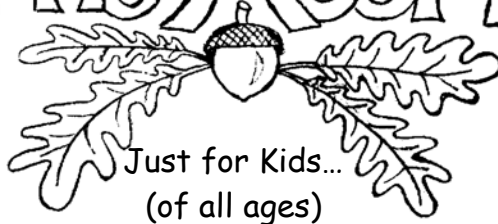




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Magickal Math

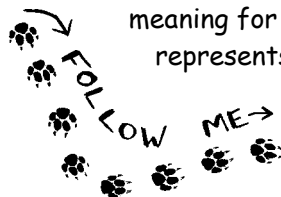
I know, I know...it's summertime, who wants to hear about MATH?! If you're anything like me, you are probably thrilled to have a few happy, school-free months of vacation...& I don't blame you a bit! But did you know that numbers can have a very important place in magickal workings? Or that just a little bit of simple addition might tell you something about yourself? Read on!

Numerology is a magickal system of breaking down words, names, dates, places - just about anything - into single digits (that means one number alone - there are only nine of these) that can show what influences our lives. You can use your "number" in the same way that you might use knowledge of your zodiac sign - to learn about possible strengths, weaknesses, & natural gifts; to predict the future; to decide when to take actions; & to make important choices.

Oftentimes pagans choose or are given a magickal name - & many of them (though not all) check to see if it matches with their "birth number," since this is a number that is a very basic part of them. Some try to make their name match a number that has special

meaning for them - one that represents what they hope to become, or what they

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want their spiritual path to be like. They may adapt the name they want in order to do this, by inventing an unusual spelling or adding a word or extra letters to it.

You can use numerology to discover your birth number by simply adding together all of the numbers in your birthday - don't forget the "19" part of the year! Then whatever number you get, add the digits of that together...keep doing this until you've brought it down to a one-digit number. For example, I was born on October 4th, 1964. (I told you I was old!) My math problem works like this:

$$10 + 4 + 1964 = 1978$$

$$1 + 9 + 7 + 8 = 25$$

$$2 + 5 = 7$$

My birth number then is seven. The funny thing is, if I split it up differently when I add, it still comes out the same - that's a neat piece of "mathemagick" right there! Watch:

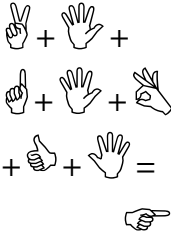
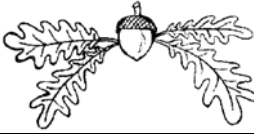
$$1 + 0 + 4 + 1 + 9 + 6 + 4 = 25$$

$$2 + 5 = 7$$

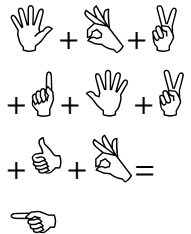
Now, to find out the number of your name - whole name, first only magickal name, nickname - use the chart on page 3 that gives you the number each letter matches up to. Once you have the numbers listed, just add them together the same way you did with your birthdate, & keep on adding until once again you are down to a single digit.

Strangely enough, the name I've carried around most of my life is a six - and so was my first formally-chosen magickal name, & so is my dedication name that was given to me by the mother of my coven. My common name, my mate's, & the last name we chose to share are all twos...it gets more interesting, the more I look at it!

Anyway - once you've got your numbers figured out, check their meanings & associations to see what they might be able to tell you about yourself & your life!



<u>Letter/Number Table</u>									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	
S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z		



Numbers:

Correspondences, Associations, & Magickal Meanings

One: Unity, intellect, leader of all, strong-willed, inventive, searching for answers, independent, original. Lazy, self-centered, fearful.

Two: Duality, dream consciousness, cooperative, kindness, psychic sensitivity, passion. Can be scattered, need to focus on details.

Three: Complete (beginning, middle, & end), artistically inspired, creative, expressive, optimistic, spiritual. Wasteful, repressed.

Four: Harmony, balance, patient building, solid foundation, integration of energies. Restricting, narrow-minded, insensitive, dull.

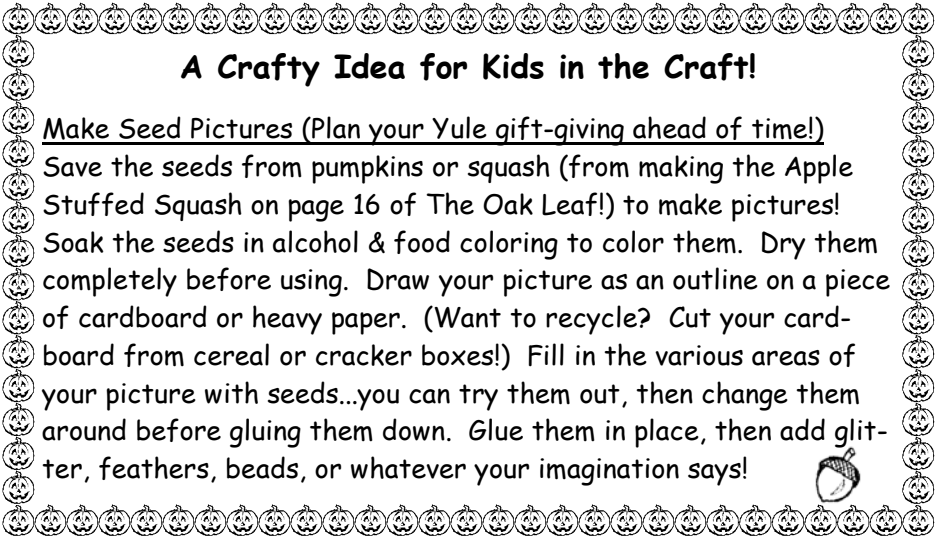
Five: Pleasure, adventure, awakening, healing, versatility, freedom, psychic powers. Impulsive, resisting change, imposing rules.

Six: Wholeness, perfection, domesticity, creative energy, nurturing, healing, educating, mothering, responsibility. Cynical, worrisome.

Seven: Wisdom, mystery, the secrets of time, self-awareness, psychic knowledge, intuition, truth. Critical, melancholy, inferior-feeling.

Eight: Union of physical & spiritual, confidence, occult power, true character judgement, infinity, justice. Carelessness, failure.

Nine: Completeness, empathy, transitional forces, healing energies, intuitive love, atonement. Pessimism, indifference, oversensitivity.



A Crafty Idea for Kids in the Craft!

Make Seed Pictures (Plan your Yule gift-giving ahead of time!)

Save the seeds from pumpkins or squash (from making the Apple Stuffed Squash on page 16 of The Oak Leaf!) to make pictures!

Soak the seeds in alcohol & food coloring to color them. Dry them completely before using. Draw your picture as an outline on a piece of cardboard or heavy paper. (Want to recycle? Cut your cardboard from cereal or cracker boxes!) Fill in the various areas of your picture with seeds...you can try them out, then change them around before gluing them down. Glue them in place, then add glitter, feathers, beads, or whatever your imagination says!



Web-Wandering Ways for Witchlings

If you are a kid (there is, by the way, no age limit on that title) with internet access & a taste for magical adventure, the resident Vixen would like to invite you to explore some wonderful pagan-kid websites.

Pagan Homeschool Page www.homestead.com/barbooch/PaganHomeschool.html

I know, it sounds like school again...I'm a teacher, so I just can't help it! The Site Map here will take you to lots of great stuff for both kids & parents – everything from the pagan alphabet, to book & resource info, to Shakespearean insults, to rituals, to legal pointers...you name it, it's here.

The Meagan Stories www.geocities.com/TimesSquare/6875/stories.htm

Kathryn Dyer has written a marvelous collection of stories about a little pagan girl named Meagan, her brother, Corwin, & her cat Starweaver. She offers a story for each of the eight seasonal festivals & a few about other important life experiences as well, like welcoming a new sibling, getting a new room, & attending a first funeral. These stories are fine quality family reading, painting a very good non-fantasy picture of life of those growing up in a pagan household.

Spiral Goddess Grove www.spiralgoddess.com

This is one of my favorites – it has so much great stuff for pagans of all ages! Some of the pages here designed just for the younger crowd (that's you!), Kid's Grove, Kid's Beach, Kid's Spirit, & Kid's Coloring Page, are filled with ideas, artwork, music, thoughts, projects, & things that make you very glad to be who you are!

If you have any pagan-type favorites (books, magazines, websites, etc.) that you'd like to share with other people, let us know about them here at The Acorn, so we can help spread the word!!

