

Number Sense: A Card Game

Your kindergartener will love this number sense game! All you need is a deck of cards to get started.

Once each player is dealt a starting hand, it's time to take turns peeling cards from the deck. Each round begins with one player turning over a card from the deck and placing it face up on the discard pile. If opposing players have cards in their hands that match that number, they need to abandon them to the discard pile. Whoever has the most cards at the end, wins.

This game is easy for kindergarten kids to follow, and it works number sense in a fun way. Number recognition a key goal for kindergarten, and this activity is the perfect way to master it! Skill:

- Number recognition & matching

What You Need:

- Deck of cards

What You Do:

1. One player serves as the dealer. This player shuffles the cards and distributes 4 cards to each player. This is their hand. The remaining cards are placed face down in the center of the play area.
2. Player 1 must turn over the top card from the deck and place it face up in a discard pile. If any players, excepting player 1, have a matching card(s), they must add it to the discard pile. After all matches have been played, the next player takes a turn from the deck.
3. Play until only one player has cards left or the deck is depleted. The player with the most cards left wins.

Variations:

- Play multiple rounds before deciding on a winner. Play best out of 3 rounds, or award one point for each round won.
- Deal every player more cards. (Let's say, 5. Or 6.) Use two decks if playing with a large group.
- The first player to match all of their cards wins.



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