Teach Your Child Chess in Ten Easy Lessons

It’s the fun, fast and easy system of teaching your child to play the game of chess.

For ages 3 and up

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Activity Book
Dedication:
To my mother Rosemary O’Neil Colding who always believed in me even when I didn’t believe in myself. I miss ya, Ma.
To parents and educators:
Congratulations you have made a wise investment in your child’s future.

This book is for you and your child to experience quality time together and at the same time teaching your child a skill which will serve them all their lives.

Chess teaches many things how to think ahead, delayed gratification, problem solving, etc.

You should consider this workbook an experience and adventure. You can use it if you know how to play or not. In addition it improves and practices other skills which young children will need whether they’re preparing for school or have already begun.

This is the same program which I and my staff have used to teach ten of thousands of youngsters.

There are a couple of things you need to know right away:

1) The program works best when you approach it from the viewpoint of doing an activity together. Do not make it work for the child or something they have to do as that will take all the fun out of it.

2) There are rewards in the form of tokens which give 1000 points each. Use these liberally. Children are satisfied with any little positive reinforcement that you can give them. Compliment them often and you will build their confidence and a bond between you which will be priceless.

3) Have fun. This is time you have together and these activities have more value than just learning chess.

4) Track their progress but never ever be disappointed if they do not master a skill. Some skills are a matter of maturity and not intelligence. If a child doesn’t get something don’t stress out just come back to it later. Chances are that they will get if we give them enough time.

5) Don’t over reward them. Let the child enjoy the sense of accomplishment from fulfilling challenging tasks. They will remember how much fun it is to rise to a challenge and apply this in their life.

Our children are our most precious resource and chess will train their minds. Chess is said to be the gymnasium of the mind. It teaches good thinking habits and reinforces introspection and deep thought. In this crazy erratic world we need deep thinkers.

Thank you so much for your purchase and if you have suggestions about what we do wrong or right please visit Chessforchildren.com and leave your valuable input.

Sincerely, Steve Colding- Chess for Children – We make children smarter!
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**Affirmation**

When we learn chess and then we play we get smarter every day.

Say this with your child/children before each class to get them in the mood to learn.
Chapter 1 - The Chess-Board
This is a chess-board.

A square is just a little box that is colored light or dark.
The chessboard is made up of shapes we call squares.
Challenge #1- 1000 pts
Can you name these shapes?

Challenge #2- 1000 pts
Pick out the squares:

The squares are colored light or dark so we can tell them apart.

The chessboard squares can be any two colors you choose.
Challenge #3- 1000 pts
What is the color of these squares?

Challenge #4- 1000 pts
Which square is lighter than the other?

Challenge #5- 1000 pts
Which square is darker than the other?
Challenge #6 1000pts

Color your own chessboard:

Take two crayons and color your own chess-board.
When a Chess-board is in sight, the light square’s always on the right.

The light square is always in the right hand corner of the chess-board

Challenge #7:1000pts
Pick the chessboards that are set up correctly (light square on the right).
Challenge #8-1000pts

Cut out the squares below:
A line is just a row of squares, a road that lead us here to there.

The lines on a chessboard are roads to travel across the board.

On the Chess-board you will find straight and diagonal lines.

**Straight Lines**

The diagram above shows lines that go up and down.

The diagram above shows lines that go from side to side.
Challenge #9: 1000pts.
Use the squares you cut out to make row of squares going right to left on your chessboard.

Challenge #10: 1000 pts.
Use the squares you cut out to make a row of squares going up and down on your chessboard.

Diagonal Lines

A diagonal is a slanted line that rides one color at a time.

The above diagram shows 1 diagonal

The above diagram shows many diagonals
Color to color, tip to tip, that is how diagonals sit.

To make sure something is along a diagonal:

1) Make sure that the color of the squares are the same
2) Make sure the tips of those squares are touching. (see diagram)
Challenge #11: 1000 pts.

Use the squares you cut out to make several diagonal lines on your chessboard.

Chess Jeopardy Challenge #12 2000 pts.

Every Question must be answered correctly.

1) A square is just a little _____ that is colored_____ or ________.
2) A line is just a row of ____________.
3) On the chessboard you will find______ and________ lines.
4) A ______________ is a slanty line that rides one colr at a time.
5) Color to color, tip to tip, that is how________ sit.
6) Straight lines go in what directions?
7) When a chessboard is in sight the light squares always on the _______.


Challenge #13: 10,000 pts.

Warning!!!! (Parents this set may be a choking hazard so use your own discretion about helping your child make this set. Never ever leave a young child alone with this set.)

Make your own chess set.

Things you will need:

1) 32 pennies
2) Glue
3) Safety scissors
4) Pages below
5) Sandwich baggie

Instructions:

Take the pages below and copy them or cut them out of the book.

Cut out all the chess pieces.

Take 8 of these and 8 of these and paste them onto the pennies picture side up.

Take 2 of these and 2 of these and paste them on to the pennies picture side up.

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Wait for the paste to dry.

Print out or cut out the chessboard.

Place the chesspieces in a plastic baggie.

Put away until parents are around.

Now you have a chess set of your very own!
Chapter 2 - The Pawn

The Pawn is smallest that is true but he is kind and brave and true.

The White Pawns go on the 2\textsuperscript{nd} row and the 7\textsuperscript{th} is where the Black Pawns go.

Challenge 15 - 1000pts

Take out your chess set and set up all the Pawns in the correct places.
You have 8 Pawns to start the game and your opponent has the same.

Challenge #16: 1000 pts.

Count the White Pawns and the Black Pawns.
The Pawn can move in just 1 way forward is the way they play.

Challenge 17- 1000pts

Move all the White and Black Pawns forward.
A Pawn can move 1 square or 2, that is what a Pawn can do.

Challenge 18- 1000pts

Move all of the White and Black pawns 1 square. Move all of the White and Black pawns 2 squares
If a Pawn has moved before it can’t move 2 squares anymore.

A Pawn can on move forward 2 squares only if it on it is starting square.

White Pawns can move 2 squares only if they are on row 2. Black pawns can move 2 squares only if they are on row 7.

Only the circled Pawns can move 2 squares.

Challenge 18: 1000 pts

Circle only the Pawns that can move 2 squares.
If something on the next square stopped, then you know your Pawn is blocked.

Pawns cannot move if something is directly in their forward path.

Challenge 19-1000pts

Circle only the blocked Pawns.
If you look then you will see that Pawns take things diagonally.

Pawns take things diagonally

Each Pawn can take the other if it is their move.
A Pawn cannot jump a man; it takes a piece right where it stands.

How to take a Pawn

1) The White Pawn attacks Black’s Pawn

2) The White Pawn goes on the same square as the attacked Black Pawn

3) White replaces Black’s pawn and the Black pawn goes off the board.
Challenge 20-1000pts

Circle the Black Pawns that White can take

Challenge 21-1000pt

Circle the White Pawns that Black can take
Challenge 22-5000pts

Let’s Play a Game – The Pawn Game

1) Set up the Pawns on both sides of the board
2) Choose who has White and who has Black.
3) Play until someone has all the Pawns or 1 Pawn gets to the other side of the board.
4) Switch colors
5) Play again.
6) Have Fun!

Challenge 23-3000pts

Chess Jeopardy- Answer all the Questions Correctly

1) A Pawn can move in just one way _______ is the way they play.
2) A Pawn can move ____ square or ____ that is what a Pawn can do.
3) If a Pawn has moved before it can move _______ anymore
4) If something on the next square stopped then you know you Pawn is ________.
5) If you look than you will see that Pawns take things ______.
I hope you and your child enjoyed these activities geared towards teaching your child how to play the wonderful game of chess.

If you want to see the rest of the book it can be purchased from Amazon.com or from our website:

www.chessforchildren.com