

# Mrs. Vlodaver's Math Newsletter

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In May, our math class primarily focused on reviewing and reinforcing skills taught this year. These included understanding place value, telling time to the nearest five minutes, working with money, and basic math operations such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. I encourage students to continue to practice these skills over the summer.

### **Great Ways to Improve Recall of Basic Math Facts This Summer**

#### 1. Top-It

Just like playing regular war, divide up a deck of cards between two players, removing the face cards. Keep the ace; it is a one for this game. Each player puts two cards down and adds them up, or subtracts them. The largest sum or difference wins. Play with multiplication to practice multiplication facts 1-10. When both players have cards that result in the same answer, they put down two more cards each and find that sum or difference. The winner of the second round takes all the cards.

#### 2. Dice Games

For this easy game, simply take two dice and roll them. Multiply, add, or subtract the two numbers. The highest number in each round wins.

#### 3. Some good websites for math games include:

- <http://www.playkidsgames.com/mathGames.htm>
- <http://www.oswego.org/ocsd-web/games/Mathmagician/cathymath.html>
- <http://www.arcademickillbuilders.com/games/>

**I've enjoyed working with your children. Have a great summer!**