

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.

BABIES

BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

Pat-a-cake (action rhyme/fingerplay)

Pat-a-cake
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Baker's man
Bake me a cake just as fast as you can
Pat it
And roll it
And mark it with a "B"
And put it in the oven for baby and me.

Baby's Nap (action rhyme/fingerplay)

This is baby ready for a nap
(hold up one finger)
Lay baby down on mama's lap
(place in palm of other hand)
Cover baby up so he won't peep
(wrap fingers around it)
Rock baby till he's fast asleep.
(rock hands back and forth)

Hush Little Baby (song)

Hush little baby, don't say a word,
Papa's gonna buy you a mocking bird.
And if that mocking bird won't sing,
Papa's gonna buy you a diamond ring.
And if that diamond ring turns brass,
Papa's gonna buy you a looking glass.
And if that looking glass gets broke,
Papa's gonna buy you a billy goat.
And if that billy goat won't pull,
Papa's gonna buy you a cart and bull.
And if that cart and bull turn over,
Papa's gonna buy you a dog named Rover.
And if that dog named Rover won't bark,
Papa's gonna buy you a horse and cart.
And if that horse and cart fall down,
You'll still be the sweetest little baby in town.

