

Dear Parents,

Our unit of study in Social Studies is learning about the life and contributions of Jackie Robinson. We will be discussing how Jackie Robinson showed good sportsmanship and civility while being the first African American to play in Major League Baseball. His efforts helped to end segregation in Major League Baseball. This informational letter will help you understand what your child is learning so the content may be discussed at home throughout our study. Listed below is the Georgia Standards of Excellence for our unit. Also included is important vocabulary and examples of what we are learning about.

Happy Learning!

Second Grade Social Studies Teachers

Social Studies Standard:

SS2H1 Describe the lives and contributions of historical figures in Georgia history - Jackie Robinson

SS2CG3 Give examples of how the historical figures in SS2H1 demonstrate positive citizenship traits such as: honesty, dependability, trustworthiness, honor, civility, good sportsmanship, patience, and compassion.

- Jackie Robinson was born in Cairo, Georgia in 1919.
- Jackie Robinson played baseball, basketball, football, and track in college.
- After college, Jackie Robinson served in the army during World War II.
- Major League baseball was segregated when Jackie started playing in 1945. Only white players could play on the Major League Baseball teams.
- In 1945, Jackie Robinson had to play in a league for only African Americans, Kansas City Monarchs.
- Jackie Robinson was the first African American to play for the Dodgers which was an all-white Major League team in 1947.
- It takes courage to change things that are unfair or wrong. Jackie Robinson was willing to be the first African American to play for Major League Baseball.
- Jackie Robinson showed good sportsmanship because he did not fight or argue with players or fans who were mean to him and did not want him to play with the Dodgers.
- Jackie Robinson was a very good player for the Dodgers. He was named Rookie of the Year and won the Most Valuable Player.
- Jackie Robinson was elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962.
- In 1997, Jackie Robinson's uniform number, 42, was retired which means no other Dodger player could wear that number in honor of Jackie Robinson.
- Like MLK, Jr, Jackie Robinson showed civility. Civility means treating others with respect and kindness.
- Practice using the timeline about the events in Jackie Robinson's life.

When was Jackie elected into the Hall of Fame?

How old was Jackie when he died in 1972?

Which happened first - going into the army or playing for the Dodgers?

Jackie Robinson Timeline

