

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.

LLAMAS

BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

Llama Fingerplay

This little llama goes to town; (thumb)
This little llama jumps up and down.
(index)
This little llama nods his head; (middle)
This little llama butters his bread. (ring)
This little llama smiles at me; (pinky)
And he's as happy as can be.

Ten Little Llamas Movement Song

One little, two little, three little
llamas, four little, five little, six little
llamas, seven little, eight little, nine little
llamas, ten little llamas jump!
Jump, jump, jump, jump, jump little
llamas. Jump, jump, jump, jump, jump
little llamas. Jump, jump, jump, jump,
jump little llamas. Sit down and go to
sleep!

Movement Rhyme

Llama, llama reach up high. Llama, llama
blink your eyes. Llama, llama touch your
toes. Llama, llama
wiggle your nose.
Llama, llama stomp and pout.
Llama, llama jump about. Llama,
llama clap your feet. Llama, llama take a
seat.

Llama Chant

*(Make a "llama" with your hand by
putting all your fingers on your thumb
but pointing your index finger and pinky
finger upwards)*

Happy llama / upright llama

Sad llama / point llama down

*Totally rad llama / shake llama to the
side*

Super llama / scoop llama upward

Drama llama / make llamas kiss

*Big fat momma llama / join two llamas
together by putting pointer fingers down*

Activity: Read your llama books with the
llama and blanket toy just before bed.

