

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.

PENGUINS

BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

Six Little Penguins

Six little penguins off the iceberg did dive
One bumped his head and then there were five

Five little penguins swam the ocean floor,
One saw a whale, then there were four.

Four little penguins, climbed out of the sea,
One stayed in, then there were three.

Three little penguins, with nothing to do,
One went fishing, then there were two.

Two little penguins, having lots of fun,
One fell in the water, then there was one.

One little penguin, left all alone.
Saw the setting sun and went back home.

I Know A Little Penguin

(Tune: "I'm a Little Teapot")

I know a little penguin
Who sat on some blocks,
He swam in the ocean
And he climbed on some rocks!

He snapped at a seagull,
He snapped at a seal,
He snapped at a fish,
Oh, what a meal!

Waddle like a penguin!

Encourage your child to waddle like penguins over (pretend) ice, holding out their arms as they move.

Make a copy of the enclosed craft sheet and make your own Tacky!

