

Unit 6 Weeks 5 And beyond	<b><i>Small Groups Suggestions for End of Year</i></b>	Math  SG	Standards: Varies according to Activities Chosen
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***Guiding Math Ideas:***

- Associate math with enthusiasm and practical application to everyday life
- Use the MELDS continuum of learning (developmental pathways)

***Math Concepts from Unit Learning Progressions:***

As needed, according to Activity

***Ideas for Small Groups (Or Entire Group, using Small Group Time) During Final Weeks of School***

**Build-a-Thon:** Gather several types of blocks/builders, such as Magna Tiles, Magnet Blocks, Large Cardboard Blocks, Classroom Wooden Blocks (a portion), 3-D Geometric Shapes, etc. Create building Teams of 3-4 children per type of block. Use Large Dice or Spinner for each group. Each group rolls a number and begins building a structure using that number of blocks, adding each time. Groups compare structures at the end of the timer period.

**Manipulative Scramble:** Combine several sets of manipulatives in a large pile. Challenge children to sort, group, separate, combine the sets in multiple ways. Provide guidance if needed by calling out colors, textures, function, shape, etc.

**Math Game Day or Parent Event:** Gather the various games from each Unit and place on individual tables around the room. Invite children to play games during small group time. Or create a Math Game Night and invite Parents to play math games with children.

**Barnyard or Zoo Count!-** Children are grouped into different animals (barn animals, sea animals, zoo animals, etc.—however you wish. Challenge the children to “Count like a duck would count, or How would a lobster count? Turn it into a guessing game by having children draw a picture of an animal out of a bag and then act it out counting for other children to guess.

**Favorites-** See Large Group, Unit 1 Week 5 for process of problem-solving/voting on Favorites from each Unit. Make a list and incorporate the favorite Small Group or Large Group activities from the year.