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** <u>would tell a story about love and Kindness</u>. <u>It would write all the ways I **want** to help the people I hold dear</u>.
        - 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.
                - <u>THE UNDERLINE WORDS:</u> 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: