

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 watch the DVD together. Play with the toys included in the backpack.
- After finishing one of the stories, imagine 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.

ALPHABET 2

BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

Action Song: Alpha-Beat

First clap your hands.
Then stomp your feet.
Everybody do the alphabet beat.
Apple, Apple, Apple – a – a – a,
Apple, Apple, Apple – a – a – a,
Wave your arms high.
Swing your arms low.
The alphabet beat is the way to go.
Blue, Blue, Blue – b – b – b
Blue, Blue, Blue – b – b – b
Move to the left. Move to the right.
The alphabet beat is way out of sight.
Car, Car, Car – c – c – c
Car, Car, Car – c – c – c
Now give a high five to a nearby friend.
The alphabet beat has come to the end!

Source: Storytime Katie

Action Song: Letters & Movement

A is for alligator!
A is for alligator, chop, chop, chop!
B is for bouncing, hop, hop, hop!
C is for circle, round and round.
D is for dizzy, all sit down!

Source: King County Library System

Practice writing your name and make the sounds for each letter.

Source: Capital Area District Libraries

Alphabet Song & Sounds

Sing the alphabet song and then repeat these words and the sounds associated with the first letter. *Find new words for each letter each day.*

A—Astronaut—practice the letter sound

B—Balloon—practice the letter sound

C—Cat—practice the letter sound

D—Dog—practice the letter sound

E—Elephant—practice the letter sound

F—Fruit—practice the letter sound

G—Gorilla—practice the letter sound

H—Horse—practice the letter sound

I—Insect—practice the letter sound

J—Jet—practice the letter sound

K—Kite—practice the letter sound

L—Lion—practice the letter sound

M—Mommy—practice the letter sound

N—Nail—practice the letter sound

O—Octopus—practice the letter sound

P—Party—practice the letter sound

Q—Queen—practice the letter sound

R—Rain—practice the letter sound

S—Socks—practice the letter sound

T—Train—practice the letter sound

U—Umbrella—practice the letter sound

V—Violin—practice the letter sound

W—Watch—practice the letter sound

X—X-ray—practice the letter sound

Y—Yarn—practice the letter sound

Z—Zebra—practice the letter sound

Source: Capital Area District Libraries

