

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.

TRANSPORTATION BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

Finger Play

“Where Are Trucks?” (tune: Where is Thumbkin?)
Where is pick-up truck? Where is pick-up truck?
Here I am. Here I am.
How are you today, sir? Very well, I thank you.
Drive away. Drive away.
(Tow truck, dump truck, moving truck, fire truck)

Action Song

Dump Truck Song (tune: One little, two little, three little Indians)
Bumpity, bumpity comes the dump truck
Bumpity, bumpity comes the dump truck
Bumpity, bumpity comes the dump truck
Duuuuump out the load
I’ve got oranges in my dump truck
I’ve got oranges in my dump truck
I’ve got oranges in my dump truck
Duuuuump out the load
I’ve got boxes in my dump truck...
I’ve got garbage in my dump truck...

Make copies of the enclosed activity and coloring sheets and try them out!

