



# School-Home Connection

Your child is reading “We’ll Never Forget You, Roberto Clemente,” a biography of one of baseball’s most beloved stars. In 1972, as a player for the Pittsburgh Pirates, Roberto Clemente overcame illness and injury to become one of only eleven players to have gotten 3,000 hits. Then, on New Year’s Eve of that same year, Clemente’s illustrious career came to a sudden and tragic end. Known for his generous spirit, Clemente had decided to fly to Nicaragua to deliver relief supplies to people devastated by a terrible earthquake. The plane exploded soon after takeoff and crashed into the ocean. Clemente’s body was never found. As you and your child discuss the story, you can develop and explore your child’s language skills.

## Baseball’s Great Ones

Discuss your views on what makes an athlete truly admirable. You and your child may enjoy reading about the contributions of some of baseball’s greatest players. Look for these titles at your library.

- *The Autobiography of Baseball: The Inside Stars Who Played the Game* by Joseph Wallace and Ira Berkow. Harry N. Tackach, Chelsea House Publishers, 1991.
- *Say Hey: The Autobiography of Willie Mays* by Willie Mays and Lou Sahadi. Simon and Schuster. 1988.

## Vocabulary

### Vocabulary All Star Challenge

The following words are new vocabulary your child has learned while reading “We’ll Never Forget You, Roberto Clemente”:

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| lineup        | artificial | ace       |
| control tower | error      | dedicated |

Discuss the meanings of these words. Then keep track of how many times you and your child read, hear, or use each word during the week.



### TIME TO READ

Encourage your child to read for at least 30 minutes outside of class each day.

## Family Milestones

The moment Roberto Clemente got his 3,000<sup>th</sup> hit was an important milestone in his career. Suggest that your child talk with various family members about significant milestones in their lives. Then work with your child to plan a celebration to honor these milestones. Your child may wish to share details of this celebration with classmates after reading “We’ll Never Forget You, Roberto Clemente.”

