Leap Frog Learning

**Introduction:** Children are, for the most part, eager to partake in vigorous outdoor activities. By the time students get to fifth grade, however, they are hesitant to play one of the favorite games of all time—leap frog. By combining learning and leap frog, students will get a chance to once again play this classic game and enjoy themselves while practicing a new skill.

**Grade Level and Subject:** Fifth Grade Math and P.E.

**TEKS:**
- Math 1A
- P. E. 1C, 3A

**Materials:** Cards with various numbers written on them

**Activity:** Before playing this activity, the teacher makes cards with various written numbers on them. The numbers are aligned with whatever skill the teacher is teaching the students (for example: cards with numbers on them to the billions place would be needed to practice placing numbers in order from greatest to least). Each student will be handed a card.

The teacher should randomly place the students into evenly divided groups. The students should arrange themselves in a straight line and wait for the signal for the activity to begin. When the teacher has given the signal, the students position themselves in the correct order (greatest to least, least to greatest, etc.) by leap-frogging over each other. They should then hold their cards above their heads. The teacher will check the cards for the correct order. As soon as the teacher accurately assesses the cards, the students are to then race, in order, to the designated finish line. The first group to cross the finish line in order wins the activity.

Once a group has won the activity, the cards should be taken up and redistributed to the students. The teacher could also design new groups of students each time the activity is played.

**Evaluation:** The teacher assesses the cards as each group of students completes the leap-frogging phase of the activity. If the students are correct, they may race to the finish line. If the students are incorrect, they must look at their cards again and correct themselves by leap-frogging into the correct order.