Mental Math: Left-To-Right Addition (3-Digit Numbers)

Key idea: Simplify the problem by breaking it into parts.

| Step | Example | |
|---|------------------------------|--|
| | 538 + 327 | |
| Separate the 100s out of the 2 nd Number and add the 100s. | 538 + 300 + 27 = 838 + 27 | |
| Separate the 10s out of the 2 nd Number and add the 10s. | 838 + 20 + 7 = 858 + 7 | |
| Then add the 1s | 858 + 7 = 865 | |

Tip: As you are learning, say the problems out loud as you work them, emphasizing the number you are adding. For example: *Five hundred* and thirty-eight, plus *three hundred* and twenty-seven. Eight hundred and *thirty*-eight plus *twenty*-seven. Eight hundred and fifty-*eight* plus *seven*.

Practice

| 242 | 312 | 635 | 457 | 912 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <u>+137</u> | <u>+ 256</u> | <u>+ 814</u> | <u>+ 241</u> | <u>+ 475</u> |
| 852 | 457 | 878 | 276 | 877 |
| <u>+ 378</u> | <u>+ 269</u> | <u>+ 797</u> | <u>+ 689</u> | <u>+ 539</u> |

Answers to practice:

| 242 | 312 | 635 | 457 | 912 |
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| <u>+137</u> | <u>+ 256</u> | <u>+ 814</u> | <u>+ 241</u> | <u>+ 475</u> |
| 379 | 568 | 1,449 | 698 | 1,387 |
| 852 | 457 | 878 | 276 | 877 |
| <u>+ 378</u> | <u>+ 269</u> | <u>+ 797</u> | <u>+ 689</u> | <u>+ 539</u> |
| 1,230 | 726 | 1,675 | 965 | 1,416 |

Game: 3-Digit Addition Battle

Materials needed:

- Deck of cards. Face cards and 10s removed. A= 1 (You can use multiple decks if you want)
- Coin for Flipping
- Dry erase board/markers/eraser
- 3-Digit Addition Battle Game Board

To play:

- Shuffle Cards
- Each player draws 6 cards one at a time and writes the digits in a space on the 3-Digit Addition Battle Game Board. Once they are written down, they cannot be changed.
- Both players add their numbers together using mental math. (No fair writing.) If answers are the same, both players get a point.
- If answers are different, the player with the highest number gets the point.
- Keep score on the dry erase board.

To win: First player to pre-determined number of points wins. For example, 5 or 10.

Variation: Institute a challenge. If one player thinks the other had added incorrectly, he/she can challenge. If the challenger wins, they get a point. If the original answer was correct, that player gets a point.







