



Literature Series

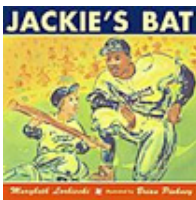
Connecting Open Circle and Sports



Keeping Score by Linda Sue Park. Clarion, 2008, Gr. 4-5 Fiction

Maggie's friendship with Jim - firefighter, baseball fan, and Korean War soldier - teaches her about scoring baseball games and keeping relationships strong, in spite of challenges.

Open Circle Themes: Recognizing Differences, Self-Talk, Body Language



Jackie's Bat by Marybeth Lorbiecki. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2006, Gr. 2-4 PB

As batboy for the 1947 Brooklyn Dodgers baseball team, which includes Jackie Robinson, Joey is torn between doing a good job for the team and dealing with his father's attitudes.

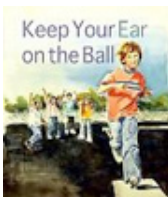
Open Circle Themes: Recognizing Discrimination, Speaking Up, Leadership



Baseball Saved Us by Ken Mochizuki. Lee & Low Books, 1995. Gr. 3-5 PB

While a Japanese boy and his family are living in an internment camp during World War II, they find solace and community by playing baseball.

Open Circle Themes: Recognizing Discrimination, Speaking Up, Leadership



Keep Your Ear on the Ball by Genevieve Petrillo. Tilbury House Publishers, 2007. Gr. 2-3 PB

A new student, who is blind, helps his classmates adjust to his way of seeing the world.

Open Circle Themes: Recognizing Differences, Feelings, Cooperation, Leadership



Night Golf by William Miller. Lee & Low Books, 2002. Gr.3-5 PB

A young African American golf caddie practices his game at night, the only time he can play at the all-white club.

Open Circle Themes: Recognizing Discrimination, Cooperation, Leadership, Problem Solving

Connecting Open Circle and Sports continued



Girl Wonder: A Baseball Story in Nine Innings by Deborah Hopkinson. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2003. Gr. 2-4 PB

A girl with extraordinary baseball skills achieves her goal of playing on an all-male baseball team.

Open Circle Themes: Positive Self-Talk, Leadership, Recognizing Differences



Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph became the Fastest Woman by Kathleen Krull. Harcourt Brace, 1996. Gr. 2-4 PB

Wilma Rudolph overcomes the effects of polio to become a gold medallist in Olympic track competition.

Open Circle Themes: Positive Self-Talk, Leadership



Dad, Jackie, and Me by Myron Uhlberg Peachtree Press, 2005. Gr. 2-4 PB

When a father, who is deaf, and his son go to a baseball game to watch Jackie Robinson play, they learn about respecting differences of all kinds.

Open Circle Themes: Recognizing Discrimination, Feelings



Teammates by Peter Golenbock. Gulliver Books, 1990. Gr. 3-5 PB

Pee Wee Reese, a member of the 1940's Brooklyn Dodgers, takes a public stand in support of his teammate, Jackie Robinson.

Open Circle Themes: Recognizing Differences, Self-Talk, Body Language



Bravo Tavo! by Brian Meunier. Dutton Juvenile, 2007. Gr. 3-4 PB

Tavo doesn't let his duct-taped, worn out basketball shoes keep him from playing his favorite game.

Open Circle Themes: Feelings, Cooperation, Positive Self-talk, Problem Solving