

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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DOWN ON THE FARM BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

Act out the parts in the book *Barnyard Dance* by Sandra Boynton

Example: “bow to the horse” Bow to the cow” Bow to your child and have him bow back. “Twirl with the pig if you know how”, Take your child by the arm and twirl.

Little Boy Blue

Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn
(*pretend to blow horn*)

The sheep is in the meadow (*point left*)

The cow is in the corn (*point right*)

Where is the boy who looks after the sheep?
(*hand over eyes – look around*)

He’s under the haystack, fast asleep.
(*hands under cheek, eyes closed*)

What Farm Animals Say

(*sing to “Mary had a little lamb”*)

Little pigs say oink, oink, oink

Oink, oink, oink

Oink, oink, oink

Little pigs say oink, oink, oink

Oink, oink all day long.

Additional verses:

Baby cows say moo, moo, moo

Horses gallop all around, all around

Chickens scratch for corn and seeds

Lambs say baa and run around

Kittens meow and chase the mice

Doggies bark and chase the cows

Milk, Milk, Milk Your Cow

(*sing to “row, row, row your boat”*)

Milk, milk, milk your cow

While sitting on a stool

Pulling, squirting, pulling, squirting

‘till the bucket’s full

