

## Hop to It

**Introduction:** Hopscotch is a fun activity that is usually played by younger students. A teacher can practice addition and subtraction facts with students on any hopscotch playing area. The students will enjoy this variation of hopscotch, combining math facts and recess fun!

**Grade Level and Subject:** 1st Grade Math

**TEKS:** Math – 3B  
P.E. – 1B, 3B, 7A, 7B

**Materials:** A hopscotch diagram, chalk (if needed)

**Activity:** The teacher will divide the students into equal groups. Each group of students should line up in front of a hopscotch diagram. If the diagram is not already drawn on the concrete part of the playground, the teacher will use chalk to draw appropriate hopscotch diagrams. Depending on the facts being reviewed, the hopscotch diagram may be as small as 10 squares or be drawn up to 20 squares. Teachers may also draw different hopscotch shapes, such as straight diagrams or snail-shaped diagrams.

Once the diagrams have been drawn, the first student in each line will listen for an addition or subtraction math fact to be called out by the teacher. That student will then hop (on either one or two legs — whichever the teacher decides) to the square with the corresponding sum or difference. Once the answer has been determined, that student will move to the end of his or her line and wait for another turn. This activity should continue until all students have had at least one turn.

To ensure that all students are actively engaged, the teacher might have the students waiting for their turn on the hopscotch diagram to hop in place to get the correct sum or difference.

**Evaluation:** The teacher will actively monitor the students' progression on the diagram to see if the students know their addition and subtraction facts.



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