

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.

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RAINBOWS

BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

Scrap Paper Rainbow Craft

Use a paper grocery bag to draw the outline of your rainbow. Look around the house for scraps of paper for each color. Or, instead of paper, you could use yarn, buttons, fabric, stickers or other craft supplies to create your rainbow!

A Rainbow Fair

When the rain falls from the sky,
(sprinkle fingers down)

Don't forget to look up high.
(look up)

If the sun is shining there,
(make circle w/arms above head)

You may see a rainbow fair:

(make rainbow shape with hands)
Red, orange, yellow, green, and blue,
(show color ribbon, or count on fingers)
And you'll see there's purple too.

Rainbow Colors

Rainbow Purple, rainbow blue,
Rainbow green and yellow too.
Rainbow orange, rainbow red,
Rainbow smiling overhead.

Come and count the colors with me,
How many colors can you see?

One, two, three, up to green,
Four, five, six colors can be seen.

Let's Make a Rainbow!

Let's wave our scarves high!

Let's wave our scarves low!

Let's wave our scarves fast!

Let's wave our scarves slow!

Now let's crumple up our scarves.

One, Two, Three!

(Throw scarves into the air and watch the rainbow of colors fall to the ground.)

Color Scarves

I found a little scarf
Lying on my bed.

It was a pretty scarf,
Shiny, new, and red.

I found a little scarf
Tied upon my shoe.
It was a pretty scarf,
Shiny, new, and blue.

I found a little scarf
Lying on my pillow.
It was a pretty scarf,
Shiny, new, and yellow.

I found a little scarf
On my washing machine.
It was a pretty scarf,
Shiny, new, and green.

