

Math in the Middle

Object: to be the first player to reach the finish

Materials needed: *Math in the Middle* game board, a token for each player, 5 number cubes for each group

Number of players: 2 or more

Teacher Preparation

Print out and copy one game board for each group.

Game Play

• **Playing the game**

To begin, each player rolls a number cube. The player who rolls the greatest number goes first. Then the players take turns, going clockwise.

Player 1 rolls all 5 number cubes. The number of spaces moved is the choice of the mean, median, or mode (if it exists). The mean must be rounded to the nearest whole number. If there are two modes, he or she may choose either one. The player moves the number of squares and completes any instructions on the square before the next player's turn.

• **Winning the game**

The winner is the first player to land on the finish square by exact count. If a player is too close to the finish square to move by either the mean, median, or mode, he or she may move backward by one of these amounts. However, players must move forward if it is possible

