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Batter Up!

Ages: 6-10

Building Skills In: mental addition strategies

Number of Players: 2+

Materials: five dice, score sheet

Brief Description: Players roll dice to get the highest amount possible. The player with the highest total wins the inning but everyone else receives a strike!

Directions:

1. The youngest player starts the game.
2. Roll all five dice. Since the goal is to get the highest numbers, players put aside any high numbers and reroll the low numbers. They can chose to reroll all the dice or not reroll any of them. They can do a total of three rolls on their turn.
3. After the player is finished all their rolls, they add up the dice and record the results on the score sheet.
4. Play moves on to the next player.
5. Once every player has had one turn, see who has the highest score for that inning.
6. The person with the highest score wins that inning and everyone else gets a strike.
7. The game continues through all nine innings.
8. If players get three strikes, they are out of the game.
9. If more than one player makes it to the last inning, the one with the highest total score wins.

Variations:

- Use three dice to keep the totals smaller.
- Play fewer innings.
- Make the scores cumulative.
- Create a "Strike Out" condition. When a player rolls that in one roll (not one turn) they are automatically out. For example, the rule could be if you roll all even numbers, you strike out.
- Create a 'Pinch Hitter' condition. Pick a number that, when rolled, is considered a wild and can be used as any number.
- Add a strategical challenge by giving

- 10 points for a set of doubles
- 15 points for a set of triples
- 20 points for four of a kind
- 25 points for five of a kind

These points are added onto the total of the dice. For example, if you roll 5 twos, that would be 10 and then 25 more for five of a kind. The total would be 35.

Batter Up! Score Sheet

Players	Inning									STRIKE!
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
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Batter Up: Mental Math, Addition