



## **Board Games to Practice Math Facts**

Yahtzee – This affordable classic dice game from Milton Bradley combines luck and strategy. Players practice sequencing, critical thinking skills, addition and multiplication facts. The game retails for approximately \$10; score pads can be purchased separately for around \$4.

Bunco – A game entirely based on chance, rather than strategy, Bunco can provide a lot of educational fun for even very small children. The object of the game is to collect points for rolling certain combinations of dice. Keeping score can help to practice basic addition, and regularly calculating how many points are needed to reach the goal of 21 can be encouraged as a way to practice subtraction facts. Bunco rules can be found easily in an online search, or the boxed game including dice, score cards and complete rules can be purchased at many large retail stores for around \$15.

Phase 10 Dice Game – The Phase 10 Dice Game by Fundex Games uses a unique set of 10 dice, numbered 1 through 12. Players move through each phase of the game by achieving the sequence of dice noted for each level. The game requires strategy, teaches sequencing and patterns, and provides plenty of opportunity for practicing addition and multiplication facts. The rules can easily be modified with an easier system of score-keeping for younger players. Phase 10 is a fun, affordable (less than \$10) game that works well for single and multiple players.

Sum Swamp – This fun and engaging game from Learning Resources is the winner of the Oppenheim best toy award. Kids practice addition and subtraction math facts by rolling the dice and adding and subtracting their way around the swamp, getting caught in the loop and hoping for a land on the Crocodile Short Cut. Recommended for ages 5+, this game retails for under \$20.

Monopoly and Monopoly Junior – This classic board game by Hasbro Games now comes in so many versions it's hard to not find the perfect fit for any game lover! Monopoly provides endless opportunities for adding, subtracting, estimating, and general wheeling and dealing. Choose Monopoly Junior for simpler rules and smaller bills – a great option for younger children. Original versions retail for less than \$20, with some specialty themed versions costing more.