

# 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).

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# COLORS

## BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

### **Song:**

*(Sung to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It")*

If you're wearing red, shake your head  
If you're wearing red, shake your head  
If you're wearing red  
Then please shake your head  
If you're wearing red, shake your head

Repeat with:

If you're wearing blue, touch your shoe  
If you're wearing green, bow to the queen  
If you're wearing yellow, shake like Jell-O  
If you're wearing black, pat your back  
If you're wearing brown, turn around  
If you're wearing pink, give a wink

**Activity:** On a piece of paper, attach colored dot stickers in a pattern. (Red, blue, orange, red, blue, orange, etc.) Give your child more dot stickers and ask him or her to continue the pattern.

**Activity:** Choose a color. At a hardware store, select two identical paint chip cards that contain samples of those colors. Cut out the samples, mix them up and let your child find the matching color pairs.

**Craft:** Let your child look through old magazines or catalogs to spot different colors. Cut the colors out and glue them on a piece of paper to create a rainbow.

