Simple Math Card Games

Card Sort – Cards are perfect to use to practice sorting! Sort the cards by suit, colour and numbers. If you are in Grade One, try sorting the cards by odds and evens.

Put in Order – Practice counting and ordering numbers. Start with a few at a time. As you get better, you can time yourself to see how fast you can put a large group of cards in numerical order.

Go Fish – This is a great number identification game!

Play with Patterns – Use the different suits, colours, or face cards to create math patterns. ABC, AABB, ABAB are some patterns that we have learned in class.

Make Ten – This will help students start to understand addition and subtraction. Set out cards and have kids combine them to make as many tens as they can. Kindergarteners can use the graphics on the cards to help them check to see if they are correct.

War – Comparing number values helps kids develop number sense!

Hi Low – Grade One students can play a variation of War called Hi Low. Instead of turning over 1 card, each player turns over 2 and adds them (or subtracts them). The player with the higher answer wins.