

FAMILY MATH FUN

Handouts and Directions



How to Play: **Card Sorts**

Note to Families: This sorting game is similar to activities that we do in class using a variety of objects. When you play the game together at home, be sure to give your child time to think about different ways to sort the cards. Please keep both the game directions and the number cards in a safe place at home for continued use.

Number of Players: 2-4

Materials: Standard deck of cards

Student sorts cards in a number of different ways:

- according to suits (hearts, clubs, spades, diamonds).
- according to numbers (all 2's in one pile, all 5's in one pile, etc.)
- according to black/red
- according to numbers/letters (J, Q, K, A)
- according to faces/no faces (same as letters/numbers)
- any other way your student can find to sort

Or, the adult may sort the cards and ask his or her student to figure out the rule that was used to sort the cards.

When a sort is completed and identified, have your student put the cards in numerical order, and/or pose ideas such as these:

- Show me a card that tells how old you are
- Show me a card that shows how many letters are in your first name.
- Show me a card that has a number smaller than 5.
- Show me card that tells how many people are in our family.