

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.

PIRATES

BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

Pirate Activity Songs

Action Song: “If You’re a Pirate and You Know It”

If you’re a pirate & you know it, swab the desk (swish, swish)

If you’re a pirate & you know it, swab the desk (swish, swish)

If you’re a pirate & you know it, then you’ll hear sea winds a’blowin

If you’re a pirate & you know it, swab the desk (swish, swish)

(Walk the plank, stomp stomp // Say ahoy, ahoy!)

Credit: [Born Librarian](#)

Fingerplay: “Ten Little Pirates”

Ten little pirates stood in a row (hold up all ten fingers)

They bowed to their captain so (lower and raise fingers)

They marched to the left (march hands to left)

And marched to the right (march hands to right)

They shouted yo-ho! (cup hands over mouth)

And gave their captain a fright (act scared, cover mouth with hands)

Credit: [Born Librarian](#)

Song: “Sail, Sail, Sail Your Ship” (Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Sail, sail, sail your ship

Gently over the sea

Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily

A pirate’s life for me!

Credit: [King County Library System](#)

