

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.

FAIRY TALES BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

1. Read the Little Red Riding Hood story together. Then use the puppets to re-tell the story.
2. Use everyday household objects to dress up and play like fairytale characters. For example, a mop or broom can become a horse. A cardboard tube can become a wand. Shoes can help tell the Cinderella story.
3. Use legos, boxes, or blocks to build a fairytale castle.

