

# Homeschool Lesson Plan

Let's Play Ball!







# Intro

Hey Kidstir sluggers, step up to the plate and take a swing at some fun baseball experiments, soar with us through Yankee Stadium, and explore the history of Cracker Jack® prizes. This month we're celebrating America's favorite pastime with interactive games, awesome art projects, and fun puzzles that are sure to be a hit – perhaps a home run! Let's play ball!









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### Math

#### **Beginner:**

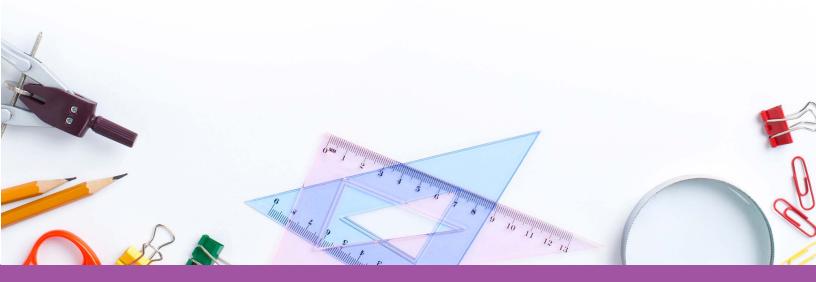
- Shout it out! What <u>number</u> is missing from these baseballs?
- Batter up! Skip count by 10 to connect the dots. Then color your picture!
- Which score is higher? Let's compare numbers.

#### Intermediate:

- See if you can hit a mathematical home run in this fun and interactive game!
- Can you solve <u>B for Baseball</u> and reveal the picture?
- Ready to round the bases? First, let's round these <u>decimals</u> with the Play Ball game.

#### **Advanced:**

- You're up! Take a swing at these <u>multiplication</u> problems and see how many points you can aet.
- Ready to keep score? Next time you watch a game, use these markings to keep track.
- What's your <u>baseball budget</u>? Will you have enough to buy snacks and merchandise?







# Science & Geography

#### **Beginner:**

- Bouncing balls! Experiment with different sized balls to see how high they bounce.
- Ever wonder what's inside a baseball?
- Now we're off to Florida to see where the Marlins play!

#### Intermediate:

- Time to head south to see if you can identify the states in the AA Southern League.
- Let's play ball! Will the <u>weather forecast</u> be safe for us to play?
- Test your baseball <u>hypothesis!</u> Will the baseball sink or float?

#### Advanced:

- There are more than 200 Minor League Baseball teams! Find your favorite and plot it on the map.
- Now use the <u>map</u> to see if you can answer the questions about players around the world.
- What causes a baseball to bounce? Let's explore elasticity.







### Languages & Literature

#### **Beginner:**

- Storytime! Let's find out who's on first and what's on second?
- B is for baseball, but also for bat and ball. Let's practice tracing B words.
- What other <u>baseball words</u> can you think of?

#### Intermediate:

- Let's warm up with a <u>short story</u>. Can you answer 3 questions at the end?
- Step right up and see how many questions you can answer after reading "<u>A Game of</u> Baseball."
- Spell check! Can you fill in the missing letters of these baseball words?

#### Advanced:

- What's a 2-base hit? Use the clues to solve this fun crossword puzzle.
- Uh oh, these <u>baseball terms</u> are all mixed up! Can you unscramble them?
- How do you say baseball in Spanish? See if you can <u>match</u> the English word with the Spanish word.

#### Writing prompt:

• Imagine you are playing baseball or softball. Now write about what it would be like if the bat and ball could talk.





### **History & Culture**

#### **Beginner:**

- Curious George is off to see his first <u>baseball game!</u> Think he'll join the team?
- Why do we call baseball America's <u>national pastime</u>?
- Before you head to the game, let's learn the words to this <u>classic song!</u>

#### Intermediate:

- Biography time! How much do you know about the legendary baseball player named <u>Jackie Robinson</u>?
- Batter up! Check out this impressive lineup of women baseball players.
- Have you ever had Cracker Jack® at a baseball game? Let's explore the history of the <u>prizes</u> inside!

#### **Advanced:**

- How fast was the shortest baseball game in history? What is the most eaten food at a ballpark? Check out these <u>fun facts</u> about baseball!
- What facts can you remember from this 4-minute history lesson about baseball?
- Let's travel back in time to the year when women saved baseball.

#### **Creative Exercise**

Will you do the honors? Create your own <u>plaque</u> for yourself or for your favorite player!





### **Arts & Crafts**

#### **Beginner:**

- Connect the dots, then color your new mitt.
- For a baseball-themed birthday or Father's Day gift, paint your own cards.
- Grab the playdough and follow along to make your own bat and ball.

#### Intermediate:

- Let's play Bingo! Print and decorate your cards, then have fun completing the activities!
- Where will you store your game day snacks? How about in this <u>DIY mason jar</u>?
- Wanna catch some bugs? Disguise yourself with a DIY baseball ladybug hat.

#### **Advanced:**

- Before you step up to bat, make your own origami baseball hat!
- Set the table with your very own <u>baseball card placemat</u> just be sure to get permission before recycling any card collections.
- Take a swing at your homemade baseball <u>piñata</u> while learning all about America's favorite pastime.







## Field Trips

- Pack your bags we're heading from coast to coast to explore 10 very special ballparks.
- Now we're off to see how baseballs are made!
- Ready to soar through Yankee Stadium on an adventurous drone tour?
- Penguins at Rangers Ballpark?! Let's go check it out.

