



# New To Me & Maybe You Too!



Hello MN Math Teachers!

I see the trees budding outside of my window and flowers popping up from the ground. I hear the bustle of students in our classes and conversations of teachers planning for ending the year. It is with this energy of warmer weather, students learning how to be together again, and the end of the year coming that I bring you our latest edition of New to Me. This month, I would like to highlight the work of Kent Haines and his website [Games for Young Minds](#).



Kent is a college instructor who also previously worked as a middle school math teacher. He reads research about how young children learn through play. Raising his three children, Kent noticed that many classic board games provided great opportunities for mathematical conversations.

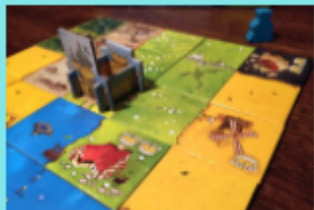
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Each week, I receive an email from Kent telling me about a new game

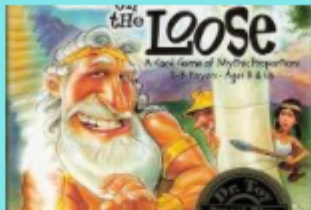
to play with students. The emails cover physical board games, digital games, and games that you can design using items found at your house. Right now, Kent is writing a series of newsletters titled, "The Best Games for your ..."

He has posted preschool through second grade. The ideas in these newsletters would be amazing to share with families who are looking for ways to keep the math conversations alive during the summer months.



The Best Math  
Games for Your  
Second Grader

Apr 16, 2021



The Best Math  
Games for Your  
First Grader

Apr 1, 2021



The Best Math  
Games for Your  
Kindergartener

Mar 29, 2021

Not only sharing with families, but adding a game station would be a great idea to incorporate into your classroom. Through games, students learn

to think flexibly, think about strategy, hear the reasoning of their peers, and so much more. Games are a great way to practice and reinforce skills and sometimes students don't even realize that when they are playing games, they are doing math at the same time!

Do you have any favorite games that you keep in your classroom or that your students love to play? Please share them by adding your comments to this article, following @mctm\_mn on Twitter, or joining our MN Math Teachers Facebook Group. I look forward to hearing from you and learning what you do in your classroom.

Cheers to ending the school year strong!

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