

Hey, students! Do you like math? There are lots of things that you can do to practice math and have fun while you are doing it! Here are some great games and activities that you can do if you are bored or want to get better at math:

Have a deck of playing cards? Play card games. Here are a few good ones.

- Play “WAR”. You can do this for addition or multiplication. Divide up the cards evenly between you and your partner. Lay the top card down and add/multiply the two numbers. Whoever says the correct answer first gets both cards. If you tie when you say the answer, then leave those two cards there, lay 3 more facedown and turn over the 4 card. Whoever gets that answer right gets all four of those cards, plus the 2 original cards that you tied on. The winner is the person who gets all the cards.
- “Leave Four”. Shuffle the cards and make 8 piles of cards facedown in front of you. Turn over the top card in each pile. You want to pick up three cards where the first two sum to the third. For example: you pick up a 3 and a 4 and a 7 because $3 + 4 = 7$. Put these cards aside. Keep turning over the top card in each pile and make sums. If a pile runs out of cards, take the top one from another pile to put there, so that you have 8 piles the whole game. If you get through all the cards and you have 4 or less cards left, you win the game. That is why it is called “Leave Four”
- Greatest or least? Divide the deck evenly between you and a partner. Take the top three/or more cards from your pile. Look at them yourself and make the greatest 3-digit number you can make and lay them down in front of you. Whoever has the greatest number gets all the cards. You can also play it and make the smallest number and you win the cards if you have the smallest.

If you have a couple of dice, you can do some fun games also!

- Roll the dice and add/multiply them together. Whoever says the correct answer first gets a point. Keep track of your points. After 10 rounds, whoever has the most points is the winner.
- Roll one die to get a number. Put 4 blanks on a sheet of paper. After you roll the die, put that number on one of the blanks. You can't move it once you put it on a blank! Keep rolling until you have a complete number. See who has the biggest/smallest number and they win a point. Again do it for 10 rounds and see who has the most points.

There are many fun math websites to play games on at home. Here are a few that have lots of fun games:

- www.funbrain.com
- www.coolmath4kids.com
- www.aplusmath.com