MULTIPLICATION CHALLENGE

Object: A fun game to help reinforce multiplication skills

Materials: One deck of playing cards (without face cards) for each pair of players

Directions:
1. One player shuffles and divides the cards equally between both players, placing the cards face down between them.
2. Each player turns over a card at the same time.
3. The players multiply these numbers together mentally. The first player to say the product (answer) of both of the cards wins and takes the cards.
4. Play continues until all the cards have been used. The player with the most cards wins.

Variation 1:
1. One player shuffles the cards and places them face down, spreading them out between the two players.
2. Both players pick two cards randomly, multiply the two factors, and say the product.
3. Both players show their hands to prove their products.
4. The player with the highest product takes all four cards and places them in a separate pile.
5. Play continues until all the cards have been used. The player with the most cards wins.

Variation 2:
For this game, the players will need calculators.
1. Have the cards shuffled and divided into two piles, one for each player.
2. Player 1 draws two cards from the pile and lays them down.
3. Player 1 multiplies the factors mentally and says the product. Player 2 multiplies the factors using the calculator and says the product.
4. The first player to say the correct product takes the cards.
5. Player 2 then draws two cards and lays them down.
6. Player 2 multiplies mentally, and Player 1 uses the calculator.
7. The first player to say the correct product takes the cards.
8. Play continues until all cards are captured.