

Achieve & Build Community with Board & Card Games

Board and card games are vital, life affecting learning tools. As cited by Trumbull, (1986), "The preparation for the future can be seen in every game," (Adler, 1927). Playing games is a vital human activity that builds community and makes enhancing skills, intellect, and problem solving fun (Schaeilling, 1998).



For example, in the area of mathematics, the use of games involving parents to teach mathematics to students is an underutilized resource (Tregaskis, 1991). Two authors recommend the use of games at home and in the classroom to maximize student mathematical self confidence, problem solving, communicating, and reasoning skills (Leonard & Tracy, 1993). Based on interviews of parents and analysis of other studies, Griffin and Case, research professors who study helping disadvantaged children with mathematics, suspect that a lack of board games in lower income homes may explain why children of low income households lagged 2 to 3 years behind their middle class counterparts (Viadero, 1994). Games help families, students, and teachers make real life, positive connections with math concepts (Leonard & Tracy, 1993). Family members expressed surprise to learn that many commercial games have high mathematical value, which also can be used by teachers to promote home school partnerships (Leonard & Tracy, 1993).

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Why Play Board & Card Games with Your Children?

Board and card games are educational, meaningful, and authentic hands-on activities. Parents and educators use board and card games to motivate young people to learn and practice academic skills and develop essential social and life skills such as:

- Basic Math • Geometry • Algebra • Reading • Writing • Literature • History • Geography • Economics •
- Science • Conflict Resolution • Following Directions •
- Taking Turns • Sportsmanship • Perseverance •
- Prioritizing • Weighing Choices • Active Listening •
- Team Work • Patience • Sense of Humor • Flexibility •
- Problem Solving • Common Sense • Curiosity •
- Friendship • Integrity • Fairness • Respect



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Play Board & Card Games in Your Library

Libraries are ideal locations for children, teens, and adults to come together and play games. Many games have themes that inspire players to check out books and videos about the game's subject or access resources online. Like story hours, some librarians hold game events or make games available for patrons to play and/or check out. Some school librarians are creating game libraries for staff to use in their lessons or for children to play in the library. Playing games is one reason why many go to their local library to have fun, learn, and connect with their community.



Form a Game Club Hold a Game Day/Night

A great way to maintain friendships, make new friends, and build community is to play games together. Form a game club or consider holding a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly game night with your family, friends, and colleagues. Besides meeting at a home, other locations to consider include your local game/comic bookstore, libraries, community centers, and schools. Many after school organizations and teachers have found game clubs to be a socially and academically enriching option that students and parents appreciate. Who knew learning could be so much fun and what better way to spend quality time with your friends and family.

Raise Funds with Games Families Love to Play!

Using the attached **Game Catalog provided by your local game/comic book store**, this unique fundraiser develops children's academic and social skills while fostering quality relationships with family and community. The staff at your local store is available to teach many of the games in the current catalog.

Participating is Easy!

Contact Here Be Books & Games to select a date for a game day/night and to request enough catalogs for each family. The store will work with you on submitting your total order and payment as well as delivery time and profit share (usually in 2-4 weeks with a 20% share).



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