

IDEAS FOR PRACTICING MATH FACTS

Memorizing multiplication and division facts (zeroes through twelves) is an important part of 4th grade. Knowing math facts helps students with many math topics throughout this and future school years. Below are a few ways for students to learn their math facts at home.

1. Use Activities and Ideas on the Class Homepage

Find some flash card makers, games, and worksheets on the class homepage at "[Practicing Math Facts at Home](#)" Also, search for more on the Internet.

2. Practice with Flash Cards.

These can be purchased at the store, or they can be homemade on index cards. Just 10 minutes a few times a week can make a big difference. Begin dividing the cards into two piles: the facts known and the facts to learn.

3. Play "Multiplication War" with a Deck of Cards.

Deal out the cards. For this game, make an ace is 1 and a Jack an 11. The King and Queen can both be a 12. Each player flips over one card at the same time. The first player to multiply the two cards and say the product correctly takes both cards. (Have a math facts chart handy to check your answers.) The winner is the person with the most cards.

4. Use Dice.

Roll two dice, multiply the numbers, and find the product. Work alone or with a partner. (Have a math facts chart to check your answers.)

5. Use a Software Program

In addition to online games, inexpensive software can also be purchased for practicing math facts.

6. Other Ideas

Practice in the car, learn one new fact a day, and use a music CD with catchy tunes.

