

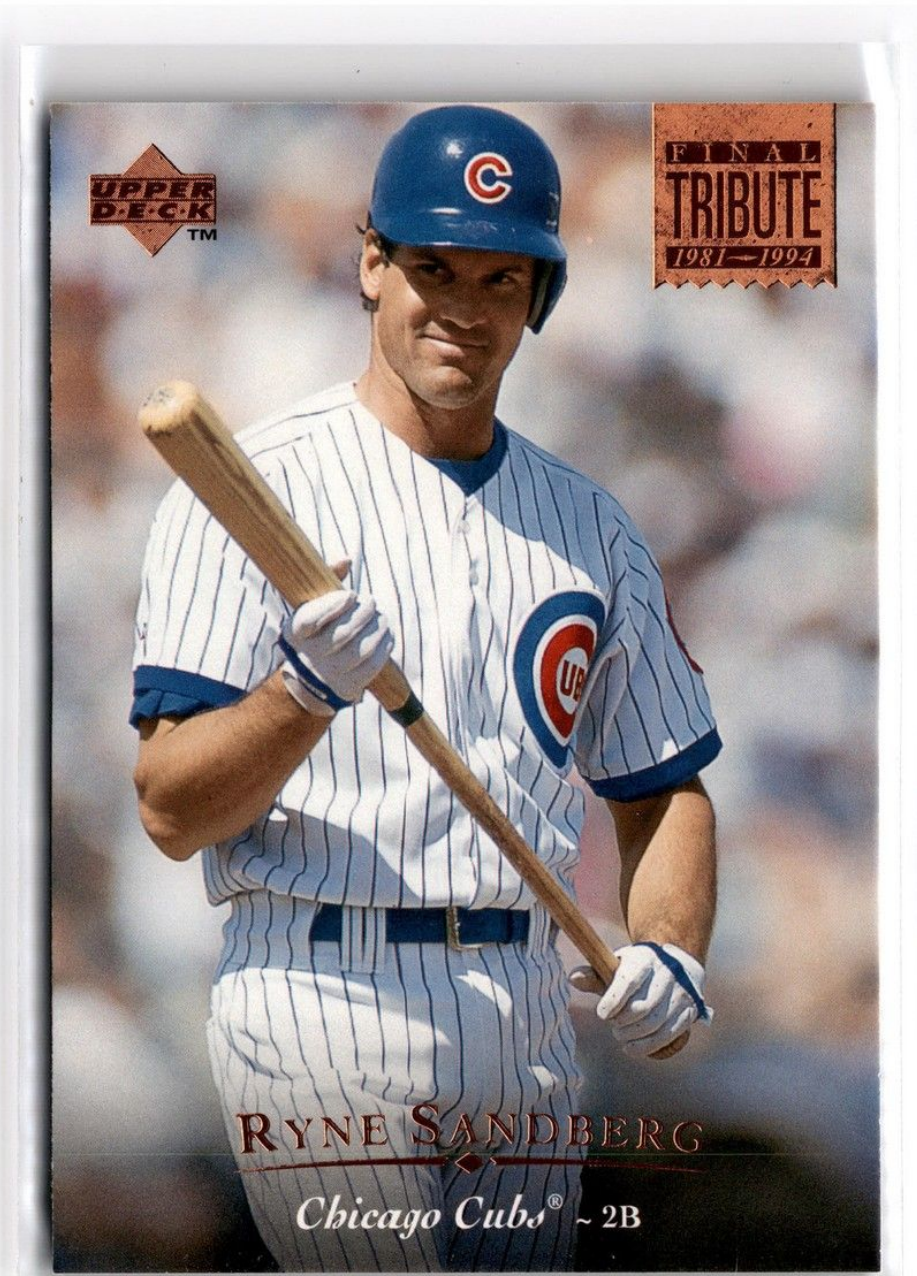
Sign for My Father, Who Stressed the Bunt

By [David Bottoms](#)

On the rough diamond,
the hand-cut field below the dog lot and barn,
we rehearsed the strict technique
of bunting. I watched from the infield,
the mound, the backstop
as your left hand climbed the bat, your legs
and shoulders squared toward the pitcher.
You could drop it like a seed
down either base line. I admired your style,
but not enough to take my eyes off the bank
that served as our center-field fence.

Years passed, three leagues of organized ball,
no few lives. I could homer
into the left-field lot of Carmichael Motors,
and still you stressed the same technique,
the crouch and spring, the lead arm absorbing
just enough impact. That whole tiresome
pitch
about basics never changing,
and I never learned what you were laying
down.

Like a hand brushed across the bill of a cap,
let this be the sign
I'm getting a grip on the sacrifice.



Cultural Safety

An environment which is culturally, psychologically, spiritually, physically and emotionally safe

Dudgeon, Bray, Smallwood, Walker & Dalton, 2020

When **Aboriginal people** are in environments and relationships where their

- presence is welcomed and respected
- experiences are believed and validated
- cultures are valued
- knowledges and skills are recognised and supported
- advice is listened to and acted upon
- they do not experience racism in any form
- shared respect, shared meaning, shared knowledge and experience, and dignity

Gollan & Stacey, 2021

Moving “from” —————→ “to”



- “Wants” of the system
- Intervention
- Pathology thinking
- Adultism (adult power)
- Outside kid
- Fragmented efforts
- Rely on experts
- Quick fix
- Punishment

- Needs of the child
- Prevention
- Wellness thinking
- Social equals (relationships)
- Inside kid
- Holistic efforts
- Rely on youth/practitioners
- Developmental
- Discipline

Reporting to Parents by *Teacher B*

Kindergarten Student, age 5 Written comments

- Billy knows 27/52 letters. He is excited about reading and makes connections.
- Billy loves to respond during small group read aloud. He notices and focuses on everything on the page. He loves to investigate and explore pictures and print.
- Billy loves to retell “If You Take a Mouse to the Movies”.
- As Billy trusts me more I am finding him listening and following directions as he is able.
- Billy has some focusing issues. It’s not that he doesn’t focus but he focuses on everything and attends to everything around him. He notices his world.

Courage Building

- **Care**
- **Clarify**
- **Create Solutions**



Adapted from Response Ability
Pathways (RAP) & Life Space
Crisis Intervention (LSCI)



There are two contradictory spiritual mindsets that influence our approach to persons who violate our values. Each of either acts like God's probation officer who sets out to stomp out sin or as a forgiven sinner who reaches out to brothers and sisters in need of redemption.

Alan Keith-Lucas