



Happy Second Day of Fall!

Our games this week pay tribute to the Dallas Stars, who are currently in Edmonton's Hockey Bubble playing against Tampa Bay for the Stanley Cup. The "stars" didn't align for our own Edmonton Oilers team this year :(We were sad to see them out so early, but we now have our STARS to cheer for. Edmonton (and by extension, our home province of Alberta) has always had strong ties to Texas due to our oil connections, so it makes sense that now, during the Stanley Cup Final, we're cheering for the Dallas Stars - sorry Tampa! And the crazy thing is, they're literally playing just a few miles from our office and warehouse. What a strange year indeed!

As you will see, we've adapted this week's games to become "hockey-fied", but you could pick any sport that resonates with your students: football, basketball, soccer, baseball, etc. Play as your favorite team! We've had students come up with clever

sports-themed rule twists: penalties, tie rolls, scoring goals....all kinds of clever ideas to make the games more engaging!

So for this newsletter, we are re-filming our favourite style of game for both the primary and upper levels: Horse Race. Horse Race style games are easily adapted for virtual/home play because students only need two pairs of dice (as long as they are different colors) and the attached PDF gameboards. Since many students have gaps in their concepts due to time away from school, these would make great go-to games for practice.

Have fun watching us play out this week's games with specially made Dallas Star dice trays!

PRIMARY

[Adding Horse Race Featuring DALLAS STARS Trays](#)

Materials: a [Dice Tray](#) OR two pairs of differently colored regular dice

Skills: Addition of 2 or 3 addends

Grade Levels: 1-3

Reproducibles: [Gameboard for Horse Race/Warp 18](#)

UPPER ELEMENTARY

[NHL Style Fraction Horse Race](#)

Materials: Dice Tray OR two pairs of differently colored regular dice

Skills: Fraction equivalency, Comparing less than/greater than for fractions

Grade levels: 5-6

Reproducibles: [Rules and Fraction Estimator Chart](#), [Gameboard](#)

BONUS Edmonton Oilers Math: Can you guess the percentage of blue vs. white. vs. orange dice in this dice design?





Answer:

Total dice: 633 Dice Used

White dice: 340 or 54%

Blue dice: 267 or 42%

Orange Dice: 26 or 4%

Please email jane@boxcarsandoneeyedjacks.com if you have any suggestions for what you'd like to see or topics you'd like us to feature. Additionally, make sure to check out our previous COVID newsletters that we posted from March through June (link below). There are well over 50 videos, games and PDF gameboards that you can use in your teaching. Note that all these resources are free to use and share with your families and colleagues.

What's New In Box Cars Land

Due to the continued demand for individualized student sets, we have created 6 new custom student sets, now on sale! As always, each set comes in its own easy-to-sanitize mesh bag. Check out our [Custom Student Set page](#) or click the images below for more information! Bulk discounts apply.



PreK-Kindergarten



Primary Place Value



Primary Operations



Upper Elem Place Value



Upper Elem Operations



Literacy

Don't forget - we have upcoming open webinars scheduled for later this month! If you're interested in a quick 90 minute ZOOM professional development webinar, please click the links below for information or to register.

Click the tiles below to see our [Back-to School SALE page](#), our [Custom Student Set page](#), our bank of previous ["Math at Home" resources](#), and our [Webinar page](#), which features information on our new Muffins N' Math series of Saturday morning webinars. Check it out!

Muffins N' Math: Box Cars "Saturdays"





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