



Why Math Partner Games?

These are the three main benefits to having all kids play the same math partner game at the same time: 1) You can conduct mini-lessons and strategy discussions around shared experiences before and after game play, 2) You can focus on facilitating critical thinking and observing students' problem solving attempts during game play, and 3) Students play the same game for a week, so you have lots of targeted opportunities for reinforcing higher-level thinking skills, identifying and addressing misconceptions, and scaffolding student learning. Click the product for your grade level on the previous page to download the free preview to read how you can get started with math partner games.

There are so many games included in these products that you can play some during math partner game routines, use some as small group lessons or whole class lesson activities, place some in your math centers, and even send some home for students to play with their families! The game cards and resources can double as student manipulatives during math lessons. Each and every game features:

- Integration of higher-level thinking & critical thinking skills (not just rote practice)
- Hands-on activities in which kids actively construct knowledge: no worksheets!
- Options for open-ended game play so students are not "finished" until time is up
  Challenge activities to extend game play and/or differentiate it
- -"Math Talk" questions/prompts to encourage students to analyze strategies and reflect orally or in writing about what they're learning

These two player math games were created for (not retro-fitted to) the increased rigor of the CCSS, so they will be challenging for most students. The games are designed to help you model and reinforce the math practices and core content skills that students will need when solving complex, multi-step word problems. Here's what you'll get in the product download:

\* 20 pages of info and forms that contain everything you need to get started with math partner games. There are blank partner game lists, tips (with photos!) for how to create/ store/ organize/ distribute/ collect the games, and lots of ideas for how the games can be used for skill-based mini lessons and math journal reflections.

\* 10-15 pages of game instructions (depending on the grade level): there's one page for each game, featuring the materials needed, directions for game play, a Challenge activity, Math Talk questions/prompts, the CCSS alignment, and student-friendly "I Can" statements.

\* 30 (or more) pages of sports all-stars game boards and mats, game cards, spinners, and other colorful and fun materials for game play. Most of the materials are openended and can be used in lots of different ways so you have fewer items to print and create.





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