





Kaptain Kirk Chess Class

Kaptain Kirk has been teaching, coaching and tournament directing for over 20 years to students, adults and seniors. His greatest joy is when he can have an effect on a student's future by way of discovery during one his chess classes. "Safety, learning and fun are his main concerns while encouraging and enriching the child's experience,"

Ken Kirkland. GUARANTEED SUCCESS with CHESS

SCHEDULE Chess classes begin after school meet once a week on Mondays for one hour.

Fall/winter First day of class is Monday, September 9th, and the last day of class is on December 16th, 2019

Spring /Summer First day of class is Monday, January 27th, and the last day of class is on May 4th, 2019

CLASS DESCRIPTION *All classes promote personal development and are done personally by Kaptain Kirk*

*CHESS CLASS: Fundamentals of chess - board, pieces, moves, rules, strategies - openings and endings.

*CHESS CLUB: Chess class plus preparation for tournament play representing Monticello all students will become eligible to receive United States Chess Federation membership.

INSTRUCTOR: Kaptain Kirk

- Uses a hands on approach to learning
- Public speaking and engaging each child's personal interest
- Teaches by guided learning through rewards and positive reinforcement
- Encourages parental involvement in the program
- Designs his curriculum for children to have fun and stay safe while learning
- SCHOOL CHESS SETS ARE OPTIONAL AND AVAILABLE NOW!



REGISTRATION AND FEES

CHESS CLASS ONLY: 3:45 - 4:45 <u>13classes for \$260</u> CHESS CLUB ONLY: 4:45 - 5:45 <u>13classes for \$260</u> BOTH CLASSES: 3:45 - 5:45 <u>26 classes for \$450</u>

REGISTER AT: http://kkchess.org/monticello/

Upon receipt you will be contacted personally and securely to get the name of your child and contact information.

6 critical thinking skills promoted in the my Chess class

1. Problem Solving

In its most simplistic form, chess is quite similar to a large puzzle. In order to "solve" a chess game, players must use problem-solving skills to decide which pieces they should move to yield the best results on the board. As players advance and start playing timed games, chess teaches students how to solve problems on-the-fly.

2. Abstract Reasoning

The ability to engage in abstract reasoning is undoubtedly beneficial to any school-aged student, both in academia and beyond. Chess helps students improve their abstract reasoning skills by helping them learn to recognize patterns on the Chessboard and develop strategies based on those patterns. Chess invites students to practice abstract reasoning through "if, then ... " scenarios.

3. Sportsmanship

Students learn chess by discovering which moves work and which ones don't in certain scenarios. In a chess game, there's almost always a winner and students will quickly find that they're going to lose matches from time to time.

Games and activities where there's a clear-cut winner encourage students to become more sportsmanlike, when they win and when they lose. When children learn early to be good sports, it's easier for them to overcome loss or failure later on in life.

4. Creative Thinking

To defeat an opponent, a chess player must become a creative thinker. During each game, they need to imagine what will happen with each possible move on the board and then quickly come up with new strategies on the fly. Learning how to use creative thinking skills in real-world scenarios helps students become better problem solvers in their everyday life.

5. Pattern Recognition

Last, but not least, students learn to recognize and respond to patterns as they gain skill at playing chess. This involves not only knowing the different move patterns each chess piece is capable of, but recognizing the potential consequences of each available move and making the right decision based on how each piece is placed on the chessboard.

6. Strategic Thinking

As students combine all the skills above as they learn to play chess, they develop their strategic thinking skills. They learn to combine problem solving, pattern recognition and creative thinking to make their moves. They discover how to be patient until just the right moment for a big move, and learn that each loss is just an opportunity to perform better the next time. Most importantly, students learn how to develop and execute a strategy.