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 watch the DVD together. Play with the toys included in the backpack.
- After finishing one of the stories, imagine 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.
**SHARKS**
**BACKPACK ACTIVITIES**

**Shark Activity Songs**

*Five little fishies swimming in the sea*
Five little fishies swimming in the sea, Teasing Mr. Shark “You Can’t Catch Me!”
Along comes Mr. Shark, as quiet as can be...
And (clap hands) SNAPS that fishy right out of the sea.
*(Repeat with four fish, three fish, two fish, and one fish...)*
So alone swims Mr. Shark as quiet as can be
And he looked and he looked...
“No more fishies for me.”
Credit: [www.sunflowerstorytime.com](http://www.sunflowerstorytime.com)

**The Creatures in the Sea**
*(tune “The Wheels on the Bus”)*
The sharks in the sea go Chomp, chomp, chomp;
Chomp, chomp, chomp; Chomp, chomp, chomp.
The sharks in the sea go Chomp, chomp, chomp;
All day long.
The fish in the sea go swim, swim, swim....
The dolphins in the sea go jump and splash....
The starfish in the sea go creep, creep, creep....
The crabs in the sea go pinch, pinch, pinch....
The clams in the sea go open and shut....
The children at the sea play in the sand....
Credit: [www.adventuresinstorytime.com](http://www.adventuresinstorytime.com)

**Baby Shark**

Baby shark, Do doo, do do (x3) (make jaws with pointer finger and thumb)
Brother Shark Do doo, do do (x3) (jaws with two hands joined at wrist)
Momma shark, Do doo, do do (x3) (shark jaws with forearms connected at elbows)
Daddy shark, Do doo, do do (x3) (shark jaws with full arms)
Grandpa shark, Do doo, do do (x3) (Daddy Shark, curl fingers for gums)
Now let's swim, Do doo, do do (x3) (doggy paddle)
From the shark, Do doo, do do (x3) (doggy paddle)
Gotcha! (clap hands together!)