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Order copies of the Tampa Bay Times for your summer school classroom by emailing ordernie@tampabay.com. This summer, families and school district employees can subscribe to the 13/13 NIE program: 13 weeks of the Times, for \$13. New subscribers to the Times can take advantage of this program by calling 1-800-888-7012 during normal hours of operation: Monday through Friday 6 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday 6-11 a.m., Sunday 7-11 a.m. Ask for special offer code NIE2250.

You also can subscribe at tampabay.com/special offer. Enter code 2250.



Hey Kids!

I want you to hit a home run with Reading with the Rays this summer!

Once again, the Rays and I have teamed up with the Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education program to create a lineup of free summer reading fun. Our goals are to encourage you to read more this summer and to visit the library regularly before you return to school this fall. If we succeed in our efforts, then you, too will succeed as part of our Read Your Way to the Ballpark program.

By reading books this summer, elementary school students in grades three through five in Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Polk, Pinellas and Sarasota counties can circle the bases – first, second, third and home – and collect prizes as they go. Make it all the way around to home and the ultimate reward is a ticket for a Rays game at Tropicana Field this season to see me and my teammates in action.

Check out this insert and you'll see what me and my teammates have to say about reading. Chris Archer, Sam Fuld, Joel Peralta, Ben Zobrist and I all enjoyed reading growing up and understand how it's helped us to become the people we are today.

Kids, you can get your game cards and prizes at public libraries in Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Polk and Pinellas counties. Summer is baseball season, and it's also a great time to be in the library reading books and stories that interest you. Now get started reading, because I want to see you at the Trop soon!

Go Rays!

Evan Longoria, Tampa Bay Rays

Summer Times reading

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Read around the bases

Stop the presses! Summer vacation has arrived, and it is time for the seventh-inning stretch. Playing games and sports is a great way to exercise your body during the summer so you can be strong and healthy for the next school year. Keeping your mind strong and healthy is important, too. The best way to exercise your brain is by reading.

The Tampa Bay Rays baseball players know the importance of staying healthy and strong and keeping their minds active. That is why the Rays have partnered with the Tampa Bay Times

Newspaper in Education program and the Tampa Bay-area library systems to encourage and reward students for reading.

The choices are endless

On the pages of this Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education publication, you will see suggested reading for students in grades three through five. Between the covers of these books

are action, adventure, romance, comedy and new worlds for you to explore and learn about. You can find these adventures and more on the shelves of your local library.

You can choose to read these books or any books that interest you. You also can read the Tampa Bay Times. Reading the Tampa Bay Times can help you earn hours to read your way to the ballpark, too! Within the pages of your daily newspaper, in print or online, you will find news, sports, adventure, comics, classifieds and a lot of fun things to do and read about. You can follow articles about the Rays by Marc Topkin, Gary Shelton, John Romano or Tom Jones.

Line drive

For every hour you read, you will swing the bat to advance around the bases on the game card pictured on this page. Every time you arrive at a base, you can pick up a reward at your local library. When you hit a home run, you will receive one ticket to see the Rays in action.

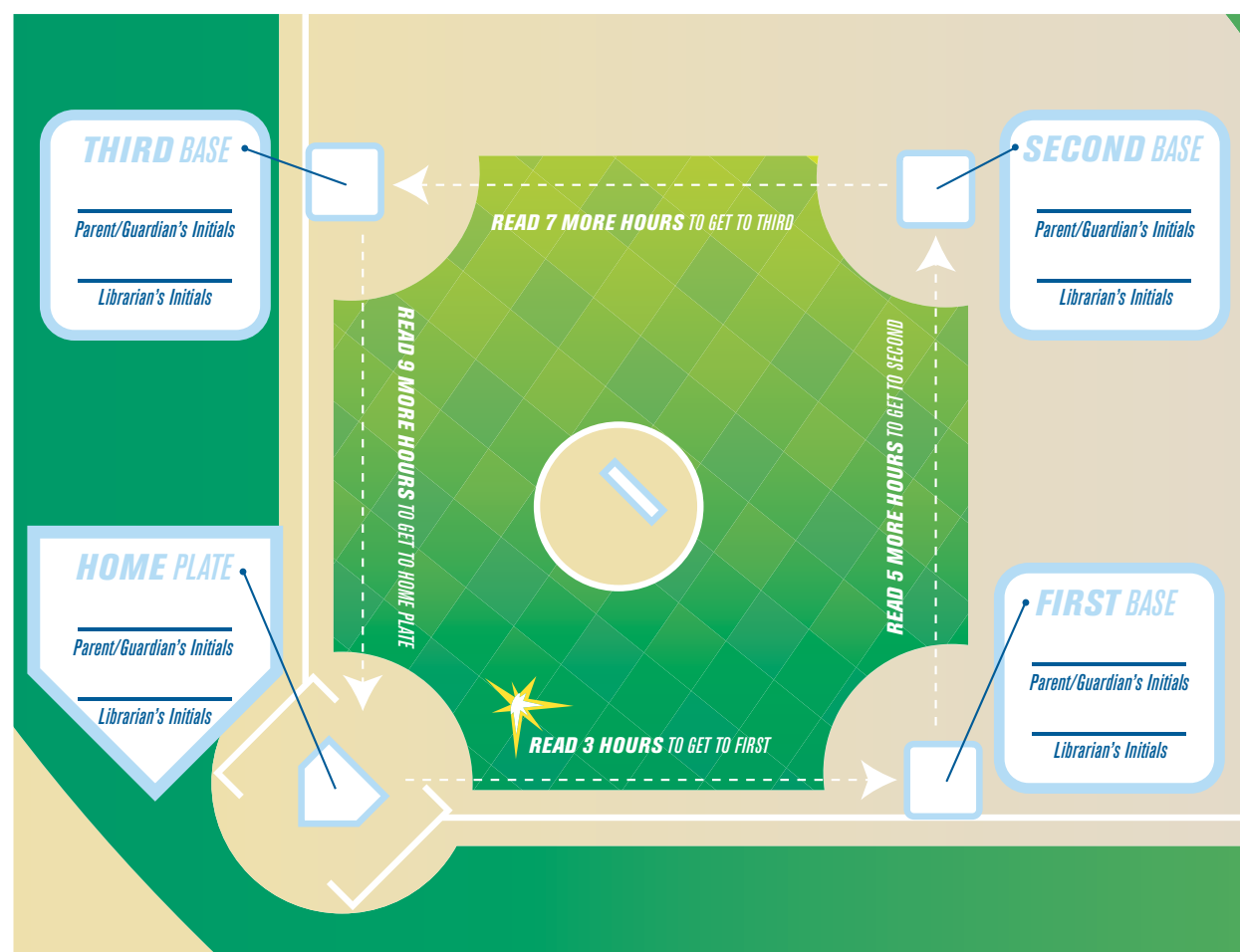
The rules of the Read Your Way to the Ballpark game are simple.

- Choose your favorite books from your local library or select your favorite section of the Tampa Bay Times to read over the summer.
- Go to your local library to get your game card.
- As you read, track your hours by rounding the bases and collect Rays rewards along the way.
- When you read enough hours to get to first base, ask your parent or guardian to initial your card; then bring it to your local library.
- The librarian will initial your card and give you a reading reward.
- Round the bases by reading a total of 24 hours this summer and receive a ticket to a Rays game!

Keeping score

On the back of the card, keep track of your favorite books and articles you read this summer. Read around the bases — 24 hours total!

- ★ **Read 3 hours** to get from Home Plate to First Base
Reward: Reading with the Rays Poster featuring Evan Longoria
- ★ **Read 5 more hours** to get from First to Second Base
Reward: Reading with the Rays jelly bracelet
- ★ **Read 7 more hours** to get from Second to Third Base
Reward: Evan Longoria Arm Sleeve
- ★ **Read 9 more hours** to get from Third Base to Home Plate
Reward: Reading with the Rays Certificate Authorized by Evan Longoria and voucher redeemable for one complimentary ticket to a 2013 Rays regular season home game (select dates and restrictions apply).



The academics of baseball



So, what do baseball and reading have in common? Sharpening your reading skills is a lot like sharpening skills for baseball. When baseball season has ended, the players do not become couch potatoes. They must exercise their bodies to stay in shape, just as you need to exercise your brain even though you are not in school. A pitcher would never enter a game without warming up his or her arm, so why would you enter a new school year without warming up your brain? Baseball, the thinking person's game, is a sport in which having a lot of knowledge and sharp, critical thinking skills leads to success. The best way to sharpen those skills and increase your knowledge base is through reading.

Fun baseball facts



In Major League Baseball, the distance between bases is 90 feet. The distance from the pitcher's mound to home plate is 60 feet, 6 inches.



Baseball began interleague play in 1997. The first interleague game was played on June 12, 1997.



Major league umpire Cal Hubbard is the only person in both the baseball and football halls of fame.



The last time a National League batter won the Triple Crown, Franklin Roosevelt was President of the United States.



On July 17, 1990, the Minnesota Twins entered the history books when they turned two triple plays in the same game.



Baseball stars from the National League and the American League played the first All-Star Game in 1933.



Pete Rose, who played for the Cincinnati Reds and then was banned from baseball for life for betting on games while managing the team, holds the all-time record for hits (4,256) and games played (3,562).



Tampa native Luis Gonzalez became the first player to hit a home run into two bodies of water: McCovey Cove in San Francisco and Bank One Ballpark (now Chase Field) in Phoenix. He also was first player to hit a ball into the Rays' Touch Tank.



On May 19, 2003, the then Tampa Bay Devil Rays became the first team ever in Major League history to climb over .500 after being 18 games under that mark.

Sources: National Baseball Hall of Fame, Think Quest, Factmonster, The Bleacher Report and National Baseball Almanac



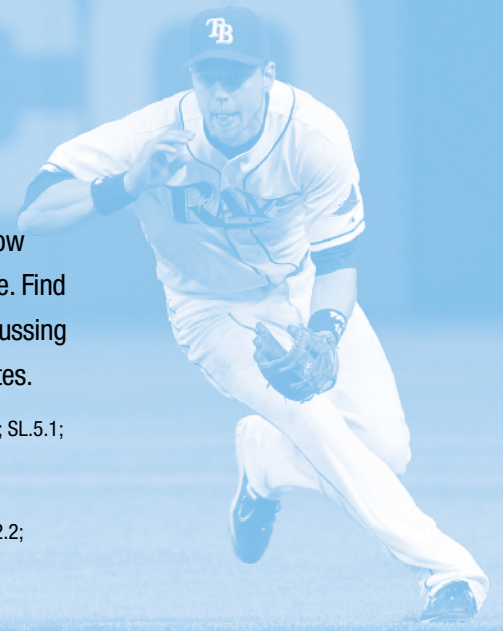
Learning with the *Times*

Being a team player

Ben Zobrist knows the meaning of determination and teamwork. Look on the pages of the Tampa Bay Times for photos, illustrations, comics and headlines that represent teamwork and determination. Based on the items you find, write down how these items represent teamwork and determination. Also look for a newspaper article about a recent Tampa Bay Rays game. Find an example of teamwork in the article. Write down that example in your notes. Next, write a fully developed paragraph discussing the importance of teamwork at home, at school and in your community. Share your thoughts with your family and classmates.

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RAYS SPOTLIGHT

BEN ZOBRIST

Right fielder Benjamin Thomas Zobrist was born on May 26, 1981 in Eureka, IL. He is the longest-tenured Rays player. He and his wife Juliana have two children, a boy and girl .



Do you remember the first book you ever read?

Zobrist: "In first, second and third grade I had to do book reports. I would always pick the sports books. I remember I really liked Little Lefty by Matt Christopher about a little left-handed pitcher. I enjoyed reading books about sports."

Where do you read?

Zobrist: "I spend most of my time reading on the road. I read a lot on the plane, on the bus, in the hotel room and places like that. I can't read on the bus for too long though because I get car sick! I have a library at home and I prefer to read actual books but I do read from the Kindle app on my phone on the road."

As an adult reader, do you prefer fiction or nonfiction reading? Why?

Zobrist: "I like to read historical books. Nonfiction mostly for me, I'm not really a big novel reader but I do enjoy factual, historical books."

Why is reading important in life or baseball?

Zobrist: "Reading affects my life in a lot of ways, if I couldn't read I'd be in a lot of trouble around the clubhouse, around town, stop signs, street names, all around my daily life. But I think the most important way reading affects me is being able to read to my kids. That's the biggest opportunity I get with reading is getting to enjoy that time with my kids. I enjoy being able to teach them how to read, its fun."

What are your children's favorite books?

Zobrist: "They love the Curious George books. My son used to have me read the book Punchinello before bedtime every night. That's a funny little book."

Summer Reading Suggestions

Edgar Allan's Official Crime Investigation Notebook, by Mary Amato

Attack of the Fluffy Bunnies, by Andrea Beaty

The Fast and the Furriest, by Andy Behrens

The Trouble with Chickens, by Doreen Cronin

Tuesdays at the Castle, by Jessica Day George

Sophie Simon Solves Them All, by Lisa Graff

Turtle in Paradise, by Jennifer L. Holm

Guinea Dog, by Patrick Jennings

Neil Armstrong Is My Uncle: & Other Lies Muscle Man McGinty Told Me, by Nan Marino

The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester, by Barbara O'Connor

Fortune's Magic Farm, by Suzanne Selfore

Aliens on Vacation, by Barrett Clete Smith

The Shadows, by Jaqueline West

President of the Whole Fifth Grade, by Sherri Winston

The Familiars, by Adam Epstein & Andrew Jacobson

The Underneath, by Kathi Appelt

Elijah of Buxton, by Christopher Paul Curtis

Criss Cross, by Lynne Rae Perkins

Whittington, by Alan Armstrong

Princess Academy, by Shannon Hale

The Comeback Challenge, by Matt Christopher

Rotten School #4: Lose, Team, Lose, by R.L. Stine

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson, by Bette Bao Lord

Ted & Me (Baseball Card Adventures), by Dan Gutman

Super-sized Slugger, by Cal Ripken Jr.

A Faraway Island, by Annika Thor

Eidi, by Bodil Bredsdorff

Animals in the House: A History of Pets and People, by Sheila Keenan

Bud, Not Buddy, by Christopher Paul Curtis

Crazy Cars, by Matt Doeden

Crossing Jordan, by Adrian Fogelin

Dare to Dream! By Carl Sommer

Do Not Open: An Encyclopedia of the World's Best-Kept Secrets, by John Farndon

Dog Diaries: Secret Writings of the WOOF Society, by Betsy Byars, Betsy Duffey and Laurie Myers

Every Minute on Earth: Fun Facts That Happen Every 60 Seconds, by Steve & Matthew Murrie

RAYS SPOTLIGHT

JOEL PERALTA

Pitcher Joel Peralta was born on March 23, 1976 in Bonao, Dominican Republic. Peralta is the youngest of five children. He did not own a baseball mitt until he was 14-years-old. The right hander carries the nickname “El Campeón” (the Champion), coined by Joe Maddon during their time together with the Angels.



Who was influential in getting you to read growing up?

Peralta: “My sister actually got me interested in reading. She helped me to understand how to read and reading got me interested in history and science. With her encouraging me, I began to enjoy reading and it helped me to understand other subjects in school as well.”

What is your favorite genre (science fiction, biographies, how to, history, literature, romance)?

Peralta: “I like history. I like to read about the history of my country, the Dominican Republic.”

What was your favorite book you read growing up?

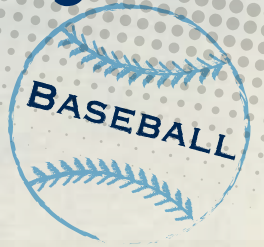
Peralta: “One of my favorite books is from back in the Dominican where I come from, called The Rhino, it’s about a rhino that got hurt but didn’t let that hold him back. He persevered and lived his life.”

Why is reading important?

Peralta: “I think it’s really important in life because it helps you advance in school; it helps you get into college and to be successful in life.”



Tampa Bay's favorite pastime



Baseball may be America’s favorite pastime, but it also holds a special place in the heart of the Tampa Bay area. On Feb. 17, 1913, 100 years ago, major league baseball first planted roots in the Tampa Bay area. It was on that date that 36 members of the Chicago Cubs disembarked their Seaboard train No. 99 at Tampa’s Union Station to begin a 31-day training camp.

Under Manager Johnny Evers, the Cubs played at Tampa’s Plant Field and stayed at the nearby 500-room Tampa Bay Hotel. The only other team training in Florida in 1913 was the Cleveland Indians in Pensacola. The Cubs trained anywhere from 2-1/2 to 5 hours a day and played 11 games including six games against the Yannigans (rookies). The Cubs also played three games against the Havana A’s, a team of barnstorming Cuban stars, and the Cubs swept the series winning 4-2, 12-4 and 17-1, their first three games in Tampa.

Around that same time, a former Pittsburgh laundry owner named Al Lang moved to St. Petersburg to benefit his health. He soon became interested in the local economy and focused on trying to help the sagging tourism industry. As a baseball fan, he believed the answer was to attract a major league team to St. Pete for spring training.

If you build it they will come

In 1914, Lang convinced the St. Louis Browns, under Manager Branch Rickey, to move to St. Petersburg. A baseball committee, formed to attract a major league team to the city, raised \$20,000 to buy a large tract of land for a ballpark. The site chosen for the field was Coffee Pot Bayou in St. Petersburg, where a 2,000-seat grandstand was built.

The first game between two major league teams was at Tampa’s Plant Field on March 27, 1914 as the Grapefruit League was established. The Cubs hosted the Browns and Chicago prevailed, 3-2. The Cubs were fueled by Cy Williams first-inning, two-run home run.

Over the past 100 years, major league baseball has had a presence in either Tampa or St. Petersburg for all but three years. Travel restrictions during World War II prohibited teams from traveling south for the spring from 1943 to 1945.



Summer Reading Suggestions

Extreme Pets! By Jane Harrington
Life Under Ice, by Mary M. Cerullo
Riddle-iculous Math, by Joan Holub
Sarah, Plain and Tall, by Patricia MacLachlan
See What You Can Be: Explore Careers That Could Be for You!
 by Diane Heiman and Liz Suneby
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, by Lewis Carroll
The Black Stallion, by Walter Farley
The Birchbark House, by Louise Erdrich
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon, by Grace Lin
Hurricanes: Earth's Mightiest Storms, by Patricia Lauber
Horses, by Seymour Simon
A History of US, by Joy Hakim
Discovering Mars, by Melvin Berger
Quest for the Tree Kangaroo, by Sy Montgomery
AQUIFERious, by Margaret Ross Tolbert
A Nest for Celeste: A Story About Art, Inspiration, and the Meaning of Home, by Henry Cole
Soccer Duel, by Matthew Christopher
Heroes for My Son, by Brad Meltzer
The Last Egret: The Adventures of Charlie Pierce,
 by Harvey E. Oyer III
Jason and Elihu, by Shelley Frazer Mickle
Just Being Audrey, by Margaret Cardillo
Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal, by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson
Inside Out & Back Again, by Thanhha Lai
MOVE, by Steve Jenkins
Henry and Mudge and the Tumbling Trip, by Cynthia Rylant
Because of Winn Dixie, by Kate DeCamillo
Ask Dr. K. Fisher about Dinosaurs, by Claire Llewellyn
Roxie and the Hooligans, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
My Dog May Be a Genius, by Jack Prelutsky
Falling Up, by Shel Silverstein
Volcano Wakes Up, by Steve Jenkins
Gregor the Overlander, by Suzanne Collins
Charlotte's Web, by E. B. White
Hoot, by Carl Hiaasen
Summer Reading is Killing Me, by Jon Scieszka
Esperanza Rising, by Pam Munoz Ryan
We Are the Ship, by Kadir Nelson
Why is Snot Green and other Extremely Important Questions,



St. Petersburg & spring training

Nine teams have trained in St. Petersburg: the St. Louis Browns (1914), Philadelphia Phillies (1915-18), Boston Braves (1922-37), New York Yankees (1925-42; 1946-50; 1952-61), St. Louis Cardinals (1938-42; 1946-97), New York Giants (1951), New York Mets (1962-87), Baltimore Orioles (1993-95) and the Rays (1998-2008). More major league spring training games have been played in St. Petersburg than in any other city.

Tampa has been the spring training home for six major league clubs: Chicago Cubs (1913-16), Cincinnati Reds (1931-42, 1946-87), Boston Red Sox (1919), Detroit Tigers (1930), Washington Senators (1920-29), Chicago White Sox (1954-59) and the New York Yankees (1996-current).



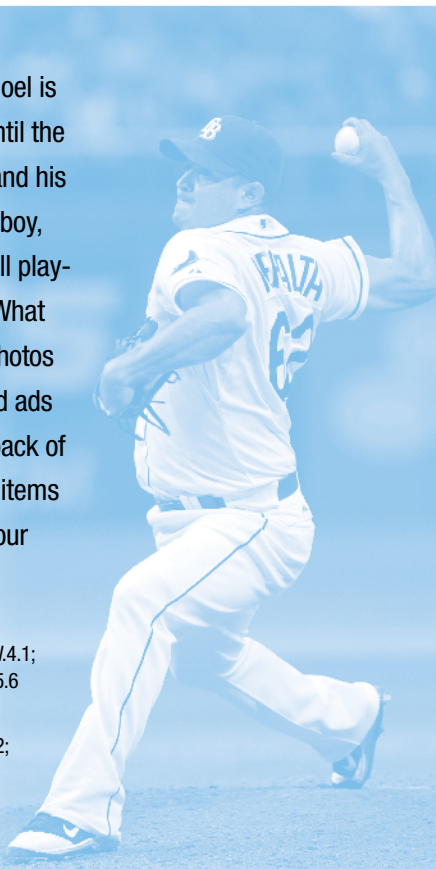
Learning with the *Times*

Dream big

Joe Peralta was born and raised in the Dominican Republic. Joel is the youngest of five children and did not have his own mitt until the age of 14. His father drove a tractor in the sugar cane fields and his mother worked as a school janitor to support the family. As a boy, Peralta idolized Pedro Martinez. Being a major league baseball player was a dream for Peralta. What are some of your dreams? What are your goals for the future? Look through the articles and photos in the Tampa Bay Times. Cut out headlines, words, photos and ads that will help you reach your goals. Create a collage. On the back of the collage, explain, in a fully developed paragraph, what the items shown represent to you. Use specific examples to highlight your points. Share your collage with your family and classmates.

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Longoria knows the importance of education. He studied criminology at Long Beach State University in California, and he has enjoyed reading since he was a child. During the 2010 season, at the age of 24, Evan became the first third baseman to make the All-Star team in each of his first three seasons.

Rays players

Directions: Find the following Rays players in the word search puzzle.

Alex Cobb
 Kyle Farnsworth
 Brandon Gomes
 Jeremy Hellickson
 Roberto Hernandez
 Jake McGee
 Matt Moore
 Joel Peralta
 David Price
 Cesar Ramos
 Fernando Rodney
 Jamey Wright
 Jose Lobaton
 Jose Molina
 Yunel Escobar
 Kelly Johnson
 James Loney
 Evan Longoria
 Ryan Roberts
 Shelley Duncan
 Sam Fuld
 Desmond Jennings
 Matt Joyce
 Ben Zobrist

A J V M E E H T M D T X K L F Y C S N E
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GRADES 3-5

Summer Reading Suggestions

by Glenn Murphy

A Drop of Water a Book of Science And Wonder, by Walter Wick

Where the Sidewalk Ends, by Shel Silverstein

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, by Roald Dahl

The Fisherman and His Wife, by Eric Blair

Dodger Dreams: The Courage of Jackie Robinson, by Brandon Terrell

Stanley and the Magic Lamp, by Jeff Brown

Safe At Home, by Sharon Robinson

Ice Magic, by Matthew Christopher

The Kid Who Only Hit Homers, by Matthew Christopher

Flush, by Carl Hiaasen

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon, by Grace Lin

The Bears on Hemlock Mountain, by Alice Dalgliesh

The Bat Scientists, by Mary Kay Carson

Frogs, by Nic Bishop

The Hive Detectives: Chronicle of a Honey Bee Catastrophe, by Loree Griffin Burns

Knucklehead: Tall Tales & Mostly True Stories about Growing Up Scieszka, by Jon Scieszka

Lizards, by Nic Bishop

The 39 Clues: The Maze of Bones, by Rick Riordan

The Bears on Hemlock Mountain, by Alice Dalgliesh

Billions of Bats, by Scott Nickel

Guardians of Ga'Hoole series, by Kathryn Lasky



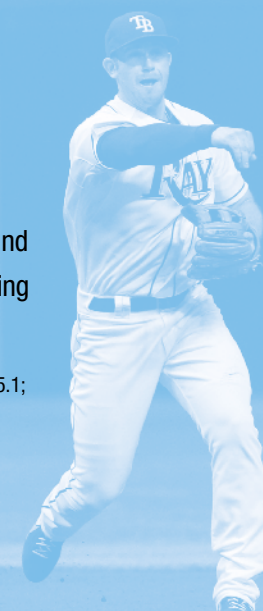
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What's in a name?

At the Trop



Tropicana Field is the only major league ballpark to feature an artificial playing surface, AstroTurf, and all-dirt base paths.



Originally named the Florida Suncoast Dome, Tropicana Field's 1.1 million square feet include unique design features and fan amenities found nowhere else in the major leagues.



The current capacity of the Trop is 34,078 with a portion of the upper deck tarped.



The Rays Touch Tank opened in 2006, and is located just behind the right-center field wall. Through a unique partnership with the Florida Aquarium, there are over 20 cownose rays that fans can touch and feed throughout the game. The 10,000-gallon tank is sponsored by the Pinellas County Visitors Bureau and FloridaBeaches.com and is one of the 10 largest in the United States.



Tropicana Field features the world's second largest cable-supported domed roof (Georgia Dome is the largest). It's made of six acres of translucent, Teflon-coated fiberglass and it virtually supports itself with 180 miles of cables connected by struts. Opposing forces of tension and compression keep the roof in an arc. Tropicana Field's roof is slanted at a 6.5-degree angle, dropping from 225 feet above second base to 85 feet at the center field wall. It is built to withstand winds of up to 115 miles per hour.



Though originally built for baseball, Tropicana Field has hosted 14 other sports and competitive events. These include hockey, basketball, football, sprint car racing, gymnastics, soccer, tennis, weight lifting, ping-pong, karate, motorcycle racing, equestrian events, track and field and figure skating.

Tampa Bay officially became the Rays on November 8, 2007. In the five seasons since then, they have averaged 92 wins per season, advanced to the postseason three times and won two American League East titles. Under the current three-division format which was initiated in 1994, only the Yankees and Rays have won more than one AL East title over a full 162-game season. In the 10 previous seasons as the Devil Rays, Tampa Bay averaged 97 losses per season.



Learning with the *Times*

Setting a good example

This year, Sam Fuld hosted the second annual Sam Fuld Diabetes Camp for 115 young diabetes patients in conjunction with the University of South Florida Diabetes Center. He, along with 10 other counselors -all Type 1 diabetics from the collegiate or professional level – gave their time to coach the young patients. Fuld is setting a good example in the Tampa Bay community by being a good role model. Look in the pages of the Tampa Bay Times or your local newspaper, as well as the Internet, to find other people who are role models to others because of their actions. Make a list of the people you find and what they have done that shows good character. Be sure to list specific examples next to the person's name. Share what you have learned with your classmates and family.

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RAYS SPOTLIGHT

SAM FULD

Right fielder Samuel Babson Fuld was born on Nov. 20, 1981 in Durham, NH. Fuld, who has lived with Type 1 diabetes since he was 10, decided to convert to an insulin pump during the winter and plans to use it throughout the season. He finds the pump more convenient, since it eliminates the 6-7 daily insulin shots he'd given himself since childhood. In February Fuld hosted the second annual Sam Fuld Diabetes Camp for 115 young diabetes patients in conjunction with the University of South Florida Diabetes Center. He and his wife, Sarah, are parents to a 3-year-old son and a 1-year-old daughter.



Did you visit public libraries when you were growing up? Do you have any special memories connected to visiting libraries or reading in school?

Fuld: "I grew up in a college town at the University of New Hampshire where my dad worked. I remember going to the university library when I was as young as five years old. It was there that I started reading, typical children's books Goodnight Moon, Shel Silverstein stuff like that."

What was your favorite book when you were younger.

Fuld: "I loved Hatchet, by Gary Paulsen. That was probably my favorite book growing up."

How often do you read the newspaper?

Fuld: "I read it a lot on my phone now. I read articles constantly now on my phone. I read magazines a lot, Time Magazine, The Economist. I try to read as much as possible, not always actual books but I think as long as I'm reading something like the newspaper or magazine articles I'm staying sharp."

Now that you are a parent, do you read to your child (children)?

Fuld: "Yes, right now we are really into the Berenstain Bears. Our collection is up to about eight or nine of them, we've got a long ways to go to complete the collection but we are definitely doing Berenstain Bears quite a bit right now. Where the Wild Things Are is a favorite of my son's as well."

How does reading affect your everyday life and/or career?

Fuld: "It's a great way to shut off all the pressure I put on myself as a player. It's a great way to keep my mind off things. You can just get into you own world, find some peace and quiet and escape for a while."

Summer Reading Suggestions

Real-Life Vampires, by Megan Kopp
The Book That Ate My Brother, by Michael Dahl
Ghost Hunters, by Michael Martin
Ghost Knight, by Cornelia Funke
Half-Minute Horrors, by Susan Rich
Lost in Spooky Forest, by Sean O'Reilly
Misty Gordon and the Mystery of the Ghost Pirates, by Kim Kennedy
The Underneath, by Kathi Appelt
Criss Cross, by Lynne Rae Perkins
Whittington, by Alan Armstrong
A Bear Named Trouble, by Marion Dane Bauer
The Beast of Blackslope, by Tracy Barrett
Bless This Mouse, by Lois Lowry
The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester, by Barbara O'Connor
Princess Academy, by Shannon Hale
A Faraway Island, by Annika Thor
Animals in the House: A History of Pets and People, by Sheila Keenan
Bud, Not Buddy, by Christopher Paul Curtis
Crazy Cars, by Matt Doeden
Crossing Jordan, by Adrian Fogelin
Dare to Dream! by Carl Sommer
Do Not Open: An Encyclopedia of the World's Best-Kept Secrets, by John Farndon
Extreme Pets! by Jane Harrington
Life under Ice, by Mary M. Cerullo
See What You Can Be: Explore Careers That Could Be for You! by Diane Heiman and Liz Suneby
Hurricanes: Earth's Mightiest Storms, by Patricia Lauber



Game changing history



Think about it

- The Jacksonville Redcaps were the only Florida African-American baseball team. The team was a member of the Negro American League.
- There were eight organized Negro Leagues from 1920 to 1960.
- In 1885, the Cuban Giants became the first group of professional black players.
- In 1945, Jackie Robinson became the first black player to sign a formal Major League contract.
- In 1947, Cleveland Indian Larry Doby became the first black player in the American League.
- In 1948, Satchel Paige became the first black pitcher to play in an American League game.
- Jackie Robinson was elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962.

Source: Baseball Almanac

World War II: a game changer

The year was 1942 and Major League Baseball was in serious trouble. Young men 18 years of age and older were being drafted into the armed services to help fight in World War II. Major League Baseball parks across the country were in danger of closing. That is when chewing-gum industrialist Philip K. Wrigley took charge of the situation. The solution was to create an all-girls' baseball league.

Clara Schillace, Ann Harnett, Edie Perlick and Shirley Jameson became the first women signed in the league. When women took the field for Spring Training in 1943, there were four teams: the Kenosha Comets, Racine Belles, Rockford Peaches and South Bend Blue Sox. You can read more about these teams, as well as the rest of the history of the AAGPBL, on the official website of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League: aagpbl.org.

Source: Official website of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League



Negro National Leagues

You wouldn't know it from watching baseball today, but integration of African-Americans into Major League Baseball was not always the case. African-Americans eventually found their way to professional teams with white players; however, racism and Jim Crow laws would force African-American players off of the teams by 1900.

As a result, black players formed their own teams. In 1920, an organized league structure called the Negro National League was created in the Midwest.

Source: Negro Leagues Baseball Museum

Learning with the *Times*

Rules of play

How does baseball as played in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League differ from men's baseball? With only a few exceptions, girls' baseball followed the same rules as men's professional baseball. However, there were differences in the pitching rules and the game set up. Using the information on the official website of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League research this topic. What are your thoughts about changing the rules of a game for girls and boys? Write a blog post about this issue. Use the format of the opinion and editorial articles from the Tampa Bay Times or your local newspaper to help you write your posting. Share your thoughts with your class and family.

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RAYS SPOTLIGHT

CHRIS ARCHER



Right handed pitcher Chris Archer was born on September 26, 1988 in Raleigh, North Carolina. An avid reader, Archer completed *Way of the Peaceful Warrior* by Dan Millman and *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho during the offseason. Archer entered the 2013 season rated by Baseball America and the number two prospect in the Rays organization.

Why is learning to read important to you?

Archer: "For me, the importance of reading and being educated is so I can better understand myself and articulate myself to others. Communication in this world is key, therefore being able to express myself as best as possible is crucial. Also, from reading I've learned from many people's successes and failures. I have a clearer picture on what it takes to become successful."

Who was influential in getting you to read growing up?

Archer: "I started my reading and self-education when I was 17. I feel that was too late. The earlier in life you start to read the sooner you learn important life lessons. My mentor and parents are the ones who really encouraged me to read."

What type (or genre) of books did you like to read when you were younger?

Archer: "When I first started reading I enjoyed motivational/self-improvement books. I also liked reading autobiographies to learn about others path to greatness. I now enjoy fiction books like the alchemist, as well as spirituality books such as outwitting the devil."

DID YOU KNOW?

- Members of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League had to follow specific rules of conduct and follow the behaviors set forth in the Charm School Guide. Check out the official website of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League at aagpbl.org for details.
- Although they did not all play during the same years, there were 14 teams in the AAGPBL throughout its history: Racine Belles, South Bend Blue Sox, Kenosha Comets, Rockford Peaches, Milwaukee Chicks, Minneapolis Millerettes, Ft. Wayne Daisies, Grand Rapids Chicks, Muskegon Lassies, Peoria Redwings, Chicago Colleens, Springfield Sallies, Kalamazoo Lassies and Battle Creek Belles.

Summer Reading Suggestions

- Discovering Mars: The Amazing Story of the Red Planet*, by Melvin Berger
- Quest for the Tree Kangaroo*, by Sy Montgomery
- Aquiferious*, by Margaret Ross Tolbert
- A Nest for Celeste: A Story about Art, Inspiration, and the Meaning of Home*, by Henry Cole
- Heroes for My Son*, by Brad Meltzer
- The Last Egret*, by Harvey E. Oyer III
- Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale*, by Verna Aardema
- Chomp*, by Carl Hiaasen
- Scat*, by Carl Hiaasen
- The Homework Machine*, by Dan Gutman
- Shoeless Joe and Me (A Baseball Card Adventure)*, by Dan Gutman
- Chasing Vermeer*, by Blue Balliett
- Dear Whiskers*, by Ann Whitehead Nagda
- Dragon Rider*, by Cornelia Funke
- Esperanza Rising*, by Pam Munoz Ryan
- Holes*, by Louis Sachar
- The Journal of Biddy Owens: The Negro Leagues, Birmingham, Alabama, 1948*, by Walter Dean Meyers
- The Magic Finger*, by Roald Dahl
- Maniac Magee*, by Jerry Spinelli
- Millicent Min, Girl Genius*, by Lisa Yee
- Missing May*, by Cynthia Rylant
- Out of the Dust*, by Karen Hesse
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, by Mildred E. Taylor
- Sahara Special*, by Esme Raji Codell
- The Trumpet of the Swan*, by E. B. White
- The Young Man and the Sea*, by Rodman Philbrick
- The Art of Racing in the Rain*, by Garth Stein
- The Lion and the Mouse*, by Jerry Pinkney
- The One and Only Ivan*, by Katherine Applegate
- Grandfather's Journey*, by Allen Say
- The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, by C.S. Lewis
- The Absent Author*, by Ron Roy
- The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, by Kate DiCamillo
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, by Jeff Kinney
- What are You So Grumpy About?* by Tom Lichtenheld
- The Tilting House*, by Tom Llewellyn
- Norby, the Mixed-Up Robot*, by Janet Asimov
- Summer Reading is Killing Me!* by Jon Scieszka

Read your way to the ball park



America's favorite pastime ... reading

In addition to reading the Tampa Bay Times, Raymond loves to read books. His favorite books are *The Little Book of the Sea*, by Lorenz Schroter; *Into the Sea*, by Brenda Z. Guiberson; *Sea Dog*, by Dayle Gaetz and *The Lucky Baseball Bat*, by Matt Christopher. You can check out some of these fun summer reading books at your local library.

Relaxing at your library

After a hard day at the ballpark, some of the Tampa Bay Rays like to relax with a good book or the Tampa Bay Times. Reading can be relaxing as well as entertaining. You can enjoy the best of both worlds this summer by participating in the Rays reading program.

Your local library can be a great place to have fun during the summer break. By reading books and exploring the Internet, you can have a lot of adventures. Books are your ticket to learning about the past and traveling around the world this summer. Be your own travel agent and choose your destinations that will lead you right back to the Tampa Bay area and Tropicana Field. The best place to find your favorite books is at your library.

Hey, parents!

The No. 1 way to keep your family reading is with the daily newspaper. Encourage your children to participate in the Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education Reading with the Rays program. Have your children keep up with the Rays' games and chart their favorite players' statistics.



Learning with the *Times*

Ripped from the headlines

As a journalist for your school newspaper, you are assigned the job of writing a newspaper article about one of the characters in a summer reading book. A good journalist must begin with six key questions: who, what, where, when, why and how. Before you plan your character interview, find an article in the e-Edition of the *Tampa Bay Times* and answer each of those six questions. Now that you see the pattern for a newspaper article, write a newspaper article about your favorite book.

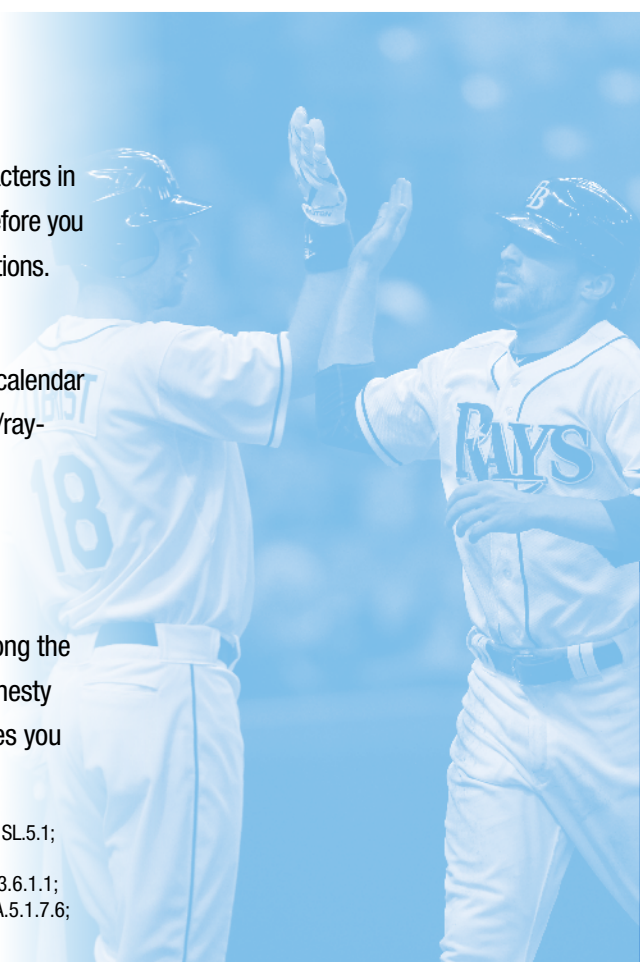
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Honesty is the best policy

Raymond loves reading books, but he also likes reading the comics in the *Tampa Bay Times*. The comic strips in the newspaper often reflect real life. We can be pleased with this because there is much honesty that can be found among the characters in various comic strips. Read through the comic strips in the Times. As you read, look for examples of honesty or truthfulness in each character's speech and actions. Write a brief paragraph about the comic strip and the qualities you have discovered in the character or characters. Share your thoughts with your classmates and family.

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The following library systems are proud partners of the Reading with the Rays program

Want to have some fun this summer? Check out your library's summer programs.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Research shows that children who do not continue reading through the summer can lose a month or more of progress made during the school year. By encouraging their children to read, parents are playing a critical role in achieving our goal of having every child reading at or above grade level. Keep your children engaged in reading!

Citrus County Library System

Website: citruslibraries.org

Phone: 352-795-3716

Hernando County Public Library System

Website: hcpl.lib.fl.us

Phone: 352-754-4043

Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative

Website: hclpc.org

Phone: 813-273-3652

Manatee County Library System

Website: www.mymanatee.org/library.html

Phone: 941-748-5555

Pasco County Library Cooperative

Website: pascolibraries.org

Phone: 727-861-3040

Pinellas Public Library Cooperative

Website: pplc.us

Phone: 727-441-8408

Polk County Library Cooperative

Website: mypclc.org

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RAYS SPOTLIGHT

RAYMOND



"LeVar Burton from 'Reading Rainbow' first inspired me to read. Some of my favorite books are "There's a Monster Under My Bed" and the Hairy Potter series. Reading is fun! More importantly, reading opens doors to understanding, and allows you to grow. Reading and baseball go ball-in-glove, you've got to read to understand the history of baseball, and to learn how the game is played."

Raymond has been the Rays mascot since 1998, and he loves to read as many books as he can. You can see Raymond at all of the Rays games. Raymond is an awesome dancer and loves to play pranks on the other team. Raymond's favorite books are about baseball, food and dancing. When he's not at the games, you will probably find Raymond at a local library, reading stacks of books. Raymond also practices doing flips and eating a lot of hot dogs. The next time you see Raymond, ask him about reading — you are sure to get two thumbs up!

Play Ball Baseball facts puzzle

Directions: Read this publication to find the answers.

Across

- 5. Read this many hours to get from home plate to first base.
- 8. Tropicana Field is the only major league ballpark to feature this artificial playing surface.
- 12. Evan Longoria reads this every day.
- 13. Over the past ____ years, major league baseball has had a presence in either Tampa or St. Petersburg for all but three years.
- 15. As you read, track your hours by rounding the bases, so you can collect these.
- 16. Major league umpire Cal Hubbard is the only person in both the baseball and ____ halls of fame.
- 17. Read this many more hours to get from second to third base.
- 19. This may be America's favorite pastime.
- 21. Joel Peralta is a right handed ____.

Down

- 1. Sam Fuld plays this position.
- 2. Baseball stars from the National League and the American League played the first ____ Game in 1933.
- 3. Evan Longoria studied this at Long Beach State University in California.
- 4. You can get your Reading with the Rays card here.
- 5. The Rays ____ opened in 2006, and is located just behind the right-center field wall.
- 6. He is the longest-tenured Rays player.
- 7. Research shows that children who do not continue doing this through the summer can lose a month or more of progress made during the school year.
- 9. You must read a total of this many hours to read around all of the bases.
- 10. Read this many more hours to get from first to second base.
- 11. The last time a National League batter won the Triple Crown, Franklin ____ was President of the United States.
- 14. The best way to sharpen this type of thinking skill and increase your knowledge base is through reading.
- 18. Evan Longoria likes these types of cars.
- 20. Choose your favorite ____ from your local library to read over the summer.

Learning with the Times

Colorful language

Sports stories often are written using colorful and expressive language. Sports writers try to use lively words to capture the special feelings and enthusiasm associated with sporting events. Words such as trounced, slaughtered and demolished may be used instead of lost or defeated. Read the sports articles in the *Tampa Bay Times* or your local newspaper for a week. Make a list of all of the adjectives that are used that make the story more lively. Think about whether these words change the meaning of the story. Make a visual representation of the colorful words used and share them with your family or class.

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Crossword Puzzle Answers
Across: 5. Three 8. Astro turf 12. Newspaper 13. One hundred 15. Rays rewards 16. Football 17. Seven 19. Baseball 21. Pitcher
Down: 1. Right field 2. Alister 3. Criminology 4. Library 5. Touch tank 6. Zobrist 7. Reading 9. Twenty four 10. Five 11. Roosevelt 14. Critical 18. Classic 20. Books