

Numeracy Center-in-a-Bag™ Hamster Run Addition

Congratulations on your purchase of this Really Good Stuff® **Numeracy Center-in-a-Bag™ Hamster Run Addition**—a fun way to practice single-digit addition.

This Really Good Stuff® product includes:

- 54 Addition Cards
- 4 Game Pieces
- 1 Hamster Run Game Board
- 1 Die
- Center Task Card
- This Really Good Stuff® Instructional Guide

Before introducing the **Numeracy Center-in-a-Bag™ Hamster Run Addition**, make copies of this Really Good Stuff® Instructional Guide, cut apart the reproducibles, and file the pages for future use. Or, download another copy of it from our Web site at www.reallygoodstuff.com.

Hamster Run Addition

Number of Players: 2 to 4

Object: To practice finding the sum of single-digit addition problems

How to Play:

1. Place Addition Cards with the math problems faceup on the Pick Up box.
2. Each player places his or her Game Piece on the Start box.
3. Roll the Die. Whoever rolls the highest number goes first.
4. Player 1 draws an Addition Card.
 - If he or she answers the math problem correctly, Player 1 rolls the Die and moves his or her Game Piece that number of spaces.
 - If Player 1 does not answer the math problem correctly, he or she loses the turn. (**Note:** Discard Addition Cards on the Discard box; when necessary, shuffle and reuse them.)
5. Player 2 takes his or her turn, drawing an Addition Card, solving the problem and moving his or her Game Piece, or losing his or her turn. (**Note:** When a player lands on a red square, he or she follows the directions on the square.)
6. Play continues until one player reaches the Finish box and wins.

Introducing the Numeracy Center-in-a-Bag™ Hamster Run Addition

Gather two or three students to play Hamster Run Addition with you for the class. Explain the object of the

game and how to play to the volunteers. With the rest of the class gathered around, model playing the game. Show students the Center Task Card and the Answer Key Reproducible. Explain that they will be in the center with this game if students need to be reminded of how to play or help with the addition facts.

Center Task Card

Post the Center Task Card at the numeracy center where students will be able to see it easily. Remind students to refer to the shaded section at the top of the Card to be sure that they have all the needed materials.

Hamster Helpers

Support students who may be struggling by putting a variety of manipulatives at the center. Urge struggling students to use a number line, counters, or a whiteboard and marker to help them figure out the addition problems. Gradually remove these manipulatives as the students become stronger with their addition facts to encourage memorization.

Trip around the Hamster Wheel Award Reproducible

Copy the Trip around the Hamster Wheel Award Reproducible. Excite students about memorizing their addition facts through a fun, whole-class game of Trip around the Hamster Wheel: Have students sit at their desks or in a circle on the floor. The first student is the hamster and will stand up behind the next student. The teacher will ask both students an addition fact using the Addition Fact Cards from the Hamster Run Addition center. The first student to answer the addition problem correctly becomes the hamster and moves on to stand behind the next student. The student who did not answer correctly sits down in the spot where they answered the question. The goal is to run as far as you can on the hamster wheel. There is no winner or loser in the game. Encourage students to make it as far as they can. Tell students when the class will be playing this game again as an incentive to practice their facts at home. When a student makes it all the way around the hamster wheel, give him or her an award certificate from a copy of the reproducible.

Variation:

If there is a tie and the two students say the answer correctly at the same time yell Hamster Run and have all the students quickly switch seats. The last student standing without a seat is the new hamster.



Congratulations

Student's Name _____

**made it all the way around the
Hamster Wheel!**

Date _____ Signed _____

Answer Key Reproducible

Answer Key

Fact	Answer	Fact	Answer	Fact	Answer	Fact	Answer	Fact	Answer
1 + 0	1	3 + 0	3	5 + 0	5	6 + 8	14	8 + 5	13
1 + 1	2	3 + 2	5	5 + 2	7	6 + 9	15	8 + 7	15
1 + 3	4	3 + 3	6	5 + 3	8	0 + 7	7	8 + 8	16
1 + 5	6	3 + 4	7	5 + 4	9	7 + 3	10	8 + 9	17
1 + 7	8	3 + 6	9	5 + 5	10	7 + 5	12	0 + 9	9
1 + 8	9	3 + 8	11	5 + 6	11	7 + 6	13	9 + 1	10
0 + 2	2	0 + 4	4	0 + 6	6	7 + 7	14	9 + 3	12
2 + 1	3	4 + 1	5	6 + 1	7	7 + 9	16	9 + 4	13
2 + 2	4	4 + 4	8	6 + 2	8	8 + 0	8	9 + 5	14
2 + 4	6	4 + 6	10	6 + 6	12	8 + 2	10		
2 + 7	9	4 + 7	11						
2 + 9	11	4 + 8	12						