



Share a book everyday to create a reader for a lifetime!



Title: Randy Riley's Really Big Hit

Author and Illustrator: Chris Van Dusen

Book Summary: Randy Riley isn't the best baseball player on his team. But when a massive fireball is speeding toward his hometown, he creates a plan that will give him his first home run!

Before Reading, use the following conversation starters to engage your child's interest in the book.

To develop book awareness, explain what the words "author" and "illustrator" mean. Ask your child if s/he were to write or illustrate a book, what would it be about?

To create interest in the book, ask your child to look at the cover picture. Talk with your child about the size difference between the robot and Randy Riley's teammates. What are some things that are larger than your child? What are some things that are smaller? What are some other pairings of large and small you can talk about?

During Reading, use the following ideas to keep your child actively engaged in the book sharing.

To create excitement when you read, vary your pace and volume. It's always fun to add in sound effects or different voices too!

To develop social-emotional skills, discuss with your child how Randy Riley feels when he strikes out. How does he feel differently when he hits the home run? Books offer a comfortable place to talk with your child about different feelings and ways to deal with them.

After Reading, use the following activities to extend your book sharing experience.

To encourage verbal skills, ask your child to continue the story. What else could Randy Riley's mighty, mammoth robot man do? Could he be an outfielder for Randy's baseball team? What would the robot do if a hot air balloon was hung in a tree?

To promote connections to science and math, encourage your child to discuss the planets or seasons when you read a book. Take time to count items in the illustrations and in the environment you are in. Books provide a starting point for expanding learning into other concepts.

To foster outdoor play, take a nature walk with your child and look for butterflies or bugs. Play hopscotch or baseball. Spend time on a picnic reading books and playing board games. Outdoor environments offer new ways of stimulating learning.

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