**William Land Chess Club Syllabus**

**Chess Club will meet on Wednesdays from 5:15 to 6:00 PM**, usually in the library. **First meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2021**

**Chess Club is for students in Grades 2nd thru 6th.**

**Club Rules:** William Land Elementary Chess Club wants all of its members to have fun playing chess.

1. There is no eating allowed.
2. Always treat each other with courtesy and respect.
3. Never say anyone’s chess move is dumb.
4. **Students who continue to disobey the rules will be dropped from the club.**

**Basic rules and strategies of chess will be given to students:**

1. How to setup the chess pieces at the beginning of the game.
2. How to move each chess piece.
3. Introduction to some basic chess openings.
4. How to checkmate your opponent’s King to win the game.
5. How to determine if the game ends with a draw or tie.
6. How to use a chess clock during a chess match.

**Chess Tournaments:**

1. The Sacramento Elementary Chess Champions is normally held on the last weekend of January. Students are encouraged to participate.
2. There will be a William Land chess tournament held for our students.

**Safety protocols:**

1. Universal masking. Everyone must wear a mask while participating in the chess club.
2. Everyone needs to use hand sanitizer whenever they enter the room being used by the chess club.
3. Everyone should try to ensure a 3-foot social distance.
4. Chess pieces, boards, and clocks will be cleaned once before and after each chess club meeting.

**Applications:**

1. **Please print out, sign the application and turn it in with $50 cash donation to Hanna Hsu**.

**Chess Coach** is Raul Esparza.

1. Email is raul2089@pacbell.net