

## TWENTY-ONE PLUS



Most or all of us probably remember some letter or number games from childhood. Perhaps you remember games from long car trips like finding all the letters of the alphabet on signs or license plates or games you might hear on the playground like “eenie-meenie-minie-moe” or “I one it, I two it . . . I jumped over it and you eight it!” One such counting game has the following rules:

This is a two person game, and the winner is the person who says “21.” We start with the number 1, and each of us can count one or two or three numbers at a time.”

Play this game a number of times over the next few weeks (you might want to keep a record of which numbers each player says), think about strategy as you play, and then answer the following questions:

1. Is there a strategy that will allow you to win every time? If so, how?
2. Can you win this game in general even if you are counting to a number other than 21 and/or can count by groups of more or less than three numbers?



At a future meeting this semester we will discuss strategies you’ve come up with.

## FALL 2015 SEMESTER SCHEDULE FOR MATH TRAINING MEETINGS

All meetings will be on Thursdays from 3:00pm to 4:30pm. When we are meeting math tutoring is closed in the center “for training,” so even if you are scheduled to work then, come to the meeting. This is part of your work, so these hours do count for you, and you are paid for being at the training.

There is one training that conflicts with one of the trainings you do with Shirley; this is the training on October 15, so for that week you’ll need to attend her Friday training instead of her Thursday training. If you have a conflict - such as a class scheduled at the same time as these meetings - you will need to contact me to set up a time when we can meet one-on-one to cover the concepts. My email address is meyerh@mjc.edu, and my office phone number is (209) 575-7832

- Meeting 1: Thursday, September 10
- Meeting 2: Thursday, October 1
- Meeting 3: Thursday, October 15
- Meeting 4: Thursday, October 29
- Meeting 5: Thursday, November 12