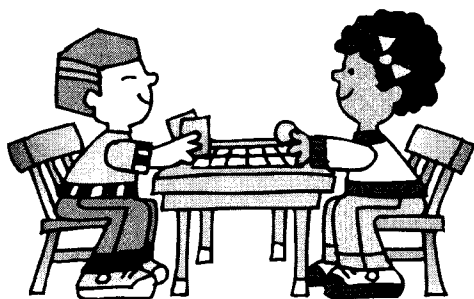


TABLE OF CONTENTS

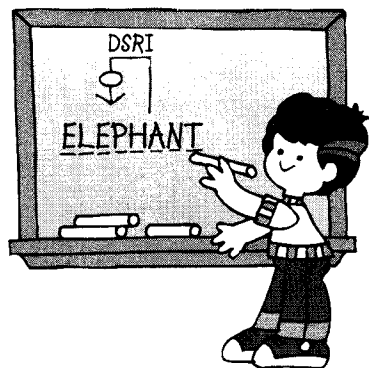
Games in Education	7
Using Games in Education	8
Skills	9
Simple Ideas to Get You Started	10

Board Games



Make Your Own Gameboard	12
Gameboard	13
Floor Tile Gameboard	14
Mu Torere and Mu Torere Gameboard	15
Candy Checkers	17
Go Crackers!	18
Cooperative Scrabble™	19
Nine Men's Morris	20

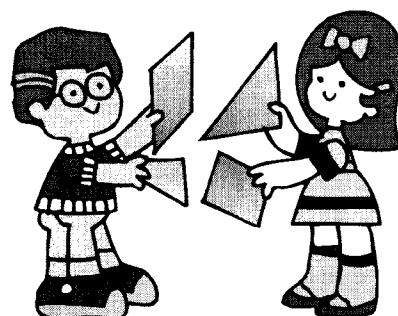
The Wonder and Fun of Words



Broken Telephone	21
Dictionary Guess/Made-Up Meanings	22
Rhyme Around the Circle	23
The Unfolding Story	24
The Pyramid of Words	25
Wonder Words	26
Grammar Pose/Kindergarten Pose	27
Secret in the Box	28
It Starts with	29
Listen and Record	30
Listening Bingo	31
Listening Bingo Card	32
Dice Fun	33

Roll a Story	34
Roll a Story Master Sheet	35
How Many Words Can We Make?	36
Tounge Twisters	36
Transpositions	37
Say It in Your Own Words	38
Make Your Own Crosswords	39
Repetitive Story	40
Magic Story Bag	41
The Mystery Character	42
Novel Characters/Name That Character	43
Musical Words	44
Sculpt with Words	45
Chalkboard Fun/Hangman	46
Sentence Match	47
Jokes and Graffiti	48
Identity Riddle Game	49
Hand Sings for Letters	50

Numbers and Logic and Mathematical Fun



Simple Number Games	51
Pot of Gold	52
Dice/Simple Dice	53
Scraps	54
Make Your Own Deck	55
Memory Match with Your Own Deck	56
Shuffle Those Cards	57
Snap	58
Add to 21	59
Shuffle Math	60
Number Guess	61
Marble Math	62
Minute Math Activities	63
Trading	64
Trading Colors	65
Dominoes	66

Cooperative Dominoes	67
Tangram	68
The Tangram: An Ancient Chinese Puzzle	70
Math Toss	71
12 Up	72
Match the Measurement	73
Up the Wall	74
Guess How Many	75
Math Race	76
Indy 500 Racetrack	77
Chalkboard Number Maze	78



Problems and Mysteries Everywhere

What Did You See?	79
The Matching Game	80
I Love to Eat	82
What If?	83
Signs, Signs, Signs	84
Rubbings	85
Chalkboard Challenges	86
Square Designs	87
Can You Name That Can?	88
What Is It?	89
Details, Details, Details!	90
Chalkboard Mazes	91
Crack the Code	92
Baby Face	93
Odor Detective	94
Who's Undercover?	95
Line Up Race	96
Match	97
"Eye"dentify	98
Take a Close Look	99
Mapmakers	100
Paper Creations/Airplane	101
The Secret Letter	102
Fortune Teller	103
In Full View	104
Follow the Clapping Clues	105
Hide the Thimble	105
Pencil Games for Learning and Fun	106

Dots and Boxes	106
Tic-Tac-Toe	107

Action Games for Indoor Fun



This Is	108
Indoor Scavenger Hunts	109
The Alphabet Scavenger Hunt	110
Right Shoe, Left Shoe	111
Who Has the Beanbag?/Guess the Greeter	112
Time Out	113
The Iroquois Peach Stone Game	114
Charades	115
What Am I?/Laugh Master	117
Mirror Pantomime	118
Thumb Challenge	119
Dreidel Fun	120
Shadow Makers	121
Move to the Music and Stop	123
All in Together/Likes Attract	123
Square Dance	124
The Dance Call	126
Cooperative Musical Chairs	127
Touch Wood and Whistle	128
Indoor Hopscotch Math	129
Bounce and Count	130
Indoor Basketball	131
Takraw	132
Get It There Safely	133
Body Letters	134
Body Twist	135
Help Me Up!/Tied in Knots	136
Ready, Aim!/Beanbag Toss	137
Fan Ball	138
Indoor Golf	139
This Is a Ball	141
Indoor Races	142

Awards	143
Bibliography	144

BOARD GAMES

Go ahead, use a good board game as a teaching tool. Determine whether or not the game has educational value by asking yourself some simple questions. Does the particular game give children real life reasons to focus attention and concentrate? To read? To count? To problem solve? To learn facts? To socialize and cooperate? Does the game meet a need in a particular child? If you answer "yes" to one or more of these questions, then the game probably has a place in your classroom. Many games can be adapted to fit a particular unit or theme relevant to your group.

Don't forget the old favorites!

The tried and true board games are still popular for good reasons. They challenge, inspire, excite and educate. The following games will help to develop various skills and abilities:

Checkers
Monopoly™
Mastermind™
Parcheesi™

Chinese checkers
Othello™
Snakes and Ladders™
Scrabble™

Chess
Battleship™
Clue Jr.™
Trivial Pursuit™

Dear Parents:

Throughout the year, on occasion, we will be using learning games to help introduce new skills, reinforce concepts and further develop skills. Games provide the opportunity for education within the realm of childhood fun.

We are looking for the various items to stock our Learning Games Station and would appreciate donations of the following items:

Cards, Cards, Cards! We use playing cards for various math activities: sorting, counting, patterning, multiplication, division, problem solving and art activities.

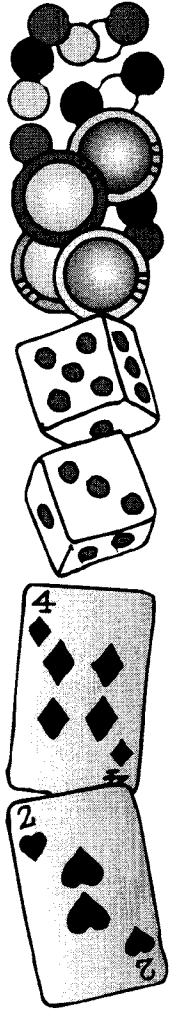
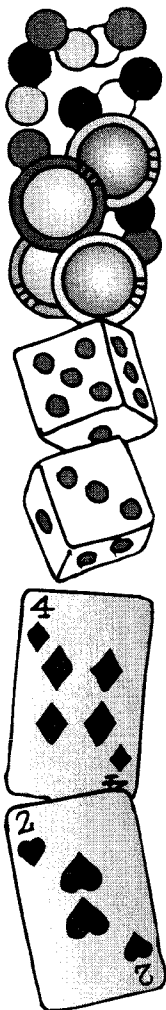
Dice We will shake, rattle and roll our way through counting, adding, multiplication facts and storytelling.

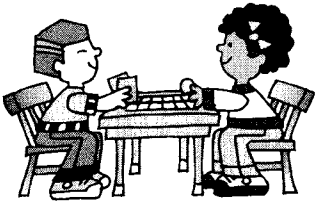
Blank Cards These will be used as instruction, fact or trivia cards.

Game Pieces We can put your old gameboards and pieces to many good uses.

Thank you for your assistance,

Your child's teacher





MAKE YOUR OWN GAMEBOARD

Materials

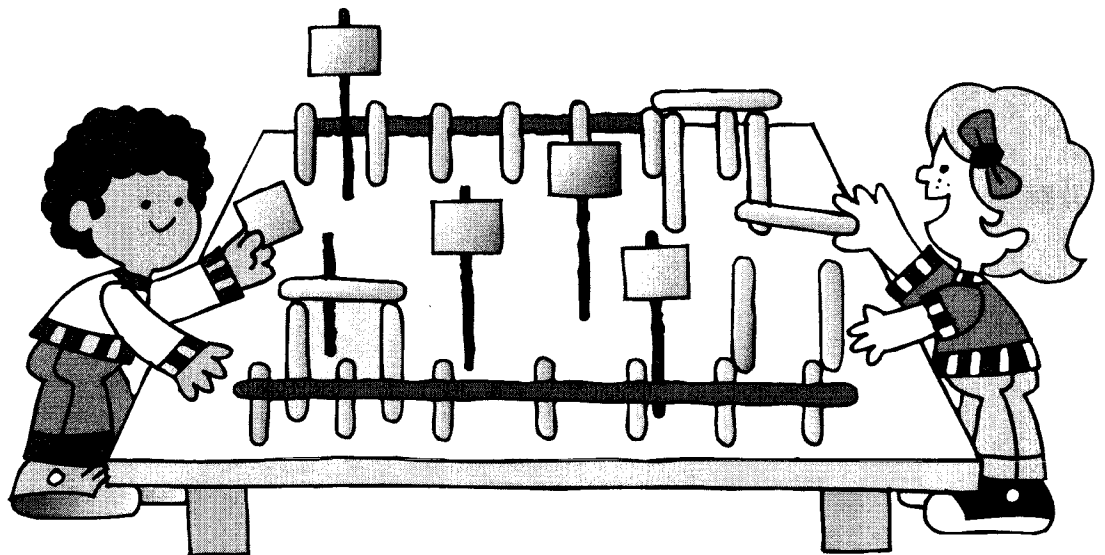
dice or pre-cut tag-board cards
tagboard or other sturdy material
pencils, markers, paints or crayons
playing pieces

Packaging used for our food, toys, sports equipment and other purchased items makes up one third of the weight of the garbage each of us produces and it takes up about half of the space in our landfill sites. Can your game put recyclable materials to good use?

K-4 • Any Number • Understanding Rules/Language/Math • Hands-On • Medium

How to Make It

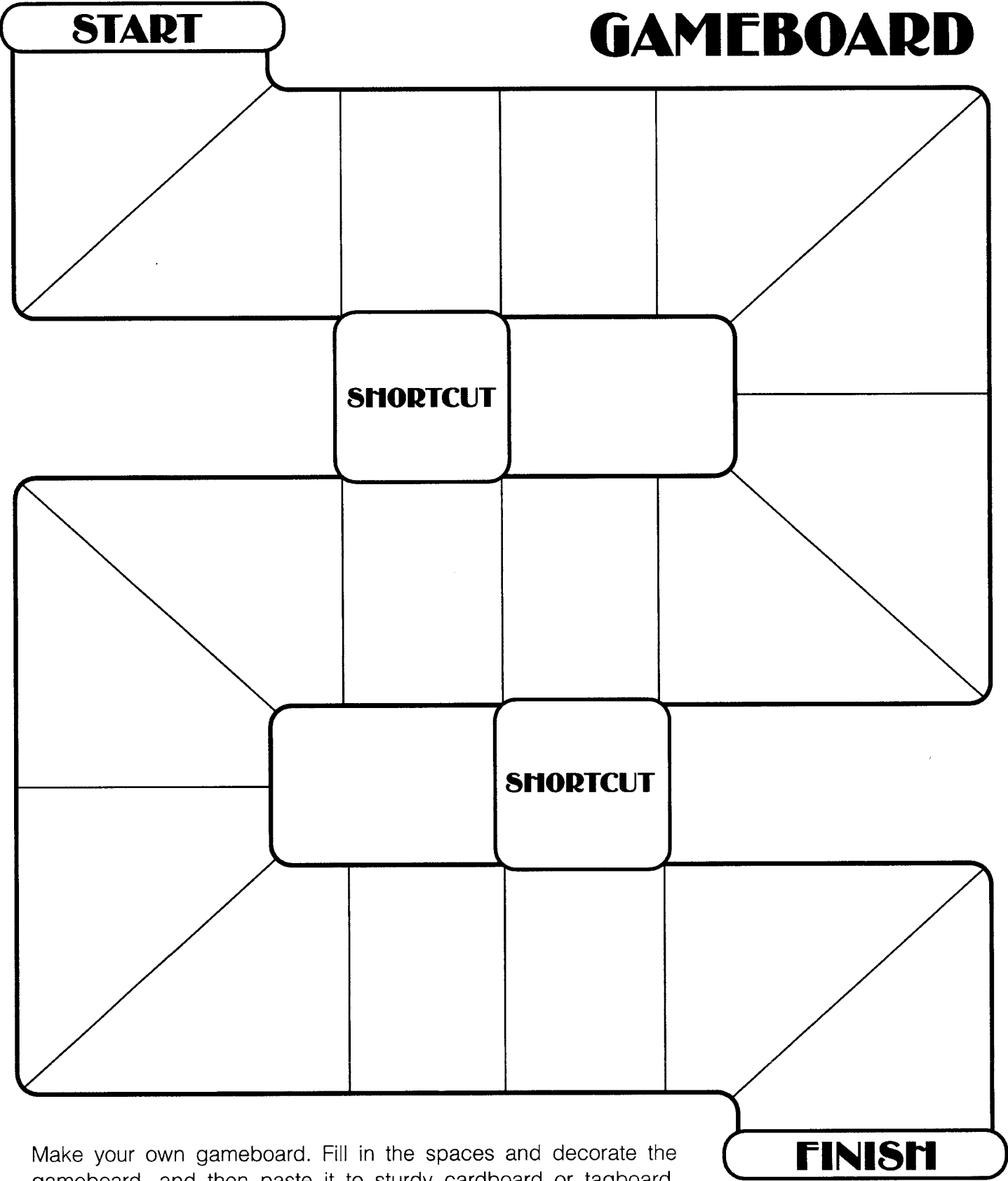
1. Choose a theme for your gameboard. Are you learning about space? People of the world? Bears? Choose the type of path you want your game pieces to follow. Do you want to use numbers, letters, colors, characters or other means to mark the spaces on your board? You can use a repetition of three to six items related to your chosen topic.
2. Once you have made the decisions, design your gameboard on paper that is the same size you want your game to be.
3. Use copies, tracing or measurement, the sturdy board and marking materials to turn your rough draft into a finished gameboard.
4. Do you want to use dice or instruction cards to move pieces around? If using instruction cards, prepare these on the pre-cut cards. Design the cards to indicate the number of spaces a player may move forward or backward, to indicate the next space a player should proceed to or with questions that need to be answered before a move can be made.
5. Incorporate an art lesson into the design of the moving pieces. Consider plasticine, clay, foam sculpture, natural objects, found objects, coins or soft sculpture for your pieces.



Try This

- Get creative! Try to make a 3-D gameboard using craft stick tunnels, pipe cleaner road signs, bread tie fences and so on.

GAMEBOARD



Make your own gameboard. Fill in the spaces and decorate the gameboard, and then paste it to sturdy cardboard or tagboard. Make your own playing pieces (or use coins) and find some dice. Find a friend and have fun!