Tic-Tac-Toe Products

This is a great game with lots of strategy. The game provides a great way to practice and build fluency in single-digit multiplication. If a player needs support, tools like calculators and multiplication tables can be provided. We have also included two versions of the game board, one 6 x 6 grid and the other an 8 x 8 grid. During and/or after playing students can discuss strategies. During play students can justify their product at each turn through words, symbols or pictures.

Number of Players: 2

Materials:

- Two markers for the bottom row of factors (for example, paper clips)
- Two sets of different markers for each player to cover each product (for example, pennies and nickels)
- Tic-Tac-Toe Products Game board

Directions:

- Player X and Player O select one factor, 1 − 9, at the bottom of the page and place one of the markers on that factor.
- Player X may move only one of the two markers to a new factor. Player X then places a marker on the grid covering the product of the two factors.
- Player O may move only one marker to make a new product and place their marker on the grid. The markers can both be placed on the same factor. For example, $6 \times 6 = 36$.
- Players alternate moving one factor marker at a time and continue placing their markers on the grid until a player has marked four products in a row. After the game players should discuss their strategies.

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1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	12	14
15	16	18	20	21	24
25	2 7	28	30	32	35
36	40	42	45	48	49
54	56	63	64	72	81

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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81	16	63	12	45	8	2 7	4
32	63	24	49	16	35	8	21
72	24	18	40	12	24	6	56
40	54	30	42	20	30	10	18
45	48	35	36	25	24	15	12
64	2 7	48	21	32	15	16	9
36	56	28	42	20	28	12	14
72	18	54	14	36	10	18	6

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