Two little monkeys swinging in the tree, teasing Mr. Alligator: Can't catch me!

Along came Mr. Alligator quiet as can be and snapped that monkey out that tree

One little monkey swinging in the tree, teasing Mr. Alligator: Can't catch me!

Along came Mr. Alligator quiet as can be and snapped that monkey out that tree

No more monkeys swinging in the tree! Where'd they go? To lunch with Mr. Alligator, of course!

