

# 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).

# CELEBRATIONS

## BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

### Ten Little Candles

Ten little candles on a chocolate cake. (hold up ten fingers)

*Wh! Wh!* Now there are eight. (blow and drop 2 fingers at a time)

Eight little candles on candlesticks.

*Wh! Wh!* Now there are six.

Six little candles and not one more.

*Wh! Wh!* Now there are four.

Four little candles – red, white, and blue.

*Wh! Wh!* Now there are two.

Two little candles standing in the sun.

*Wh! Wh!* Now there are none!

### Twinkle, Twinkle, Fireworks (to the tune of “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

Twinkle, twinkle, fireworks

Flashing high above the earth

All the shining sparkles say,

“Happy Independence Day!”

Twinkle, twinkle, fireworks

Flashing high above the earth

### New Year’s Crown

Cut a long strip of cardstock or construction paper. (Make sure it is long enough to go around your child’s head completely). Decorate the paper with glue, sequins, feathers, buttons, etc. Once it is dry, bend the crown around your child’s head and staple it closed. Make one for yourself and wear them while you read some books together!

