

Addition War & Subtraction War

Materials: Full deck of cards (1-10 only) or Set of number cards from school

Addition War Directions:

1. Two or more players can play. Shuffle the deck of cards and place the deck in the middle of players.
2. Each player takes 2 cards and adds them together (finds the total). Next, each player says their sum (total) out loud. For example, player 1 may say "4 and 5 makes 9".
3. The player with the highest sum wins and keeps all of the cards used for that round. If there is a tie, each player must take two more cards and try again. The winner keeps the entire set of cards from both rounds.
4. Keep playing until one person gains all of the cards. If you run out of time, count your decks and determine who ended up with the most cards at the end of the game.

Subtraction War Directions:

Follow step 1 from above.

2. Each player takes 2 cards and finds the difference. For example, if player one gets a 7 and a 2, he would say $7-2=5$ or 7 take away 2 equals 5. Remember to use the higher number as the starting number and take away the smaller number.
3. The player with the largest difference (answer) wins! For example, if player one says $7-2=5$ and player 2 says $8-7=1$, player 1 would win because a difference of 5 is greater than 1. Player 1 would take all of the cards from that round. If there is a tie, try again.
4. Continue to play until one player gains all of the cards. If you run out of time, count your decks and determine who ended up with the most cards at the end of the game.