

# Classroom Connection

Room 203 – Mrs. Barlow and Miss Meyer

February 22, 2011 to February 25, 2011



**Robinson, Jackie**

**Robinson, Jackie** (Jack Roosevelt Robinson), 1919–72, American baseball player, the first African-American player in the modern major leagues, b. Cairo, Ga. He grew up in Pasadena, Calif., where he became an outstanding athlete in high school and junior college. While attending (1939–41) the Univ. of California at Los Angeles, he established a wide reputation in baseball, basketball, football, and track.

Robinson left college to support his mother, but in 1941 played professional football with the Los Angeles Bulldogs of the Pacific Coast League. He entered the army in World War II and was discharged as a lieutenant in 1945. In Oct., 1945, Branch Rickey, then president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, signed Robinson to play for the Montreal Royals, a Brooklyn farm club in the International League. Despite several incidents in spring training in the South and many inconveniences during the season, Robinson—the first African-American ballplayer in that league—excelled as a second baseman and won the league batting crown.

In 1947 precedent was shattered when Robinson was brought up to the Brooklyn club. African Americans had not played in big-league competition in the 20th cent., but resistance dwindled as Robinson excelled. In 1949 he won the National League batting crown, hitting .342, and was named the NL's most valuable player. Robinson played his entire career (1947–56) with Brooklyn, where he set fielding and batting records and gained a reputation for base stealing. Other African Americans began playing in the major leagues soon after his debut. In 1962 Robinson became the first African American to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Biography taken from <http://www.factmonster.com/ce6/people/A0842106.html>

## Weekly Reminders...

- Happy President's Day!
- This week is Cultural Celebration Week. Hope to see you at Cultural Night on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm!
- Don't forget to be recording your minutes of reading for the Book – It program! Reading and recording 200 minutes by the end of February will get you a coupon for a free Personal Pan Pizza at Pizza Hut!!!



## Communications

We will be working on the following skills this week for our communications block:

**Phonics** – wh (when); z (zoo); oo (look); ew (new)

**Spelling (by group)** –

- **Red and Yellow:** who, why, zoo, new, too
- **Black:** chewing, when, zoom, mooing, where
- **Blue and Purple:** bookshelf, football, zooming, whirling, boost

**Grammar** – compound sentences

**Comprehension Skill** – determining importance

**Vocabulary** – **whirling** (verb): turning or spinning quickly; **spew** (verb): to throw with force; **zenith** (noun): the highest point; **boost** (verb): to raise higher

**Writing** – word choice

## SCIENCE - Ecosystems

Students will be able to answer the following questions by the end of the week:

1. Can you name 4 of the world's biomes?
2. What is a tundra?
3. What is a grassland?

Key Word: **Tundra and Grassland**

**\*\*Be sure to study the science vocabulary\*\***

**organism, ecosystem, carnivore, herbivore, omnivore, biome, decomposer, producer**

## Unit 6: Geometry

### Angles and Turns, Triangles, Quadrangles

**Angle** – two line segments meet to form an angle (there are 4 right angles in one square)



**Vertex** – the point at which two line segments meet (there are four vertices on this star)



**Turn** – full turn, half turn, quarter turn



**Triangle** – has three vertices, three sides (line segments), and three angles



**Quadrangle** – all types have four vertices, four sides (line segments), and four angles



**Review** – Partial Sums

**Facts** – 4s and 5s



**Essential Question:** How do living things in and around an ecosystem interact with one another and the environment?

