

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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PETS

BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

Fingerplays: (this one requires five flannel cats with hats)

Cat in the Hat

One little cat in a sunny day
Put on his hat and went out to play.
Two little cats when it started getting dark
Put on their hats and went to the park.
Three little cats when the sky was blue
Put on their hats and went to the zoo.
Four little cats by the kitchen door
Put on their hats and went to the store.
Five little cats on a sunny day
Put on their hats and they all ran away.

Action Rhyme:

Kitty Cat, Kitty Cat

Kitty Cat, Kitty Cat, turn around, (spread your arms out and turn around)
Kitty Cat, Kitty Cat, touch the ground, (crouch low and touch the ground)
Kitty Cat, Kitty Cat, reach up high (stretch and raise your arms to the sky)
Kitty Cat, Kitty Cat, wink one eye, (wink one eye)
Kitty Cat, Kitty Cat, slap your knees, (use both hands to slap your knees)
Kitty Cat, Kitty Cat, sit down please. (end by sitting down with your child)

Love Your Pet

(sung to the tune of Row, Row, Row your Boat)
Love, love, love your pets. (Cup one hand and use the other to pretend petting your pet)
Love them every day. (hug yourself as if hugging your pet)
Give them food and water too (pretend you filling a bowl of water and pet food)
Then let them run and play. (skip and repeat)
*(there is no merrily, merrily, merrily portion)

Song:

How Much Is That Doggie In The Window

How much is that doggie in the window?
The one with the waggly tail.
How much is that doggie in the window?
I do hope that doggie's for sale.
Lyrics by Patti Page

