

On a hot day in June it is fun to go to a baseball game. Many kids in Boston like the Red Sox. Lots of people go to the games. They yell when someone on the home **team** smacks a home run or strikes out the side. They **eat** hot dogs and popcorn and drink lots of tonic. The fans like it best when the home **team** wins the game, but sometimes that does not happen.

When the Red Sox are not winning many games, some people like to tell an old tale about Babe Ruth. Babe Ruth used to play baseball for the Red Sox from 1914-1919. He was one of the greatest hitters of all time. He once hit the ball **more** than six-hundred feet. He hit 714 homeruns in his lifetime. He was also a **great** pitcher. He could strike out lots of batters. All the fans **loved** the Babe, but the children **loved** him most of all. He would visit children who were not well. Babe knew how to make kids smile.

Babe went to **play** for the **Yankees** in 1920. The Red Sox did not trade him. They sold him for lots of cash. The fans were quite mad and many kids were very sad. Some fans said that selling Babe would bring the Red Sox bad luck. When the Red Sox do not win, some people think the tale is **true even** today.