

# The Closer The Better

Students need opportunities to explore numbers in flexible ways in order to recognize the many forms in which numbers can be expressed. This game allows students to explore place value concepts in an engaging way.

The game board gives students five goal numbers and space to write digits that create numbers that are as close to the goal number as possible.

## Directions

- Player 1 draws a number card and shares the number drawn. **All players** write the digit in one of the open spaces on the game board. Player 2 draws and repeats the steps. Once a digit is written, it cannot be moved to a different spot. The play continues until all digit spaces are filled.
- Players compare the numbers they formed with the goal numbers. The player/team with the closest number wins a point.

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Goal Number

Number Created

**100**

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**1,000**

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**500**

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**1,000**

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**10,000**

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0	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9
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