

THANKSGIVING THREE OF A KIND GAME

Three of a Kind is a Thanksgiving-themed math game which is designed to get children using their math fact knowledge in different ways.

It is a very good game to get children to think flexibly – many children will see three numbers on a dice and automatically want to add them up. This game teaches children to think about what numbers they could make using their dice roll.

Age range: 2nd Grade+

Number of players: 1-4

Learning: Add, subtract, multiply numbers 1 to 6

You will need

- Each player will need a set of their own color counters:
 - o 2 player game – 14 counters each ; 3 player game – 10 counters each
 - o 4 player game – 7 counters each
- Three dice

Instructions

- Take turns to throw the 3 dice.
- Use the numbers on the dice and your +, - and x skills to make one of the numbers on an uncovered Thanksgiving picture.
- Cover the picture up with one of your counters – you have caught it!
- If you can't make a number on one of the uncovered stars, or if you get the answer wrong, you give the dice to the next player.
- The winner is the player who is the first to cover up 3 of the same Thanksgiving pictures.
- If no player manages to cover up 3 of the same pictures, then the winner is the player to cover up the most pictures when all the pictures are covered.

Example: If you roll a 3, 4, and a 5 you could cover up:

12 [3 + 4 + 5], 2 [3 + 4 – 5], 17 [5 x 4 - 3], 7 [3 x 4 – 5], etc.

Variations

- If you are playing this game on your own, see how many numbers you can cover up in a given time limit.
- Play the game with three eight-sided dice or ten-sided dice brings in a wider range of number skills.
- Make your own scoring system with a different score for each type of picture. The winner is the person with the most points at the end.

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Collect 3 of a kind to win the game!

