

SAY YES TO CHESS!

WHY CHESS?

Well documented educational research has demonstrated that chess is a valuable tool to teach children skills they need to succeed in school and life. According to research compiled by Dr. Robert Ferguson, chess is an effective tool because it helps teach and improves:

- All levels of critical thinking skills (knowledge, comprehension, analysis, evaluation)
- Forethought and visualization
- Problem solving skills
- Concentration and self-discipline
- Responsible decision making
- Calculated risk taking
- Determination and perseverance

*CHESS
is everything...*

Art

Science

Sport

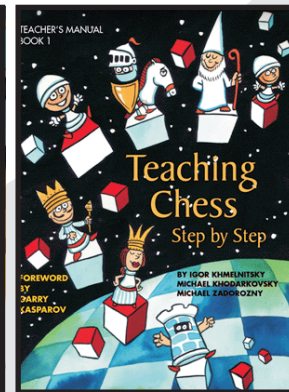
Life

Fun



"I am really impressed with how enthusiastically our students have embraced the Chess program. The older group of 50 5-8th graders has signed up for another 8 weeks. Thank you for providing such a wonderful resource for our students."

Priscilla J. Barbier - Assistant Principal



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Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation

Helping Children make All the Right Moves

*Before-school, Lunchtime,
After-School Chess Classes*

Chess-in-the-Classroom Initiative



"...Renaissance Knights is a very professional and well structured organization. The ease we were able to put our program in place is a testimony to your ability. Our students are enjoying their participation and our hope is, with your help, we will continue to grow and flourish."

William Anderson - Assistant Principal



OUR SCHOOL PROGRAMS DO MORE THAN TEACH THE GAME OF CHESS THEY BUILD SELF-ESTEEM AND INSPIRE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

BEFORE, LUNCHTIME, AFTER-SCHOOL CLASSES

We use chess as a learning tool to teach higher-order thinking skills, problem solving skills, advanced math and reading skills, behavioral and social skills, self-directional skills and build self-esteem in students.

Our researched-based programs cultivate progressive learning for 21st century students and the skills the students acquire are imperative for students to succeed in school and for their future success in the global information society.

Our After-School Chess Club meets once a week throughout the academic year at local schools. Through the Club, the students are introduced to advanced chess concepts and receive personalized attention.

Particularly in schools and neighborhoods where few good after-school alternatives are available, our Clubs provide a safe social setting that is ideal for the full realization of chess' educational and developmental benefits.

Because our Clubs are open to students throughout their public-school education, many students and their instructors work together over several years and develop a strong bond, which is an immeasurable benefit of our program.



Thinking about adding chess classes to your school's enrichment program?

If you're looking for a top-quality chess program to add to your enrichment schedule, look no farther. Renaissance Knights is Illinois' premier chess provider. We have excellent relationships with parent/teacher organizations, and school administrators who call us back year after year.

We employ a unique teaching methodology that puts the emphasis on skill-building and positive reinforcement rather than memorization. Students learn to focus, think creatively, and consider all their options before they make a choice. Reasoning, problem solving, plus analysis of steps and missteps are all part of the process that leads to confidence and good judgment.

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HOW TO GET STARTED

Renaissance Knights makes it easy for you to provide chess to your students. We work out a custom schedule and price plan with each school and provide all the equipment needed.

Call 847-526-9025 today to get a program started or email me us at renknights@aol.com.

CHESS-IN-THE-CLASSROOM INITIATIVE

This innovative researched-based program is designed as a supplemental curriculum to the existing core curriculum in the classroom and is offered during the school day. We use chess as a learning tool to teach higher level critical thinking skills, advance math and reading skills, behavioral and social skills, and build self-esteem in students.

Kids see chess as a game; they don't realize the powerful learning that goes on while they play. As a result of the program, students pick up math concepts much quicker, have a better aptitude for reading comprehension, develop a new sense of focus and are more courtesy towards others. Our focus is not on competition or tournament play, but rather in the thinking skills that are an inherent part of chess.

Our chess instruction method supports the development of powerful ideas; requires students to apply what they are learning to larger ideas and genuine experiences; facilitates students' connection between what they learn in the classroom and its value in the real world.

Lessons are scheduled on the same day and time each week, and classroom teachers often remark that attendance is highest on "chess day."

