



## Celebrate the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of *Take Me Out to the Ballgame* Summer 2009

In 1908 Jack Norworth was inspired to write *Take Me Out to the Ballgame* by a sign advertising a game at the Polo Grounds. 2009 marks the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the well-known song that celebrates America's favorite pastime! Come listen to baseball stories, create a pennant highlighting your home team, and of course, sing the favorite song of summer!

### Program Description

This program is perfect for children in grades 2—5. Decorate the room with baseball jerseys, baseball pennants and baseball caps. As children enter the program room, play the song *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*, which is available on

*Songs about America: celebrating America's history*. New Jersey: Kimbo Educational, c2003.

### BOOKS

*Take Me Out to the Ballgame* edited by Ben Nussbaum. This book offers bright, clear illustrations which accompany the well-known lyrics. The book also gives full lyrics of both versions of the song, as well as the history of the song.

*Mudball* by Matt Tavares. During a rainy Minneapolis Millers baseball game in 1903, Little Andy Oyler has the chance to become a hero by hitting the shortest and muddiest home run in history.

### Activities

*Let's Play Ball!* If you have a large indoor area, play indoor baseball using foam baseballs and bats.

*Pennants Galore!* Create your favorite baseball team's pennant!

Your will need:

Felt or foam pieces

Felt or foam die cut letters and baseball objects, available at craft stores

Tacky glue

Dowel rod

Hot glue gun

Directions: Have triangular pennants available in several different colors, especially those highlighting the home town teams. Let the children decorate their pennants using various die-cut letters and symbols. Attach the dowel rod to pennant using hot glue...make sure an adult handles the hot glue gun.

*Mudball* Reader's Theatre. Read the story *Mudball* to the children before so they become familiar with the storyline and illustrations. The script of *Mudball* is available in *LibrarySparks*, May/June 2006, pages 43-45.



## HANDOUTS

### *Unscramble the Team*

SUBS  
EHWIT XOS  
SDDOGRE  
TSME  
ROSSAT  
CKOISER  
RSEBREW  
ESEKAYN  
LILISEPH  
RLANSIM  
WNSIT  
LSANDIARC  
SLEGNA

ANGELS  
TWINS  
CARDINALS  
YANKEES  
BREWER  
WHITE SOX  
ROCKIES  
MARLINS  
DODGERS  
ASTROS  
METS  
PHILLIES  
CUBS

### *Which Team, Which City, Which State?*

CUBS  
DODGERS  
WHITE SOX  
METS  
ASTROS  
ROCKIES  
BREWER  
YANKEES  
PHILLIES  
MARLINS  
TWINS  
CARDINALS  
ANGELS  
CAGO

FLORIDA  
CALIFORNIA  
HOUSTON  
COLORADO  
ST. LOUIS  
NEW YORK  
PHILADELPHIA  
CHICAGO  
MINNESOTA  
MILWAUKEE  
NEW YORK  
LOS ANGELES  
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### ***Don't Forget to Sing!***

Make sure you sing several rounds of the song *Take Me Out to the Ballgame* inserting the children's favorite baseball team! Let the kids wave their pennants and enjoy America's favorite pastime.

[More information or questions?](#)

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