Number Game

Being able to read a written number aloud correctly is an important skill to master. In this activity, you'll use a deck of cards to form numbers and practice saying them out loud. Start with two-digit numbers, and work your way up to larger creations. Help your child build confidence while working together, or play competitively if you're looking for a challenge.

What You Need:

- One deck of playing cards (Print a deck.)

What You Do:

1. Remove all tens and face cards from the deck. Shuffle the remaining cards. (In this game, aces will = 1.)
2. Flip two cards over and place them side by side in front of your child.
3. Ask your child to read the number formed by the two cards aloud. For example, a 2 next to a 3 would be read, "twenty-three."
4. If your child reads the cards correctly, allow them to keep the cards. If not, return the cards to the deck.
5. Play until the deck is empty and your child has all of the cards. They've won!

Variations:

- Play cooperatively. Take turns flipping over cards. Try to make it through the deck without making any errors.
- Play competitively. Have one or two players deal while two players race to say the number first.
- Increase the number of cards used, and the size of the number to be read.
- Add in decimals or monetary values. Create a template on a piece of paper by drawing rectangles to represent where the cards go and a decimal and/or money sign in an appropriate place. Flip over cards into this template.

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