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## 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 [number](#) 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 [B for Baseball](#) and reveal the picture?
- Ready to round the bases? First, let's round these [decimals](#) with the Play Ball game.

### Advanced:

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



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## 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 [weather forecast](#) be safe for us to play?
- Test your baseball [hypothesis](#)! 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 [map](#) to see if you can answer the questions about players around the world.
- What causes a baseball to bounce? Let's explore [elasticity](#).





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## 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 [baseball words](#) can you think of?

### Intermediate:

- Let's warm up with a [short story](#). Can you answer 3 questions at the end?
- Step right up and see how many questions you can answer after reading "[A Game of 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 [baseball terms](#) are all mixed up! Can you unscramble them?
- How do you say baseball in Spanish? See if you can [match](#) 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.



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## History & Culture

### Beginner:

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

### Intermediate:

- Biography time! How much do you know about the legendary baseball player named [Jackie Robinson](#)?
- 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 [prizes](#) inside!


### Advanced:

- How fast was the shortest baseball game in history? What is the most eaten food at a ballpark? Check out these [fun facts](#) 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 [plaque](#) for yourself or for your favorite player!





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### 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 [DIY mason jar](#)?
- 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 [baseball card placemat](#) – just be sure to get permission before recycling any card collections.
- Take a swing at your homemade baseball [piñata](#) while learning all about America's favorite pastime.







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## 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.

