

If the only thinking tool your child has is a hammer, then every problem is going to look like a nail.

## CHESS CLUB

Why should my child play Chess?	What if my child has never played Chess?	Is Kindergarten too young to start?	Why would my child want to play chess?
A young mind receives far more from chess than the simple pleasure of the game. Chess is a window of opportunity that has been shown to be an effective method of teaching complex thinking skills. Studies have shown that an introduction to chess raises test scores in reading, mathematics, and critical thinking skills.	New students are taught the basics on the first day, and begin playing immediately.  <b>How successful is the Chess program?</b> One measurement would be players from our program have won 64 National Scholastic Chess Championships since 1989. Our goal is not to produce adult Grandmasters. Our goal is to produce inventive and anticipatory thinkers.	Like a foreign language, the younger a child is exposed to chess the better they learn. The brain cells connect in elaborate neural networks which become stronger as they are used. Chess trains young minds in a beneficial way, giving children enhanced ability to reason and understand scientific concepts.	Chess is an activity where Everybody Plays, Nobody Sits on the Bench. Optional activities range from the informal Chess and Pizza open house every Tuesday from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Peter Piper Pizza ( 101 Fwy at Frank Lloyd Wright ), to local and national tournaments on weekends.
<b>Available for:</b>  <i>Kindergarten through 8th grade</i>	<b>Wednesdays 3:10– 4:10</b>  <i>Location: Celtic Pavilion</i>	<i>Classes begin on Wednesday, Jan. 17</i>  <i>\$160 per student per semester.</i>	

### Who teaches the program?

Steve Ganahl and his staff. Coaches include a double graduate of Yale, members of National Championship teams, a National Chess Coach of the year and a National Chess Educator of the Year. The programs' players and teams have won 42 national championships.

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