

Capture

Goal: Recognize visual number patterns; compare numbers to determine the greater value, and associate number names, quantities, and written numerals.

Materials: Cards with a variety of number representations, such as numerals, dot arrangements, five-frames, ten-frames, shapes and others.

Number of Players: 2

Directions:

1. Players divide the cards evenly and place their cards face down in a pile in front of them.
2. This game is played in rounds. On each round, players turn over their top card and announce the number on the card.
3. Players compare numbers to determine which card has the greater value. The player with the card of greater value “captures” the other player’s card and keeps it in a discard pile.
4. Play ends when all the cards have been played. Players count the cards in their discard piles to determine which player has won the game. As a non-competitive option, play is over (and can begin again after mixing cards) when all the cards have been played.

Variations:

- Players compare cards and the player with the lesser value wins the round.
- Play Addition Capture with two cards and the player who has the greater sum wins the round.
- Play Multiplication Capture with two cards and the player who has the greater product wins the round.