

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.

OUTER SPACE

BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

Songs/Action Rhymes

I'm a Rocket (to the tune of I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a rocket on the ground (crouch down on the ground)

Waiting quietly without a sound (say softly, and put finger to lips)

Light this fuse on my little toe (wiggle little toe, or point finger at toe)

Ready for blastoff, here I go! (put hands over head, palms together, to form a point)

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Whoosh! (jump in the air)

Five Little Astronauts (with the astronaut rubber ducks)

Five little astronauts floating in ourter space,
The first one said, "Let's get out of this place!"

The second one said, "Let's race to the moon."

The third one said, "We will be there soon."

The fourth one said, "The space shuttle's ready!"

The fifth one said, "Now hold it steady."

Then, ZOOM! They took off and started their flight,

And five little astronauts flew out of sight!

Nursery Rhymes

Hey diddle diddle,

The cat and the fiddle,

The cow jumped over the moon.

The little dog laughed

To see such sport,

And the dish ran away with the spoon.

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle twinkle little star,

How I wonder what you are.

Up above the world so high,

Like a diamond in the sky.

Twinkle twinkle little star,

How I wonder what you are.

Matching Game – Aliens & Underwear

Play time can provide an opportunity to show children that print can be used in a variety of ways. Matching games allow children to sharpen their memory skills as well as work on visualization clues in pictures.

Start with just a few matching images face up and increase the difficulty (more images and face down, flipping two over at a time) as the game becomes easier for your child.

