

2017-18 Monroe Chess Club and Team – Spring Session

Are you looking for a fun activity that runs *past* Spring break **and** makes children smarter?

Come join the 57 students who are enrolled in the Monroe Chess Club!

Spring session begins in just two days on Tuesday, February 27th and ends on Tuesday, May 8th.

Kindergarten students meet from 11:25am – 12:15pm.

Grades 1 – 5 meet after school from 3:05 – 4:05pm.

Register at www.monroechess.eventbee.com. Each child must be registered separately.

Kindergarten registration: choose *Beginner – Kindergarten Program only*.

Grades 1 – 5 registration: choose between two levels of play –

1) Novice or Beginning A/S Player: This level is for beginners and those that need refreshing in the basics, opening procedures, basic tactics, and end game winning patterns.

2) Continuing/Advanced/Tournament A/S Player: This level is for those with solid chess knowledge. Additional openings, middle game planning and end game combinations will be taught in this section. “Chess is the Sport of the Mind” – those in this section will be encouraged to represent Monroe in competition.

Do not worry about choosing the wrong level. There are two instructors, Mr. Tom and Mr. Shahrooq, and they can guide the children in one or the other group, if necessary. Throughout the program, students will be evaluated and the instructors may make some adjustments to section levels. Chess-Ed®’s goal is that every student has a positive experience and moves to a new level of expertise.

“Chess is the Sport of the Mind.”

Research shows that chess improves children’s thinking and problem-solving skills, as well as their math and reading scores. Chess helps children develop their creative mind because they are competing with themselves to improve their game.

Communities across the country have been creating after-school chess programs and local chess clubs over the past decade. Elite private academies as well as the inner-city public schools both know is that chess makes children smarter. Some school districts across the country have written chess into their official curricula.

Monroe has been providing chess education through its after-school chess club for ten years.

We are so fortunate that Chess-Ed®, THE premier provider of enrichment classes in the Chicago area and sponsor of the Kumbaya Scholastic Tournaments, provides instruction and coaching for the Monroe Chess Club and Team. Check out the website at chess-ed.com for Chess-Ed®'s student accomplishments and more information.

The Monroe Chess Club section contains links the Monroe/Chess-Ed® registration as well as a flyer detailing all the benefits of your child playing chess. <http://monroschoolpto.com/after-school-enrichment/after-school-activities-2/>.

Feel free to contact the 2017-18 parent coordinator, Effie Barnett, at chess@monroschoolpto.com if you have any questions about the Monroe Chess Club.

Get your child's mind in check with chess!