

Addition Marathon

Material : A game board for each player
 Two number cubes
 Counters

Players : Two to four

Rules : The first player rolls the cubes and covers the sum of the two numbers rolled on her game board. (for example, if the numbers on the cubes are 5 and 3, the player covers the number 8 on her game board). Play continues with the players taking turns rolling the cubes. If the sum is already covered on the player's board, the player loses a turn. The game ends when one player has covered all the sums on her game board.

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Note to parents :

Games using number cubes are excellent opportunities to help your child develop strategies that will make learning addition facts easier and will help later as your child develops mental math skills. Here are some strategies that you can encourage your child to use:

- +1 (the number that comes after)
- +2 (the number that comes 2 after)
- doubles (these are usually very easy for children to remember - e.g. $2 + 2$)
- doubles +1 ($5 + 6 = 5 + 5 + 1 = 11$)
- bridge to 10 ($8 + 5 = \underbrace{8+2}_{10} + 3$)
 $\underbrace{10+3}_{13}$

Developing strategies will make it easier for your child to learn and remember basic facts.

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▶▶ Strategies for addition facts