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**Story Elements Glove:**
Write the *story elements* on the fingers of the baseball glove.

**Character(s):** Who is this story about?
**Setting(s):** Where and when does it take place?
**Problem:** What happens to the main character?
**Solution:** How is the problem solved?
**Theme:** What is the main message? What did the characters learn or was there a moral to the story?

**After Reading:**
In the text, Rhino got hurt at baseball practice. Think about a time you got hurt. What were you doing when you got hurt? What injury did you get? How did you feel? Who helped you? How was the injury taken care of? Discuss with your adult.

**You Be the Author:**
On a separate piece of paper, re-tell the story of a time you got hurt using 3-5 complete sentences, including capitalization and punctuation. Be sure to include descriptive details about the story elements: characters, setting, problem, solution, and the theme, or what you learned from the experience.

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Caregiver Connections

Before Reading: Read the title of the book and explore the front and back covers, asking questions such as, “What do you think this book is about?” and “How do you think someone could be a dugout hero?”

During Reading: Stop occasionally to discuss the story elements in the text with your student. (see reverse)

After Reading: Help your student reflect on the problem and solution by asking, “What makes Little Rhino a dugout hero?” and “How can we support our friends and family when they have a problem?”
Be sure to read the “Dear Reader” letter with your student. Discuss why this letter is important to the story.

Creation Station:

Baseball Pennant: A pennant is a flag that is given each year to the top team in a league. Students, design one here that represents you, things you enjoy at school or at home, or something you have achieved:

Extension At Home: Using recycled materials, craft supplies, or pencil and paper, create a life-size pennant to decorate your space!

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