

Unplugged Activities to Engage Kids With a Deck of Cards

	<p><u>15 Classic Card Games</u></p>	<p>A deck of cards can provide hours of fun for the whole family. Play a family favorite or use this link for 15 classic card game ideas and the instructions to play.</p>
	<p><u>Building a house of cards</u></p>	<p>Spend time learning a new skill that requires a steady hand and perseverance. Who can build the tallest? Who can build the steadiest? Who can use the most cards? For a basic lesson on building a house of cards, use the link “Building a house of cards.”</p>
	<p><u>Workout Challenge</u></p>	<p>Get your body moving with a deck of cards. Assign workout tasks to each suit like jumping jacks for spades or sit ups for diamonds. Draw a card from the deck and that is your task and number of reps. Example: a 10 of spades means ten jumping jacks, a three of diamonds means you will do 3 sit ups. Assign face cards to run in place or take a break. Be creative and have fun with it. Can you get through the whole deck without getting tired?</p>
	<p><u>Magic Tricks</u></p>	<p>We have all been amazed by a magician doing a card trick. How do they do it? Take some time to learn, practice and then put on a magic show to amaze your audience. A trick tutorial can be seen with this link.</p>
	<p><u>Math Games</u></p>	<p>Use a deck of cards to build basic math skills. You can count, compare numbers, subtract, or even multiply. Check out this link to get the directions for 7 different games that work on math skills.</p>

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