

# BUILDING EARLY MATH SKILLS WITH PLAYING CARDS

Most households have a deck of playing cards laying around. Here are some simple math activities to do with your preschooler to keep them engaged, learning and having fun!



## Hi/ Low

Flip over two cards. Ask your child which card is the highest or lowest or biggest and smallest number.



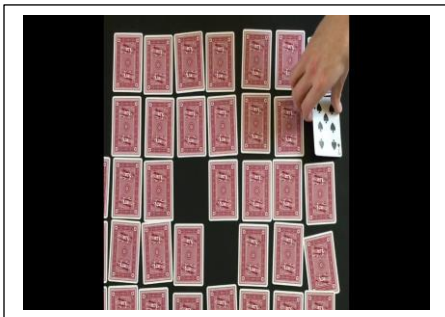
## Sort the Cards

Sort by colors, numbers, or suits.



## Put them In Order

Have your child put the cards in order 1-10. Then count them in order and say "I have 10 cards."



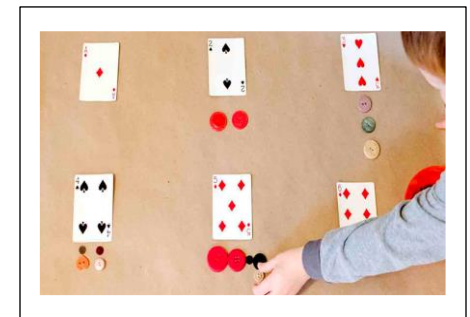
## Memory

Flip your cards upside down, so numbers are not showing. Take turns and flip two cards over to see if your numbers match. If they match you keep the cards and go again.



## Let's Move It...Move It!

Have the playing cards 1-10 in your hand. With the numbers not showing. Have your child pick a card. Whatever number is on that card, that is how many physical activity reps he/she completes. Ex. If they pick a 5. They can do 5 jumping jacks, or 5 hops, etc.



## Match Up

Based on the number on the card, match up with the corresponding amount. You can use buttons, pennies, cheerios, plastic chips, cars, etc. for objects.



## Let's Make Patterns

Make an ABAB pattern with cards. Then try an AABB or ABCABC pattern.



## Hide-and Seek

Hide 1-10 playing cards around the house. Have your child seek them out and then put them in numerical order.



## Make 10

Make sets of "10" by allowing your child to count the symbols on the cards. See all the combinations you can make.