

Early Years Math

Activity 1 - Dots and Fingers

The following mathematical activities and games are available for teachers and parents to use with early years-aged children.

For this activity you will need: a set of dots/fingers playing cards and 2 - 4 players.

Activity Instructions:

Concentration

Place the cards face down. Students take turns uncovering two cards at a time. If the player finds a pair of cards, the player keeps them and the next player takes a turn. If the player does not find a pair, the cards are turned face down again and the next player takes a turn. Play continues until all the pairs have been found.

Matching

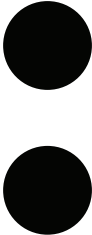



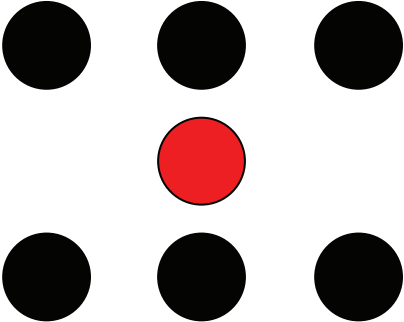
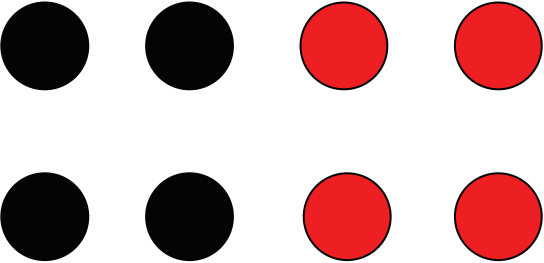
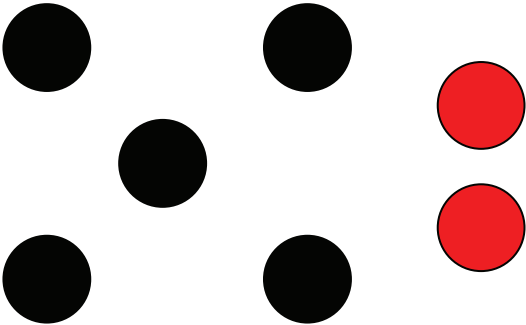
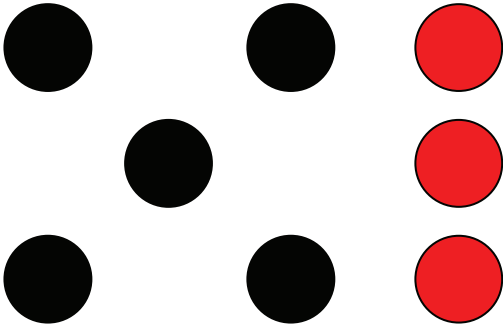
Place the cards face down into nine piles (in a 3 x 3 arrangement). Turn the top cards face up. Players take turns picking up cards that represent the same number (pairs, triplets or quadruplets). When the cards are removed the ones underneath are turned over. If no pairs are turned up, then one card can be rotated to the bottom of the stack and the next one turned over.

Tic Tac Toe Bingo

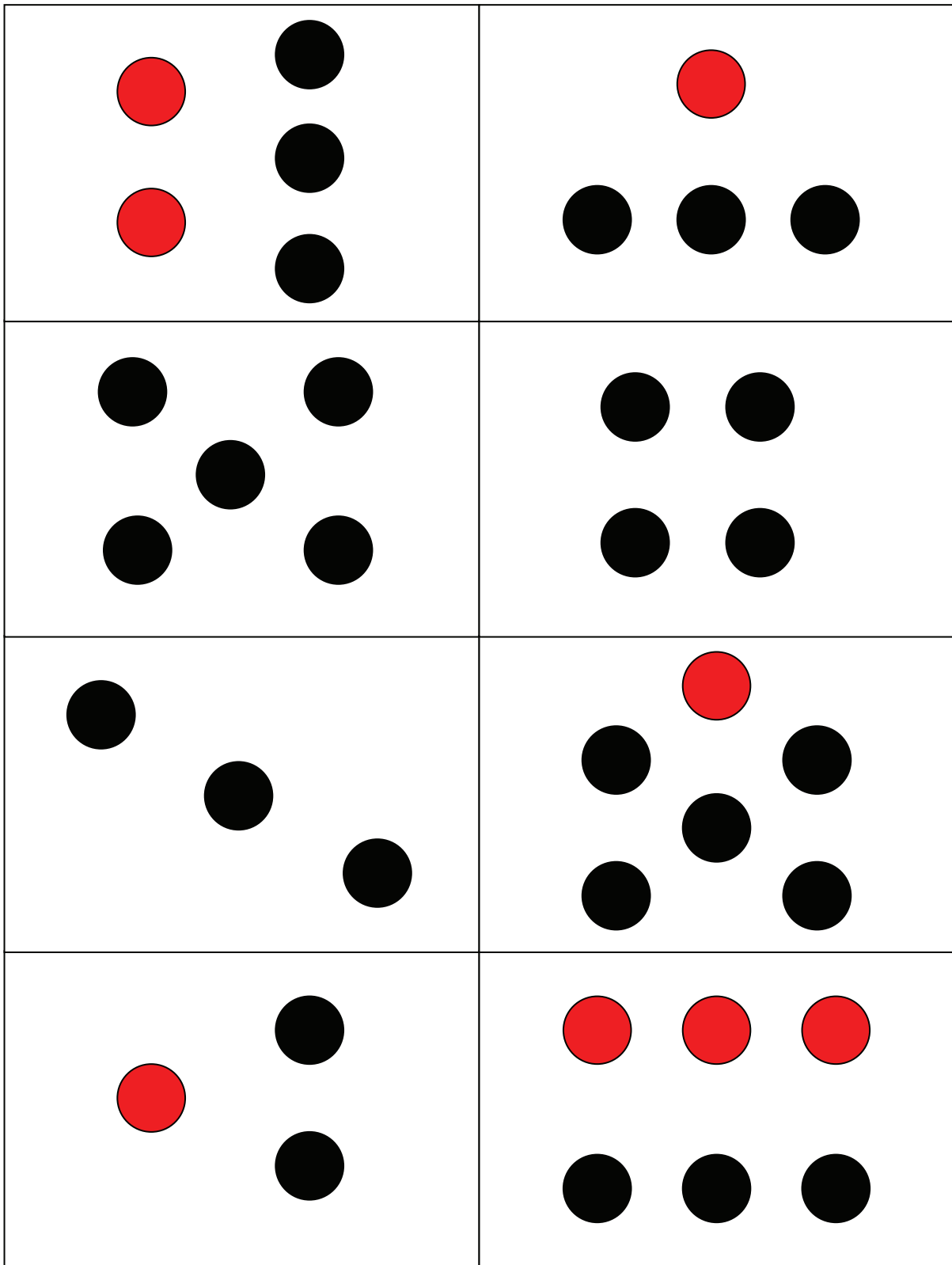
Players place the digits 1 to 9 on a tic tac toe board. Cards are drawn from the deck. Players cover the matching digit with a counter. First one to get three in a row wins.

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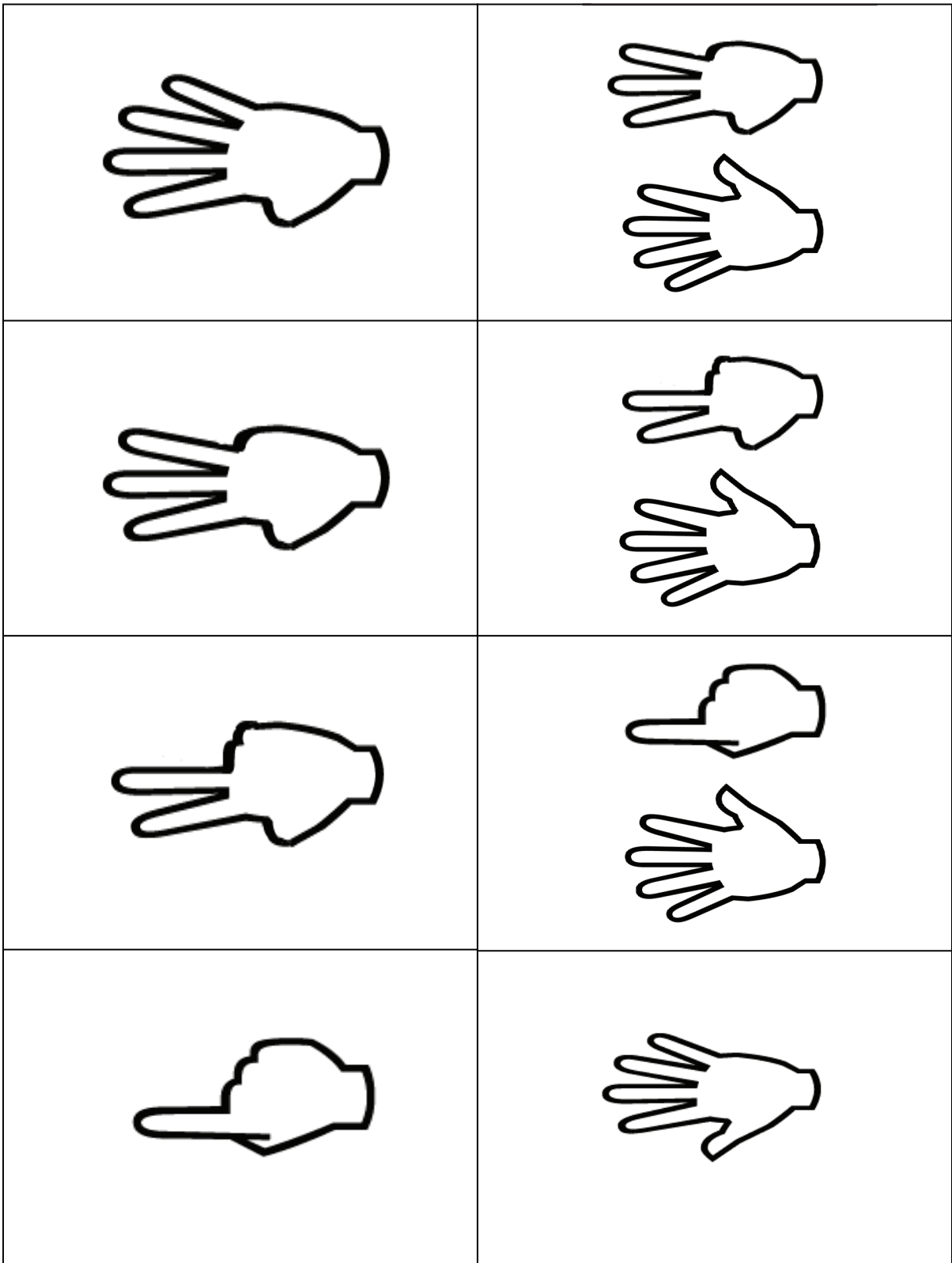
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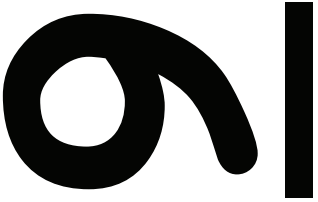
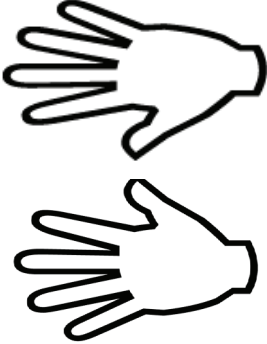
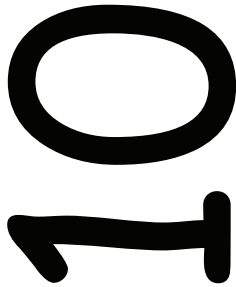
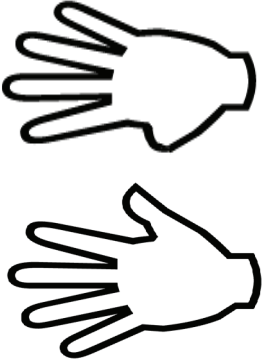
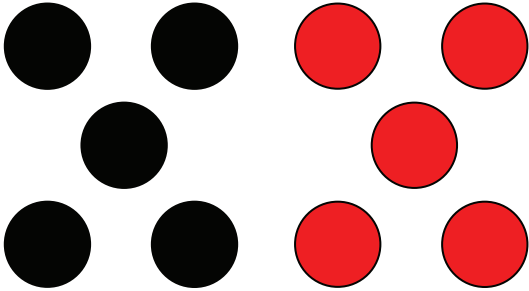
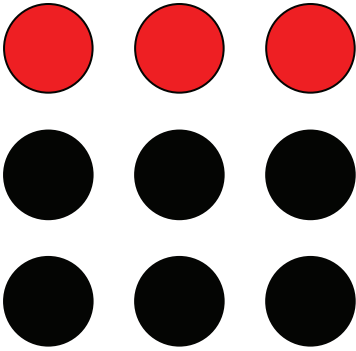
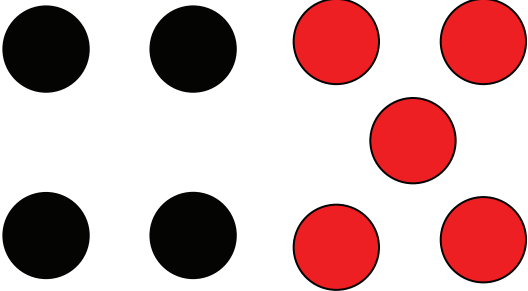
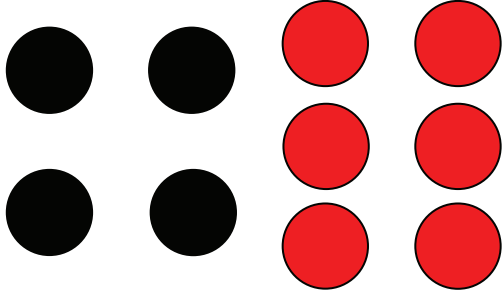
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3	7
2	6
1	5

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