

Week 3 Fourth Grade Decodables

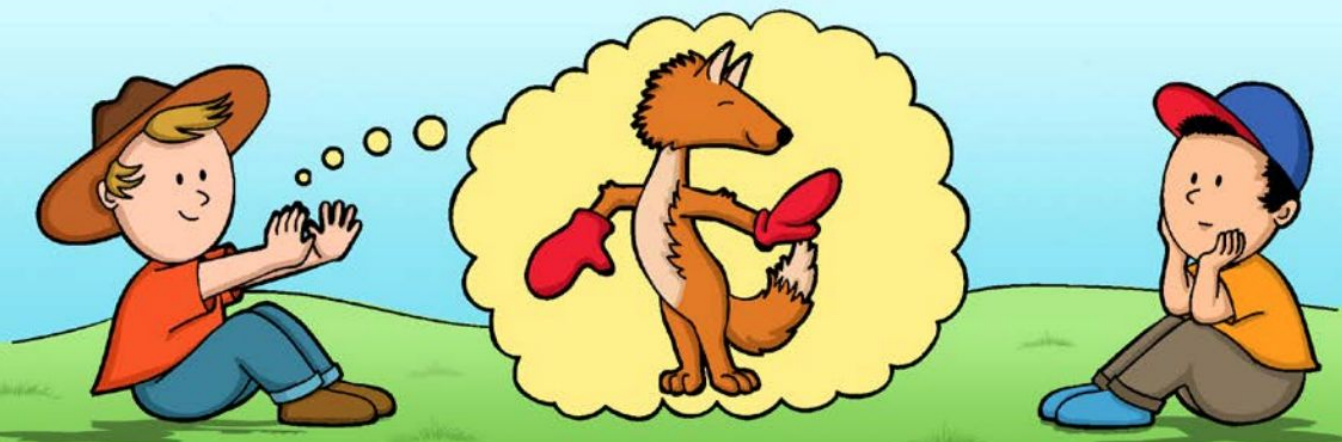
Skills: Phonetic element Xx, plural endings

High Frequency Words: *never, seen, an, have, I, in, no, on, over, said, with, you*

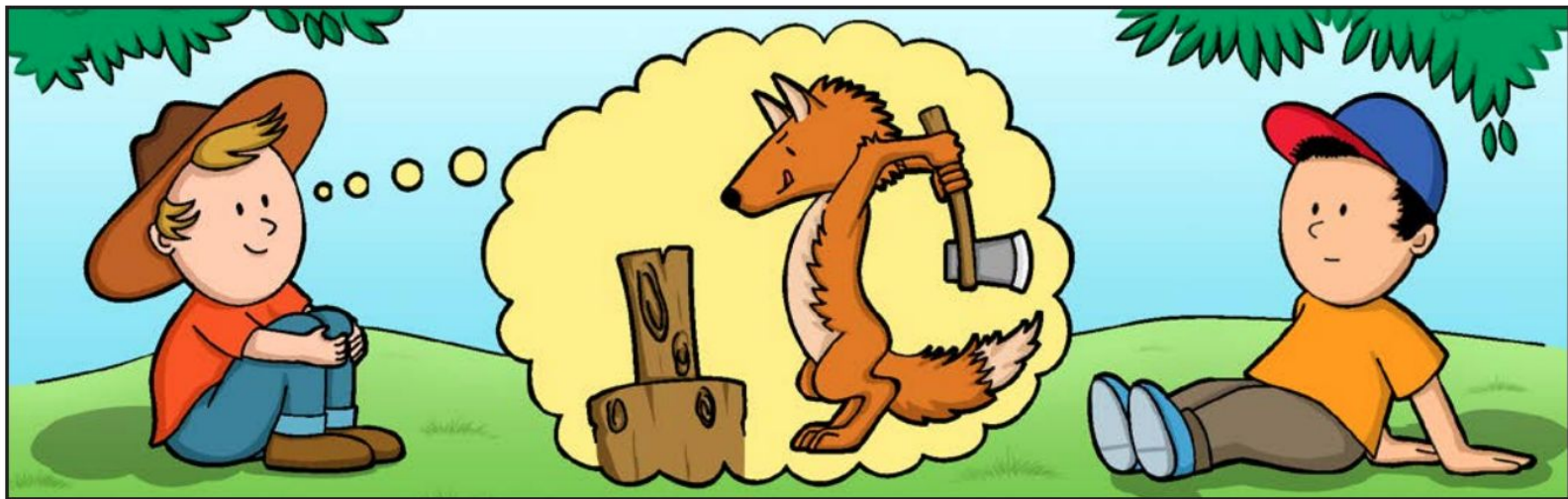
Fiction: *Have You Ever Seen a Fox?*

Nonfiction: *Roberto Clemente*

Have You Ever Seen a Fox?

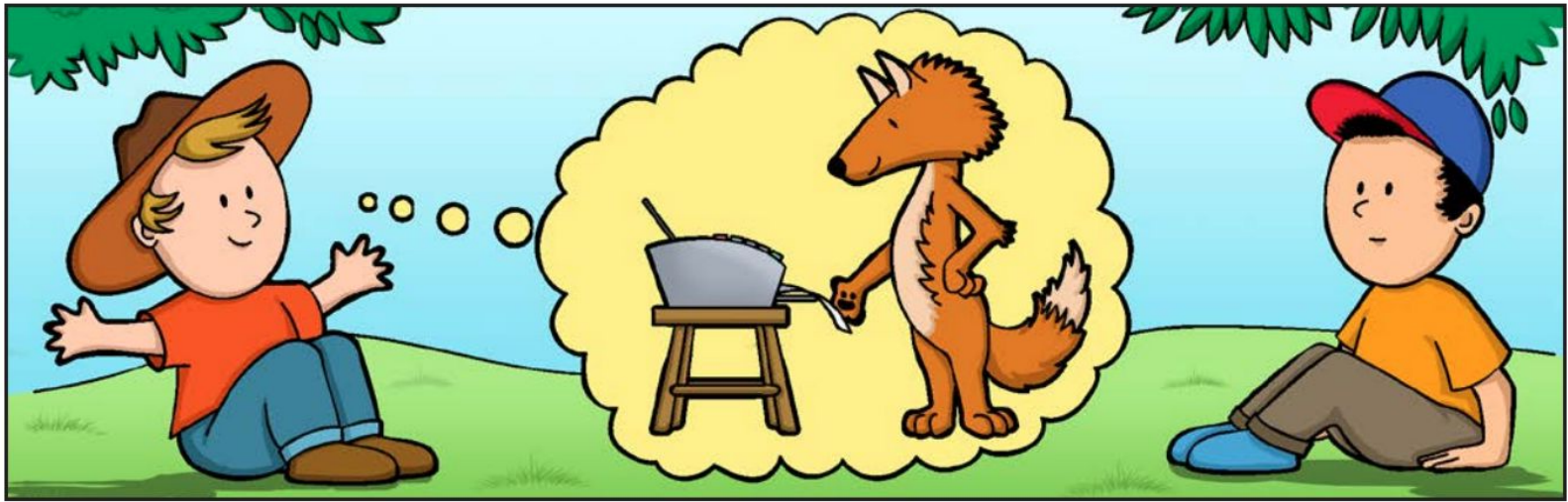


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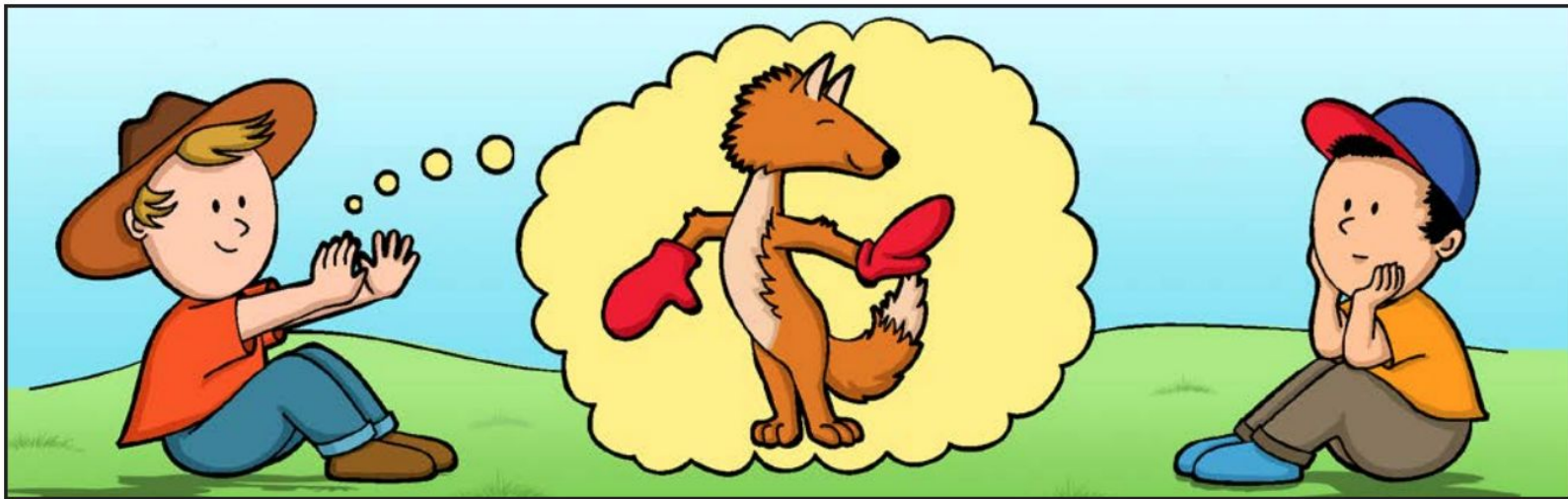
“Have you ever seen a fox cut a log with an ax?” said Tex.

“No, I have never seen a fox cut a log with an ax,” said Max.



“Have you ever seen a fox
get a fax?” said Tex.

“No, I have never seen a fox
get a fax,” said Max.



“Have you ever seen a fox put on red mittens?” said Tex.

“No, I have never seen a fox put on red mittens,” said Max.



“Have you ever seen a fox mix
lox with jam?” said Tex.

“No, I have never seen a fox
mix lox with jam,” said Max.



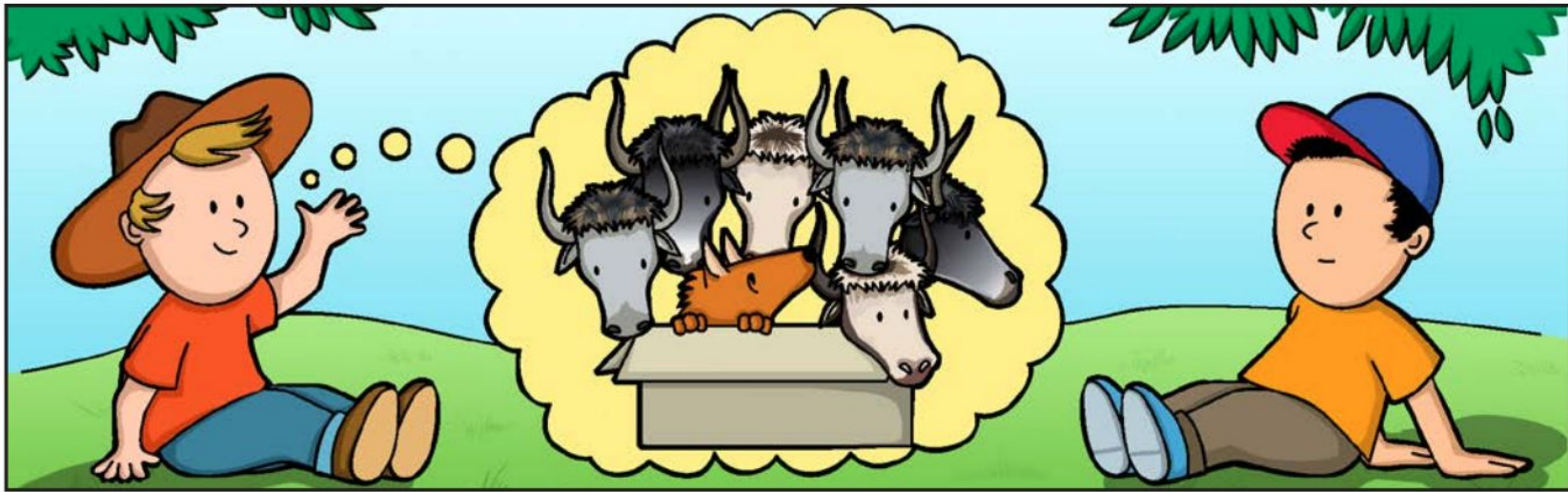
“Have you ever seen a fox play a sax in a tux?” said Tex.

“No, I have never seen a fox play a sax in a tux,” said Max.



“Have you ever seen a fox mix wax in a pot?” said Tex.

“No, I have never seen a fox mix wax in a pot,” said Max.



“Have you ever seen a fox in a box with six yaks?” said Tex.

“No, I have never seen a fox in a box with six yaks,” said Max.



“But I have seen a fox hop over a log in the bog,” said Max.

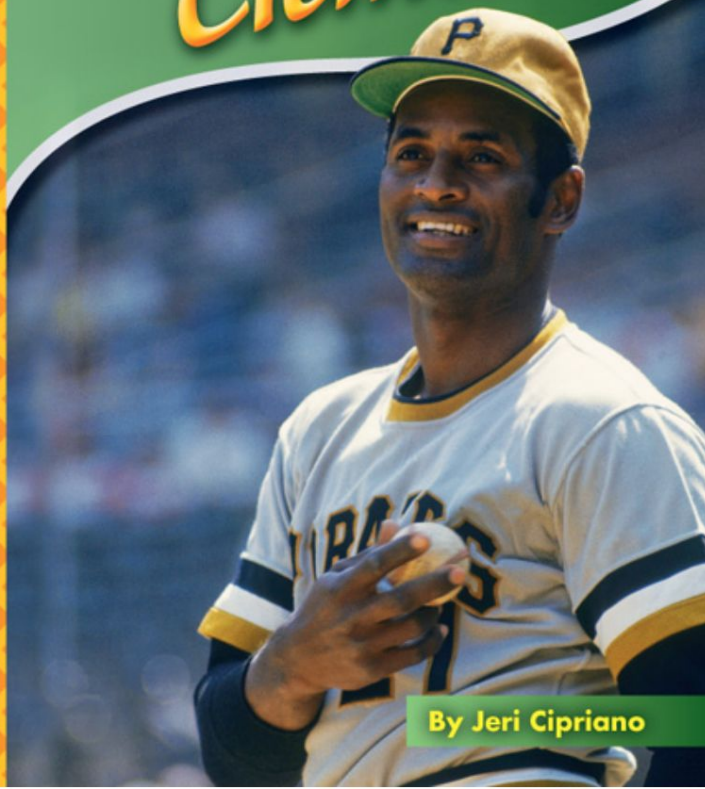
“You have?” said Tex.

“I never have.”



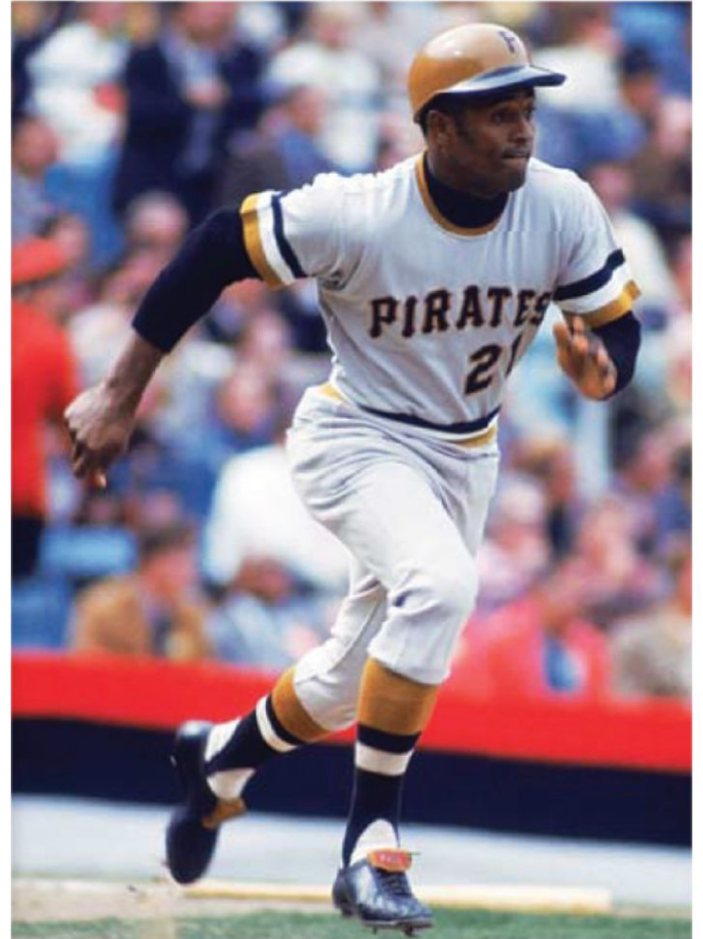
Social Studies

Roberto Clemente



By Jeri Cipriano

Roberto Clemente was a great baseball player. He was a great person too. He worked hard to help others. He wanted people to know that no matter how poor they might be, they could succeed.



Clemente was born in Carolina, Puerto Rico, in 1934. He loved baseball right from the start. He made his first bat from a tree branch!

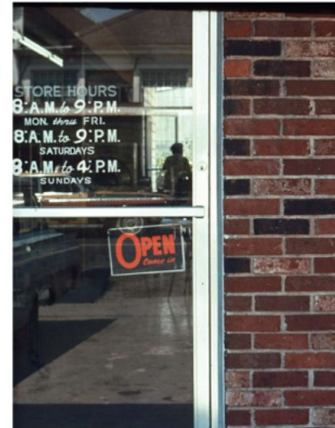


After high school, Clemente played on a champion team in Puerto Rico. One day, a Major League baseball scout saw how good he was. He asked Clemente to come to Canada to play for the Montreal Royals.

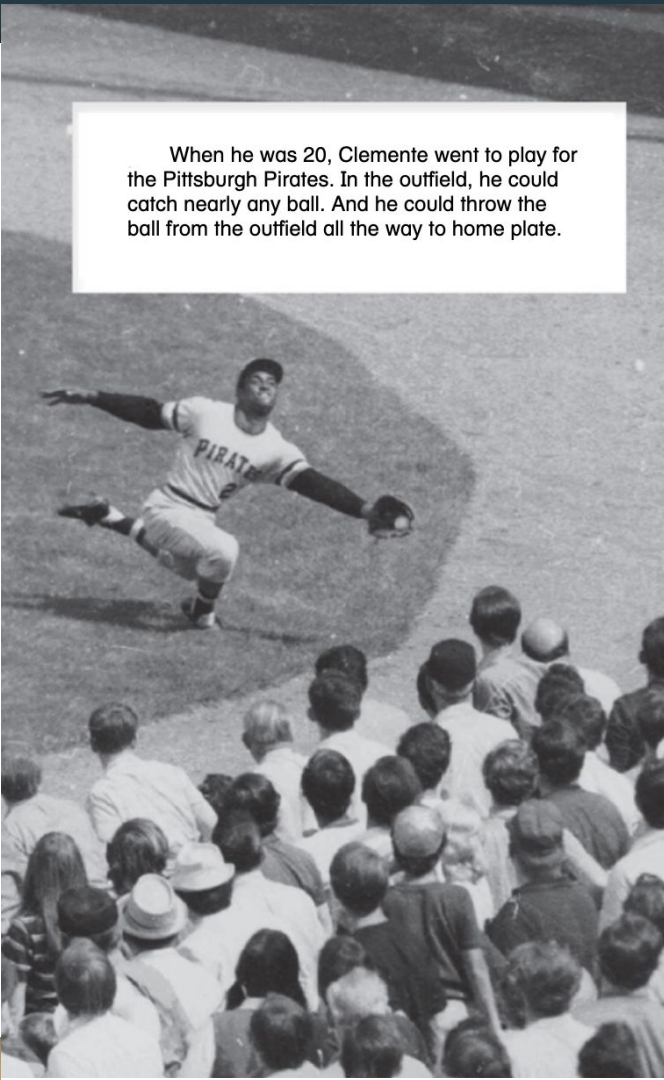


The Royals had games to play in Virginia. At the time, segregation was part of life in the South. White and Black baseball players were treated differently.

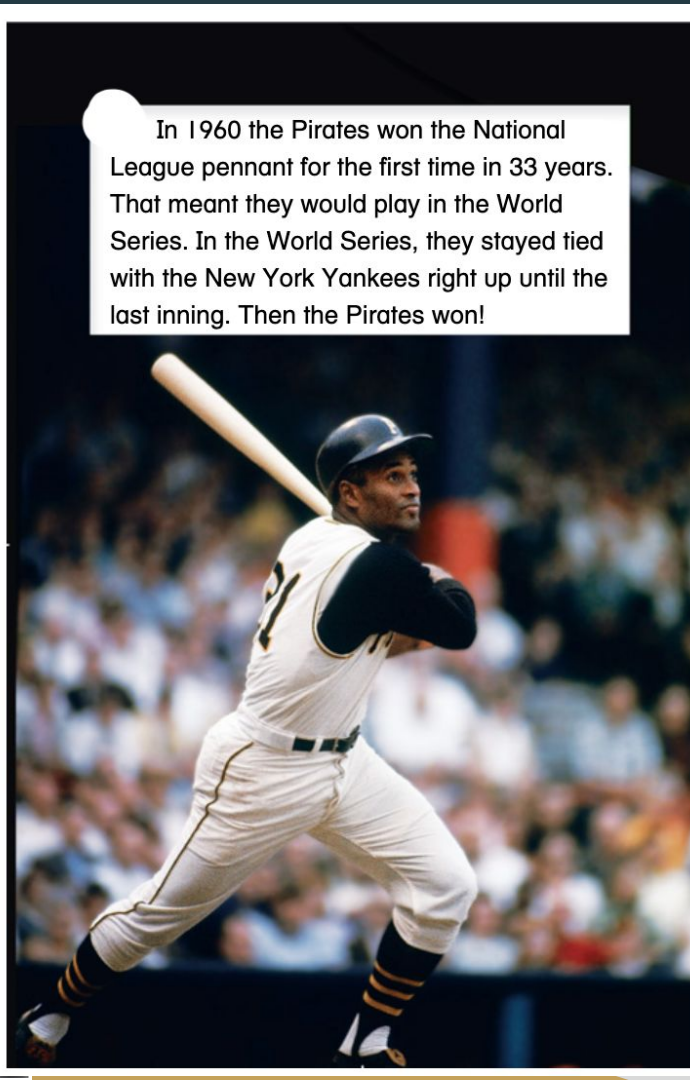
Clemente and other Black players could not stay in the same hotels as White players. They had to eat in different restaurants. Clemente defended players' rights to be treated equally.



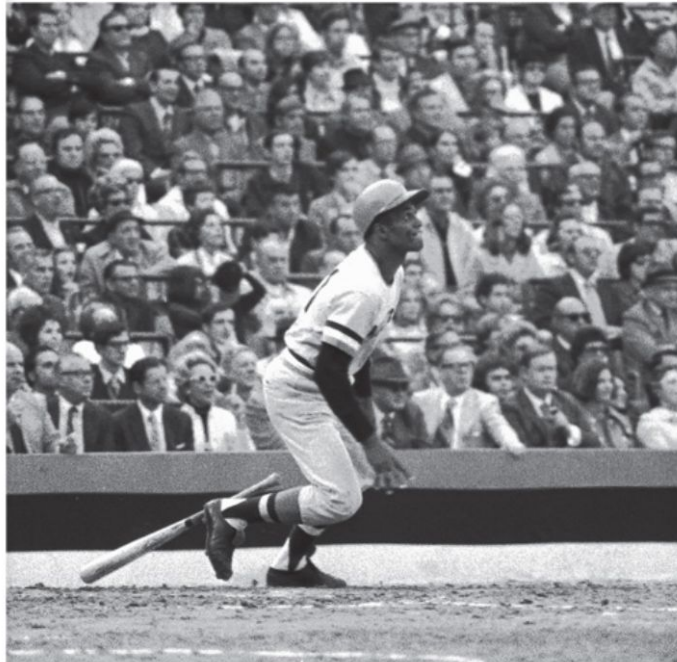
When he was 20, Clemente went to play for the Pittsburgh Pirates. In the outfield, he could catch nearly any ball. And he could throw the ball from the outfield all the way to home plate.



In 1960 the Pirates won the National League pennant for the first time in 33 years. That meant they would play in the World Series. In the World Series, they stayed tied with the New York Yankees right up until the last inning. Then the Pirates won!



By 1966 Clemente had won his sixth Gold Glove award. (He won 12 in all!) In 1971 he helped the Pirates win another World Series. He was named Most Valuable Player. In 1972 Clemente reached 3,000 hits.



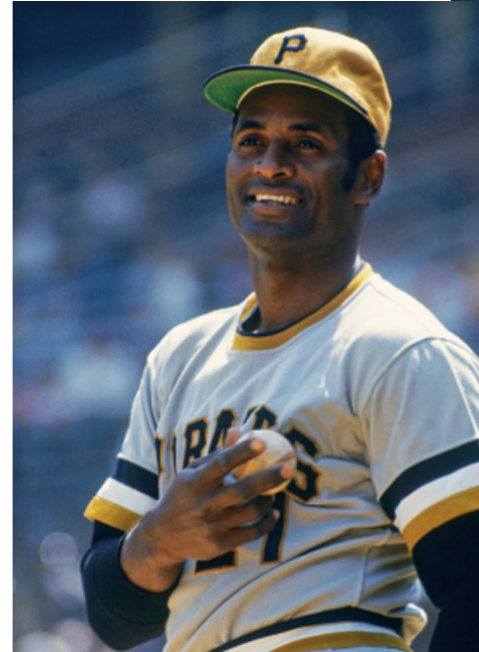
Clemente was a famous baseball player by then. But that didn't keep him from helping others. He went back home to Puerto Rico every winter and set up baseball clinics for kids. He took time to visit kids who were too sick to play. He tried to show them that if they worked hard at something, they could be winners too.



On December 31, 1972, an earthquake hit Nicaragua. Clemente raised money for food and medicine. He wanted to deliver it himself. He made plans to fly to Nicaragua.



But Clemente's plane crashed on the way to Nicaragua. He was 38 years old when he died. Clemente was a star athlete and a true hero. He inspired others to do their best.



Anytime you have an opportunity to make a difference in this world and you don't do it, you are wasting your time on this earth.

—Roberto Clemente