

# 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](http://cadl.org/raisingreaders).

# DRAGONS

## BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

### **Song:** “Fly Dragon Fly”

(Tune: “Skip to My Lou”)

Fly, fly, dragon fly. Fly, fly, dragon fly.

Fly, fly, dragon fly. Way up in the sky

Hop, hop, dragon hop. Hop, hop, dragon hop.

Hop, hop, dragon hop, stop dragon stop!

Turn, turn, dragon turn. Turn, turn, dragon turn.

Turn, turn, dragon turn. Sit, dragon, sit!

### **Rhyme:** “Five Little Dragons”

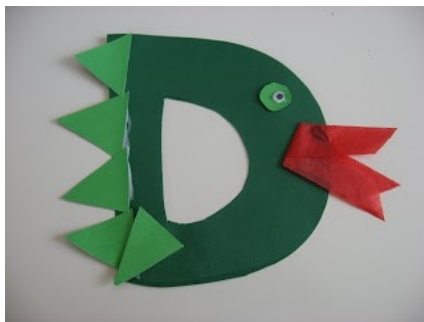
Five little dragons with great big scales,  
One lost his balance and bumped his tail.

He cried “Ouch!” and breathed some fire,

And then he flew away, higher and higher.

Four little dragons...*(count down to 1)*

*(Use actions with rhymes such as crying “ouch”, flapping arms, etc.)*



**Craft:** Use a paper towel roll to “breathe fire”. Cut a paper towel roll in half. Using glue, cover the paper towel roll with green paper. Cut out thin strips of red, orange and yellow tissue paper. Glue the strips of tissue paper to the inside of one end of the roll. Add googly eyes (or draw them on using black marker). Blow through the roll to make the “fire” blow!



**Craft:** D is for Dragon! Cut a piece of green paper into the shape of a capital D. Cut out a smaller D out of white paper and glue the white D to the middle of the green D. Cut out small green triangle pieces of paper and glue to the long straight edge of the D to make the dragon spikes. Now add some red paper to the curve of the green D for some fire and a googly eye at the top of the curve. You have a dragon in the shape of a D!

