

# William Land Chess Club Syllabus

Chess Club will meet on Thursdays from 4:00 to 5:00 PM, usually in the library. First meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2024

Chess Club is for students in Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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.**
- 5) **Students who miss 4 consecutive meetings will be dropped and replaced by the student at the top of the waiting list.**

**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 was normally held on the last weekend of January. Students are encouraged to participate if it will be held this year.
- 2) There will be a William Land chess tournament held for our chess club members.

**Applications:**

- 1) **Please print out and sign the application and then either place it in the chess club box located in the school's office or email me a signed copy.**
- 2) **Chess Coach** is Raul Esparza. Email is [raul2089@pacbell.net](mailto:raul2089@pacbell.net)