

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.

EVERY CHILD READY TO READ BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

1. Use the Soft Alphabet Cards to say the ABCs together. Say the words out loud together.
2. Teach your child how to write his/her name. Practice writing it together.
3. Build with blocks or boxes. Encourage your child to use imagination and tell stories about what they are doing.
4. Point to everyday objects and tell your child the names of objects. Ask your child to repeat the names of those objects.
5. Read with your child every day.

