

**A3: Playing with Expressions**

What's going on in your brain when you do math?

Think about how you use arithmetic to find the value of an expression like:

$$9 + 7 + 2 + 3 + 8 + 1 + 4 + 5$$

1. Write out how you would solve this problem below:

Equivacards Instructions:

**Setup**

- o Deal 7 cards to each player. Place a card face up from the draw pile before play begins. For the x variable,  $X=1$  until a player plays a different  $X=$  card.

**Play**

- o The player to the left of the dealer starts by playing a card that matches the card face up on the pile (by number or color). If that player does not have a card that matches, they must draw a new card and their turn ends. After playing a card, the player may continue to play cards until they have no more matches.
- o Play continues in the clockwise direction. The player who first runs out of cards wins!

**Equation cards**

- o White equation cards ( $X =$ ) can be played anytime during your turn.
- o After being played, the  $X=$  is in effect until another  $X=$  card is played.
- o Equation cards may be played as a final card to win the game.

2. Write out what you thought about the Equivacards game below: