Agenda:

- **For this activity you will need**
  - Your imagination
  - Something to write with
  - Something to write on
  - Scissors
  - Large construction paper
  - Markers, crayons, paint, chalk (adults’ preference; if you use chalk you may also need hairspray to keep it in place)

**Writing prompt: Magic backpack; Answer the questions below for a brainstorm**

- **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**
  - Think about what it would be like to have a magic backpack that gave you the perfect thing to survive the day.
  - What do you think the first thing you will pull out will be?
    - Make a list of all the items you might pull out.
  - What would they be?
  - How would you feel?
  - If you pulled out a magic pen that was only able to write your truest hopes, wants, and needs, what would they be?
  - What if it stopped working on a bad day, what would you do?
  - What if you got the best things when you were in a good mood and the worst when you were in a bad mood?
  - What is this feeling similar to?

- **Create a poem**
Using the questions above, create a poem with the answers you have come up with.

- Use the strip paper (below) to jot down answers and cut them out.

The poem does not have to start in any particular way, but as a suggestion try starting the poem with the line: "I am the owner of a magic backpack; every morning I stick my hand inside and it contains exactly what I need for the day. One day it contained_____________________"

Insert an item from your list at the end of the suggested line.

Use the strip paper to neatly write down just the answers to the questions to consider above

- Rephrase the question and include your answer
  - Ex: a magic pen that could only write my truest hopes would tell a story about love and Kindness. It would write all the ways I want to help the people I hold dear.
  - Feel free to add in other strips if you’re feeling creative
  - Remember to try to describe what things look like, smell like, and feel like. Describe what they are similar to or remind you of
    - Ex. On a bad day, my world feels like a rollercoaster zooming through hills. If I can’t pull out breaks from my backpack it would be like free falling from a mountain.
      
- THE UNDERLINE WORDS: ARE THE WORDS CHOSEN TO DESCRIBE THE FEELING OF HAVING A BAD DAY AND ALL THE UPS AND DOWNS OF EMOTIONS
- THE BOLD WORDS ARE THE WORDS REPHRASED FROM THE QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

Cut out paper strips

Arrange and rearrange strips until you find your perfect match.

READ YOUR POEM OUT LOUD

Paste poem in the order you would like it to be read in

Decorate construction paper

Share your masterpiece
List or draw the items you might pull out:

Strip paper for answers or questions to consider
I am the owner of a magic backpack; every morning I stick my hand inside and it contains exactly what I need for the day. One day it contained: