

Make Math Fun and Meaningful



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- **Non-profit based in Oakland, CA**
- **Working in schools since 1980 and after school since 1995**
- **Mission-driven**

A COMMITMENT TO THE WHOLE CHILD

ACADEMIC Achievement

SOCIAL Skills

ETHICAL Development

EMOTIONAL Well-being



Goals

- To explore and experience ways to integrate mathematics into your school program
- To discuss the ways children learn academically and socially
- To have fun!

Agenda

Experience some math games

- Learn and teach some math games
- Experience a math-related read aloud and activity

Play “Beach Ball Multiplier”

Group Size:

Whole group

Goal of the game:

To throw the ball to each player in the circle while practicing multiplication facts

NCTM Standards 3-5: “Beach Ball Multiplier”

Number and Operations Standard:

- Understand the effects of multiplying and dividing whole numbers
- Develop fluency with basic number combinations for multiplication and division and use these combinations to mentally compute problems

Play “Target”

Group Size:

Groups of 2, 3 or 4

Goal of the game:

To remove all the cards by finding combinations of cards that equal the target number

The Leader's Role

The Leader's Goals:

- Support children's math learning
- Support children's social learning
- Make the activities fair and fun for all

BEFORE the Game, Story, or Activity

DURING the Game, Story, or Activity

AFTER the Game, Story, or Activity

Each One Teach One

Group Size: 4 (2 pairs)

To do:

- One pair chooses “Funny Bug” and the other chooses “Rectango.”
- Prepare to teach your game to the other pair. Read all the pages about the game and practice playing it. Keep the Leader’s Role in mind (**Before**, **During**, and **After** the Game).
- Take turns teaching the games, and play the other pair’s game.

Read *My Very Own Room*

- Introduce the story
- Read the Story
- Discuss the story
- Connect to the story

Close

“Math is like love – a simple idea
but it can get complicated.”

– Unknown