# Wild \& Wacky Workstations for K-2 Classrooms 

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## Goals of Session

- Provide workstation ideas and activities for place value, number operations, and algebraic reasoning that can easily be incorporated into classrooms
- Meet the needs of ALL students while incorporating higher level thinking skills, problem solving, student accountability, and fun!


## That's True About Me!

- I flew to Nashville!
- I'm a $1^{\text {st }}$ Grade teacher!
- I enjoyed live music last night!
- I'm a Pre-K/Kindergarten teacher!
- I'm a football fan!
- I'm a 2nd Grade teacher!
- This is my first NCTM conference!
- I'm an instructional coach or specialist!


## Research States Games...

- Provide rich contexts for mathematical learning and thinking (Fosnot, 2001)
- Explore certain mathematical ideas (Fosnot, 2001)
- Help students use strategies to construct an understanding of numbers
- Learn to apply computational skills to problem-solving situations (Burns, 2007)


## Research States Practice...

- Provides opportunities to develop conceptual ideas and more elaborate and useful connections
- Provides opportunities to develop alternative and flexible strategies
- Provides greater chance for ALL students to understand
- Sends the message that math is about figuring things out and making sense


## Manipulatives \& Handout

- Bottle Caps
- Deck of Cards
- Dice
- Egg Cartons
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## Bottle Caps

- Know My Number


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## Addition in Reverse

| Players | Materials | Directions | Variations |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 or more | - 2 sets <br> of <br> bottle <br> caps <br> labeled <br> 0-9 | - Draw a digit. <br> - Use this number as the sum in a number sentence and find all the combinations of numbers that make up the drawn number. | - Use two digits to make the sum. |

## Know My Number

## Know My Number

My Number is $\qquad$ Is it odd or even? $\qquad$

| 1 More | 1 less | 10 More | 10 less | 100 More | 100 Less |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |



| Players | Materials |
| :---: | :--- |
| 1 | 1 set of bottle caps <br> labeled with digits <br> $1-9$ |
| Variations |  |
|  | $?$ |



## Deck of Cards

## - 15

- Salute




## 15

| Players | Materials | Directions | Variations |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 2 to 4 | -2 decks <br> of cards <br> per pair <br> of <br> players | -Players take turns to show <br> their 3 cards and add the <br> value of the cards. <br> -If the total is 15, the player <br> can keep their cards. If it is <br> not 15 the cards are <br> returned to the dealer and <br> shuffled into the deck for <br> the next round. <br> -Play continues for a set <br> time. The winner is the <br> player with the most cards <br> when play finishes. |  |

## Salute

| Players | Materials | Directions | Variations |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 | 1 deck of cards (Jacks represent 11, Queens represent 12, Kings represent 13, and Aces represent 14) | - Two players will face each other and the cards are dealt evenly to them. The third person will sit where they can see the other two players. <br> - The third player will say "Salute" and the two players will turn over the top card, holding it to their forehead so the other person can see. <br> - The third player announces the sum and the other two players try to be the first one to guess their own number. <br> - The winner takes both cards. Players will rotate positions so everyone plays every position. | - Students can write their own word problem using a set of numbers from the game. These could be put in another workstation for students to solve or be use as a warm up. <br> - Change operation to multiplication, subtraction, or division. |

## Dice

- Create a Problem
- Roll \& Make




## Create a Problem



| Players | Materials |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Decahedron dice |
| Directions |  |
| - Roll to make 2 or 3 digit <br> number. <br> - Use the digits and one symbol <br> to create a number sentence <br> and word problem. |  |
| Variations |  |
|  |  |

## Roll \& Make



Show Your Number as a Number Bond

Show Your Number on a Number Line

Show Your Number as a Strip Diagram

| Players | Materials |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 to 4 | 6 Ones (0-9) Place <br> Value Dice or <br> regular dice |
| Directions |  |
| - Roll to make 2 or 3 digit <br> number. <br> - Use the digits and one <br> symbol to create a number <br> sentence and word problem. |  |
| Variations |  |
| ? |  |

## Egg Cartons

- Number Shake
- Shake \& Subtract




## Number Shake

## Players

Directions

## Variations

- Place three tokens in the egg carton to randomly select three multiple representations at one time.
- After generating a representation for 3 to 4 numbers, have students order and/or compare using the representations.
- Make two or three digit numbers.
- Draw representations on index cards to make Memory, Matching, or Concentration game.


## Shake \& Subtract

| Players | Materials | Directions | Variations |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | -Egg carton <br> - Pencil <br> - Paper | - Place 3 coins labeled with a "10", "100" and " 1,000 " (one each in the egg carton. <br> -Shake carton, open, and record the number. Repeat, and subtract the digits. | -Change the place value to two places. |

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