

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***.

Please return backpack to checkout desk.

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BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

Action Rhymes:

“One, Two, Buckle My Shoe”

One, two, buckle my shoe
Three, four, shut the door
Five, six, pick up sticks
Seven, eight, lay them straight
Nine, ten, begin again // that’s the end!

“I’m Going to Take a Sweater” (Tune: Jolly Good Fellow)

I’m going to take a sweater, a sweater, a
sweater
I’m going to take a sweater when I go
out today
When I go out today, when I go out to-
day
I’m going to take a sweater when I go
out today
(Additional: Umbrella, boots, hat, rain-
coat, etc.)

Game:

Play a match game with socks! Mix up
the socks included with this backpack
and lay them out on the floor or a table.
With your child, take turns matching
socks.

Craft:

Create a sock puppet with an old sock!
Glue on wiggle eyes, yard, felt, buttons
and then put on a puppet show.

