

Play Ice Cream Addition!

Knowing basic math facts is important for future math success, and there's no such thing as too much practice. Looking for another way to get your child learning his basic addition facts? Play Ice Cream Addition! Here's a math game to keep you and your child school cool during this hot summer. All you need is dice, the ice cream worksheet, and some crayons! Roll the dice, add up the terms, and color in all the pieces of your ice cream cone to win.

Ice Cream Addition is a great game to play in pairs or small groups, and can help your child learn some math vocabulary while boosting his basic addition skills.

What You Need:

- Dice
- Pencil
- Blank paper
- Crayons
- Ice Cream Worksheet

Terms to Know:

- *Addend*: the numbers to be added
- *Sum*: the answer you get by adding numbers together

What You Do:

1. Print enough copies of the Ice Cream Worksheet so that every player has one.
2. Determine who goes first. The first player will roll the dice. On a blank sheet of paper, the player will then write the addition problem out using the numbers he rolled as the addends. If he rolled a 3 and 4, for instance, he would write the problem this way: $3 + 4 = 7$.
3. The first player will then color the sum on the ice cream cone. In the example $3 + 4 = 7$, 7 is the sum and would be colored on the cone.
4. The next player rolls the dice to determine his addends, writes the addition problem, and colors in his sum.
5. Continue playing with each player taking turns. If someone rolls a sum that is already colored on his sheet, he loses that turn. Try to use the math vocabulary as you play this game and see how quickly you learn these new words.
6. The first player to sum up all his problems and color in his entire ice cream cone wins the game!

Celebrate by eating some real, delicious ice cream for a treat!

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