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Summer's in full swing but it's time to start thinking ahead! Reach for the gold with these featured Math & Literacy resources from Box Cars

From Authors John and Jane



Welcome back to the start of your new school year! Starting this new school year we at Box Cars are committed to providing a monthly newsletter with features that will be helpful to your teaching and beneficial to your students.

Each month the newsletter will contain:

1. A message and teaching support ideas from Authors Jane and John Felling.
2. Free Games - one for primary and upper elementary to be used during the month in your classrooms and to send home for practice.
3. Consultant's Corner - we have an awesome team of teacher consultants that we are very proud of - we will feature one of them each month, their favorite games and teaching tips.
4. Fun Factoids & Trivia - We're all about fun here at Box Cars, and what is more fun than trivia related to games, the math world, and special days of the month?? Some may contain links to useful websites for further exploration and fun.
5. Million Dollar Math on a Dollar Store Budget - this is my new favorite workshop topic and I love sharing my favorite ideas, and ideas that teachers have shared with me.
6. Featured Items of the Month from our resource catalogue - we want to provide one monthly special to our loyal followers! This will be embedded in the newsletter at the bottom of the page.

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Topic of the Month: Using a Math games Journal in your classroom

Many of the games in our resources include teaching tips and suggest journal drawing/writing questions that can be used after playing and experience with the games. Extensions for whole class sharing are also included. Journal work can be used for assessment, planning the next concept to be taught, and for differentiating the games and activities the next time the game is played or a follow up subsequent lesson. Click on our [Journal Masters](#) and start students building their math games journal at the start of the year.

Games of the Month!



Look here for our favorite simple card games for fact fluency practice. These are great for review of addition and multiplication. These games are great for home practice, after school programs, and to teach at a Family Math Night Event. These favorites have been around since 1989 and were featured in our first publications of *Shuffling into Math* and *All Hands on Deck*.



Primary Level: [Addition Face Off](#)

[Junior Star](#)

[Traveler](#)

Upper Elementary Level: [Multiplication Scramble](#)

[SuperStar Traveler](#)

Consultants' Corner

~ Allison P. Riddle ~



"Pair, Share and Be Fair!"
[Click HERE for Allison's Teaching and Consulting Background](#)

"My Favorite game is MYSTERY ROLL. [\[Click HERE for Game Rules\]](#) from *Math Attack*, using the 30 sided dice. I usually have 30+ kids in my class, and this game is so fun to differentiate to meet the needs of all my students. For students who catch on quickly, I offer a second die so the range doubles from 2 to 60.

With the depth of understanding and mastery required by our new standards, this game offers the perfect opportunity for students to share their reasoning and thinking as well as critique the reasoning of the other students. The conversations during this game are rich and help students develop analytical skills. As an added bonus, this game generates data that can then be analyzing by each trio so that students can apply their understanding of range, mean, median and mode. I seriously love this game!

Journal Questions I offer after Mystery Roll:

What was the most interesting round and WHY? How did you use the two other players' predictions to make or change your own?

Give an example of a round where you changed your prediction. WHY did you change?

What did you notice about the RANGE of each round?

Did a higher or a lower range make it more difficult to predict correctly?

If you could change this game, what would you do?"

[\[Click HERE for a Student Journal Sample\]](#)

$$1+2=3$$

FUN Factoids!

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Click The Links in the Coloured Boxes for Math & Literacy Integration Activities and Fun Trivia!

And click [HERE](#) for our Professional Workshop Calendar

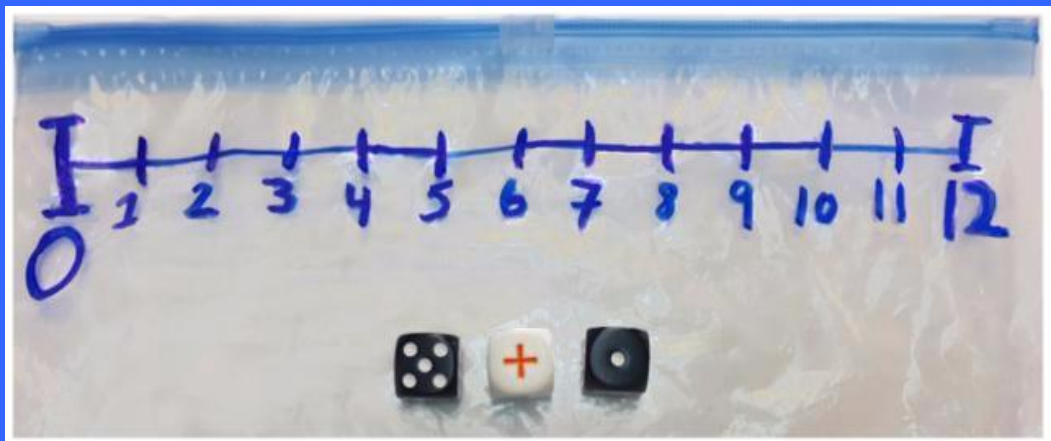
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Try Baking With Your Kids! 	5 Olympics Begin!  Rio 2016 Click HERE for Fun Math and Geography Facts!	6
7	8	9	10 Which animals are the laziest? Lazy Day! 	11	12	13
14	15	16 It's Dad's time to shine! Tell a Joke Day 	17	18 Write a bad poem of your own! 	19	20 Do you know your 'A BEE C's'? Honeybee Day 
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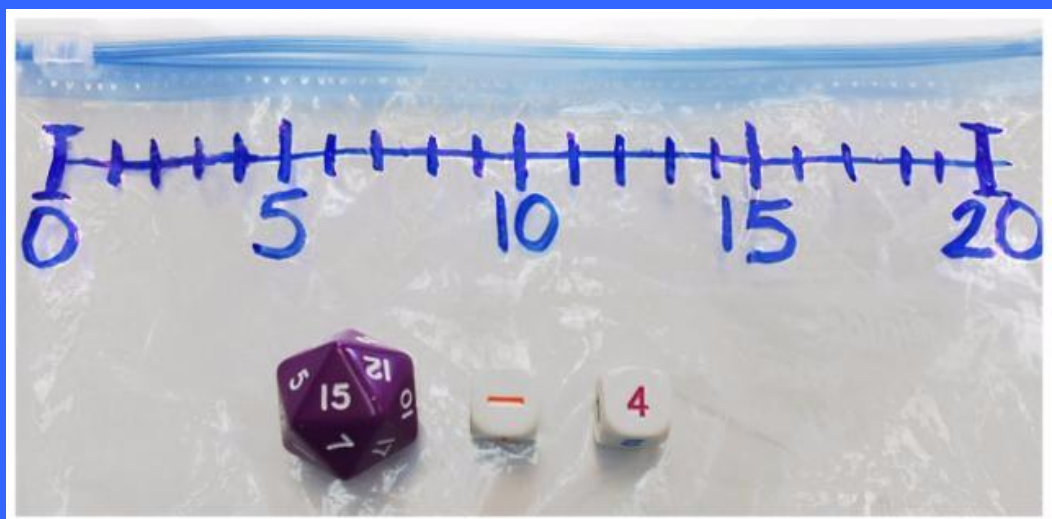
\$\$ Million Dollar Math on a Dollar Store Budget \$\$

Freezer Bag Number lines - Use for Fact Fluency (thanks to Jennifer Hood TX for sharing her idea with me!) These are super easy to make using different sizes of zippered freezer bags, permanent markers, and multisided dice. We always include a +/- two function operation dice along with regular or multisided dice. Makes an easy, perfect fact fluency center, and instantaneously DIFFERENTIATING!

Students start with zipper at 0, roll dice combination $5 + 1$.
Put zipper tab on 5, slide forward one notch = 6.

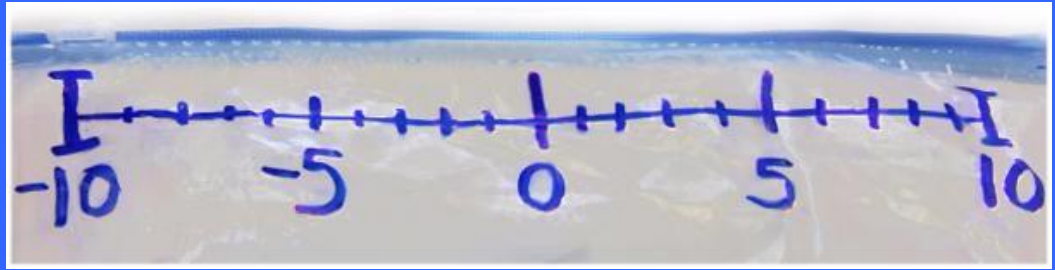


Or use a larger number scale:



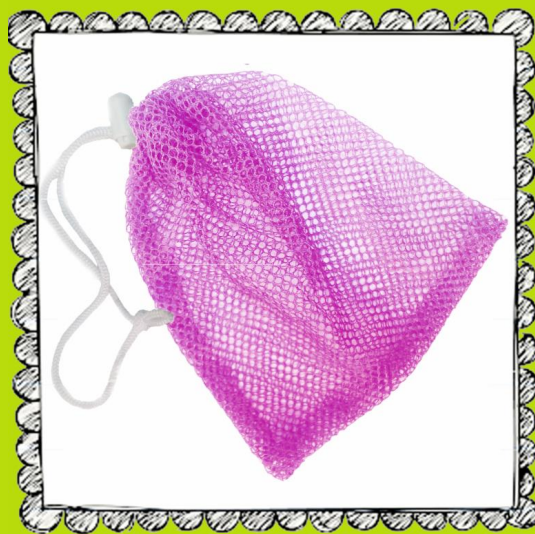


Also great for practicing Negative Numbers!



Students love to work the zipperlock and they glide easily making number line work fun!

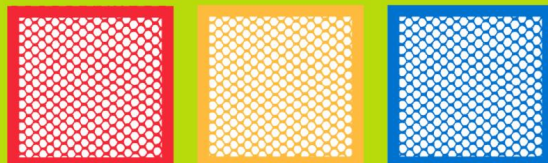
Sweet Deals of the Month!



These handy mesh bags are perfect for organizing dice, dominoes and other items you may have around the class. The toggles pull tight. Washable.

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This Month: Buy one Set of 10, Get the Second Set of 10 1/2 Off! *



Medium Size: 7" (w) x 5" (l)



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Scan the QR code for a little demonstration of our mesh bags in action, featuring Jane herself!



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