

# DELL-D Literacy Event Activity Sheet



## BASEBALL FUN WITH THE DANVILLE DANS

### Fun books we can read together:

**Wonder Books Baseball**  
by Cynthia Klingel

**The Baseball Book**  
by Joe Kaufman

**T-ball Is Our Game**  
by Leila Boyle Gemme

**Baseball Mania**  
by Ed & Ruth Radlauer

**Play Fair**  
by Kelly Doudna

**Specs**  
by Mitchell Motomora

**Play Ball, Kate!**  
by Sharon Gordon

**Players In Pigtails**  
by Shana Corey

**Catching the Moon**  
by Crystal Hubbard

**The Legend of the Curse of the Bambino**  
by Dan Shaughnessy

**Arnold Plays Baseball**  
by Pat Whitehead

**My Baseball Book**  
by Gail Gibbons

**Baseball is our game**  
by Joan Downing

### What we did today:

Today, I really enjoyed listening to the Danville Dan players read a story. They showed me some of the equipment they use when they play ball. I learned many new words such as strike, pitcher, and catcher. They even signed their name in my book, that is called an autograph! I liked the taste of my popcorn. I liked choosing my favorite flavor. I drew a picture of where I would like to play ball. Maybe I would like to catch the ball or be the pitcher. I hope the Danville Dans win their game tonight!



### How it helped me become a better reader & writer:

#### When we talked about the equipment, I learned

- The names and uses for the gear
- Lots of new words to describe how gear looked, felt and smelled
- How different clothing can protect

#### When we made a snack, I learned

- To follow directions
- To "read" the recipe from left to right
- To see the difference between letters and numbers

#### When we read stories, I learned

- To listen to the sounds of the words and letters
- To look closely at the pictures
- To think about what would happen next in the story

#### When we signed autographs, I practiced

- Holding the pencil
- Writing my name and lots of other letters

Please check the Danville Public Library or the DELL-D Family Center for these books!

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### Ideas for home:

- Let's do more things together!**
  - Visit a soccer or football game. Ask your child to point out the gear, player numbers, etc.
  - Don't just watch the game- play a game together! It will help your child follow rules of a game.
  - Use the take home activity to do something together.
- Let's read together!**
  - Find books about sports or baseball and read them with your child.
  - Visit the library, and help your youngster get a library card as soon as they can.
- Help me learn to learn my name.**
  - Ask your child the names and sounds of letters in his/her name.
- Talk to me about the difference between print, pictures, letters and numbers.**
  - If a book says, "1 ball" point out the number "1" and the letters that make the word, "ball."
  - Point out the words that match the pictures in a page.
  - Point to big letters in signs of familiar restaurants, grocery stores, and road signs.
- Teach me new words, so I have more words to use every day.**
  - Encourage language by asking questions and listening to your child's comments.
- Take turns when talking so we can share about our day.**
  - Talk about what your child really enjoyed during the day.
  - Ask your child simple questions, like "What did you like about the baseball game today?"
- Show me how to have a conversation.**
  - Engage in conversation with your child. Listen to him or her, and share your own ideas.

### Upcoming Events:



Keep an eye out for more information on these events:

**September**—*Family Reading Night Event*— A large back to school kick-off celebration with giveaways and prizes!

**October**— *Harvest Fun*

*DELL-D at the Danville Public Library each week.*

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