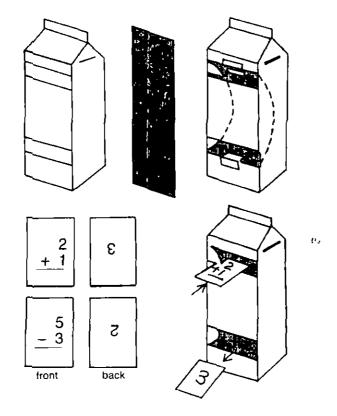


Math Computers

Materials: 1-litre milk carton; strip of tag, 7 cm x 25 cm; tape; computer cards, 6 cm x 10 cm; flash

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Construction:



Procedure:

Children will love practising math problems with their own mini-math computer. Decorate a milk carton or a detergent box like a computer. On one side of the carton, cut 2 slots: one at the top and one at the bottom. Next, cut out a strip of oaktag to make a slide, as shown. (Push the strip in the top slot, down the container, and out the bottom slot.) Tape the top of the strip to the top slot. Tape the bottom of the strip to the bottom slot.

Cut several "computer cards" out of oaktag. Write math problems on one side of the cards and the answers upside down on the reverse side.

To play, each child chooses a problem, drops it into the top slot of the computer, and tries to say the answer before the card slides out the bottom. (The card will flip over inside the box to reveal the correct answer as it comes out the bottom.)

Variation:

You can also use the computer to practise vocabulary words by taping a picture to one side of the card and writing the corresponding word on the flip side.