



10 Ways To... Practice Math Facts

1. **Dice & Domino Equations- Dice Equations:** Give your child two dice to roll and make an addition or multiplication problem with the numbers on the dice. **Domino Equations:** Put several dominoes in a brown lunch sack. Have your child pull a domino out of the bag and make an equation from the numbers on either side of the domino. You may choose to have your child write the equations on a piece of paper so you can check them later.
2. **Math War-** Remove the face cards from a regular deck of playing cards. Shuffle the cards and place them face down between two or more players. Each player chooses two cards and adds or multiplies the numbers on the cards. The player with the highest answer takes all of the cards. If the numbers are the same, both players choose two more cards, and the player with the highest answer takes all the cards.
3. **Magnetic Number Facts-** Supply your child with a package of magnetic numbers and a cookie sheet. Call out a math fact and have your child replicate the math fact on the cookie sheet with the numbers. To make homework more interesting, have your child do math homework problems using the magnetic numbers.
4. **Mathematical "I Spy"-** While driving down the road, have your child find numbers on signs, storefronts and vehicle tags. Make addition, subtraction or multiplication problems with the numbers.
5. **Equation Concentration-** Create a Math Memory game with twenty 3"x5" cards. Write equations on ten index cards. On the other ten cards, write the corresponding answers to the questions. Shuffle and place the cards face down on the playing surface. The first player chooses two cards. If they match, he keeps both cards and chooses again. If they do not match, then he puts the cards back and the next player chooses. Play continues until all of the cards are chosen. The player with the most cards wins.



6. **EGG-celent Equations-** Recycle a used egg carton and two beans for this basic fact review. Write the numbers 1-12 in the bottom of each egg compartment. Get two beans and place them inside the egg carton. Shake the closed carton and have the child make an addition or multiplication equation from the numbers on which the beans land.
7. **Beach Ball Math-** With a black marker, draw lines on a beach ball. Separate each colored section into two or three more sections. In each section, write a number 0-10. Throw the ball to your child. When s/he catches the ball, have him/her look at the number written in the section where his thumbs landed. He then adds, subtracts or multiplies those two numbers.
8. **Grocery Math Game-** While shopping in the grocery store, have your child solve math problems by comparing the labels on different products. For example: How much more sodium does this soup have then that soup? How many more fat grams are in these cookies than those cookies?
9. **Baseball Card Comparison-** Collect several baseball cards and ask your child questions based on the information for each player. For example: How many more runs did one player have than another? What was the difference in their ERA's?
10. **Newspaper Math-** Have your child look through a newspaper and cut out as many numbers as s/he can find. Give him/her a piece of blank paper and have him/her choose two numbers. Glue the numbers onto the blank page, insert an addition, subtraction, multiplication or division sign in the middle of them, and solve.

