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
<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.







