



SLAP JACK

Players: 2-5

Ages: Kindergarten

Place: Table or any flat surface

Equipment: 1 deck of VoWac Alphabet Playing Cards
(or 2 decks of just the pictures at the beginning of the school year).

This game is easy to learn and a great way to introduce and help your Kindergarten students remember the letters they've learned in K-Wac. All they have to do is be able to recognize the letters and the sayings. The real thrill of this game is that (gentle) hand slapping is not only allowed by the rules, it's required!

To select a dealer, everyone picks a card. The "a" card, or the card closest to "a" shuffles and deals out all of the cards, one at a time, facedown, to the players. It's fine if some players receive more cards than others do. Each player then places her cards - without looking at them - in a facedown stack in front of her. The object of the game is to win all of the cards.

Write the letter for the week and up to three other letters already taught on the board for the students to see. The player on the dealer's left goes first by laying the top card on his pile **face-up in the center of the playing area**. The next player does the same, placing her card face-up on the previous player's card. The pile continues to build until a player lays down one of the letters (or it's saying) from the board. As soon as one of the letters appears, all of the players try to slap their hands on top of it.

The first one to slap the letter takes the whole pile and mixes it with his own pile. The player to the successful "slapper's" left then starts a new pile in the center. If someone gets overeager and slaps any card other than the letters from the board, she must give a card to each of the other players.

A player who runs out of cards is not automatically out. Instead, he must watch carefully while the others play on. And if he's the first person to slap the next wanted letter that appears, he can take the pile and continue to play. But if he misses this chance, he's out for good. The first person to collect all of the cards is the winner.

Variation: Use the Letter of the Week and the beginning letter of each child's first name in the group of players.