

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.

SHARKS

BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

Shark Activity Songs

Five little fishies swimming in the sea

Five little fishies, swimming in the sea,
Teasing Mr. Shark "You Can't Catch Me!"
Along comes Mr. Shark, as quiet as can be...
And (clap hands) SNAPS that fishy right out of
the sea.

*(Repeat with four fish, three fish, two fish, and
one fish...)*

So alone swims Mr. Shark as quiet as can be
And he looked and he looked...
"No more fishies for me."

Credit: www.sunflowerstorytime.com

The Creatures in the Sea

(tune "The Wheels on the Bus")

The sharks in the sea go Chomp, chomp,
chomp;
Chomp, chomp, chomp; Chomp, chomp,
chomp.

The sharks in the sea go Chomp, chomp,
chomp;

All day long.

The fish in the sea go swim, swim, swim....

The dolphins in the sea go jump and splash....

The starfish in the sea go creep, creep, creep....

The crabs in the sea go pinch, pinch, pinch....

The clams in the sea go open and shut....

The children at the sea play in the sand....

Credit: www.adventuresinstorytime.com

Baby Shark

Baby shark, Do doo, do do (x3) (make jaws with
pointer finger and thumb)

Brother Shark Do doo, do do (x3) (jaws with two
hands joined at wrist)

Momma shark, Do doo, do do (x3) (shark jaws
with forearms connected at elbows)

Daddy shark, Do doo, do do (x3) (shark jaws
with full arms)

Grandpa shark, Do doo, do do (x3) (Daddy
Shark, curl fingers for gums)

Now let's swim, Do doo, do do (x3) (doggy
paddle)

From the shark, Do doo, do do (x3) (doggy
paddle)

Gotcha! (clap hands together!)

Credit: <https://>

[bplpicturebooks.blogspot.com/2011/03/
storytime-rhymes-and-fingerplays-for.html](https://bplpicturebooks.blogspot.com/2011/03/storytime-rhymes-and-fingerplays-for.html)

