

## *Family Book Club*

### *Topic: Sports*

*The Field* by Baptiste Paul (E)

*Don't Throw It to Mo!* by David A. Adler (ER)

*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds (J series)

*The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander (J)

*Fast Pitch* by Nic Stone (J)

*They'll Never Catch Us* by Jessica Goodman (YA)

*Beartown* by Fredrik Backman (fiction)

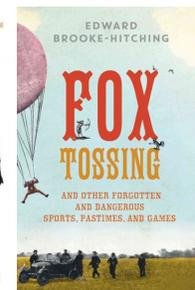
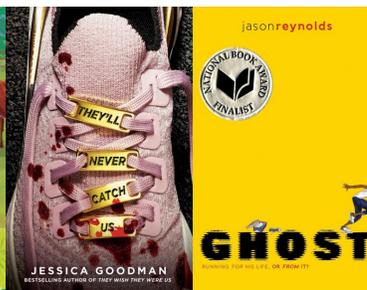
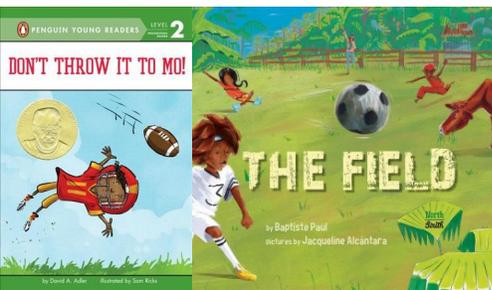
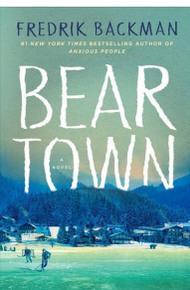
*National Geographic Kids Everything Sports* by Eric Zweig (J non-fiction)

*Games People Played: A Global History of Sport* by Wray Vamplew (non-fiction)

*Fox Tossing* by Edward Brooke-Hitching (non-fiction)



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## *Book Discussion Ideas*

Was the book a 'thumbs up' or a 'thumbs down' for you?

What three words would you use to describe the main character?

What three words would you use to describe where the book is set?

Who was your favorite character and why did you like them?

What did you think of the way the story ended?

What do you think happens to the characters next?

Did you learn anything new from reading the book?

Why do you think the author wanted to write this story?

If you could give the book another title, what would it be?

Would the book make a cool movie? Video game? TV show?





## *Sports Fun Facts*

The Olympic Games were first held in Ancient Greece more than two thousand years ago! The first modern Summer Olympic Games were held in Athens in 1896.

The Paralympic Games are organized in parallel with the Olympic Games. They first took place in Rome, Italy, in 1960 and featured 400 athletes from 23 countries. Since then they have taken place every four years, and now feature thousands of competitors from over 100 countries!

Swimming events for the first four Olympics were not held in pools, but in open water! The 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing were the first to feature a 10 km open water event.

Baseball outfields can vary significantly in size and shape! The only rule for professional teams is that the field must have a distance of at least 325 feet from home plate to the fences in left and right field and at least 400 feet to center. There are no rules at all about the height of fences at the edge of the outfield or the dimensions of foul territory!

Basketball was originally played with a soccer ball! The first balls made specifically for basketball were brown; the orange ball as we know it now was not introduced until the late 1950s.

Soccer (also called "football") is played by approximately 250 million players in over 200 countries and dependencies, making it the world's most popular sport to date!

The first American football match was played on November 6, 1869.  
It is now the most popular sport in the United States!