



box cars and one-eyed jacks

Hello everyone,

Congratulations to our Canadian teachers for getting through their first month of school, and to all our US teachers for getting through the first month and a half. This must be the hardest year of your professional lives. Thank you for your hard work, patience, and dedication.

We have been quite busy here in Edmonton. In just this past week, we have been to the Yukon, British Columbia and Ontario. One upside to virtually presenting is that we can literally do workshops across the continent at the drop of a hat! Of course, we truly miss workshoping in person and connecting with you face to face - nothing beats that.

We've been getting several requests for games that parents can do with their kids, as well as for ideas on how to socially distance hands-on games in classrooms. This week, we are revisiting the basic Face Off style games with those requests in mind. Face off style games are great for helping rebuild the gaps that have accrued in student's math fundamentals since last March. It is one of the easiest games to differentiate: all you have to do is expand or limit the range of cards used. Our hope is that your students will play some variation of Face Off every day. If we were still doing in-person Family Math Nights, we would certainly be teaching these games to the parents and kids in attendance. As such, attached below is the parent-friendly version of the rules for at-home practice.

Thanks again for all your continued feedback and support, as always it is truly appreciated. ALL HANDS ON DECK... GET PLAYING!

PRIMARY

[Face Off Style Games for Parents](#)

Face Off Style Games for Parents

Materials: Regular cards*, fun foam

Skills: Addition, Subtraction and Place Value

Grade Levels: 1-3

Reproducibles: [Place Value Mats Tens/Ones](#), [Place Value Mats Hundreds/Tens/Ones](#), [Race Off Rules For FAMILIES](#)

*Note that this game can be differentiated upwards and downwards by adjusting the range of cards used. For younger students or for students with significant gaps in fluency, use only cards Ace (one) through 6.

UPPER ELEMENTARY

Face Off Style Games for Parents

Materials: Regular Cards

Skills: Multiplication and Fractions

Grade levels: 4-6

Reproducibles: [Multiplication board](#), [Fractions/Decimals/Percents Chart](#), [Fraction Line Up Sheet](#)

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, you can find our entire bank of COVID newsletters linked below. There are well over 100 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



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Stay safe, stay sane, and whenever possible, stay home.

All our best wishes,
The Box Cars Team <3



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