

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,

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PLAY

BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

Activities:

Read *Not a Box* and then use a box to play your own pretend game.

Sing and pretend along with Raffi's songs on the *Bananaphone* CD.

Action Song:

Can You Move With Me (tune of Do Your Ears Hang Low?)

Can you wiggle like a worm?

Can you squiggle? Can you squirm?

Can you flutter? Can you fly like a gentle butterfly?

Can you crawl upon the ground

Like a beetle that is round?

Can you move with me?

Can you flip? Can you flop?

Can you give a little hop?

Can you slither like a snake?

Can you give a little shake?

Can you dance like bee

Who is buzzing round a tree?

Can you move with me?

