



Journey Middle School

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Intro to Chess

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Classroom Digital Platforms	Webpage Link: Webpage link Schoology Link: Webpage link
Textbook Information	There is no textbook for this class.
Course Description	<i>This class is designed to teach chess to children who have no knowledge of the game. Students will learn pawn and piece movement as well as the fundamentals of the beginning, the middle, and the end of the game. Students will use actual chess pieces as part of the practical instruction in addition to viewing demonstrations, both live and recorded.</i>
Course Objectives	Students will learn board setup, piece movement, strategies, and Sportsmanship.
Classroom Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be in the classroom, in your assigned seat, when the bell rings ● Be prepared to start class, when the bell rings (have pencil, notebooks, etc. ready) ● Follow directions the first time they are given ● Be respectful of your teacher, classmates, and the building itself
Progressive Discipline (JMS Policy)	All progressive discipline will correspond with the Madison City Schools Code of Conduct regarding Class I and II offenses. Class III offenses are a direct office referral. Step 1: Verbal warning Step 2: Student/teacher conference Step 3: Parent contact/conference Step 4: Detention and a parent contact Step 5: Office referral
Grading Policy (MCS Policy)	60% = Assessments 40% = Daily Grades Students will earn a grade of 10 points per day for participation and completing lessons and/or puzzles on Chesskids.

<p>Cell Phone Policy</p>	<p>Cell phones and earbuds/headphones will not be allowed to be used during classroom instruction time. Phones and earbuds/headphones will be put away in a location designated by the teacher and placed in silent mode. In secondary schools, students will have access to their phones and earbuds/headphones outside of classroom instruction time, such as between classes and during lunch, but devices should be put away when students are in the lunch serving line. Failure to follow these procedures will result in a disciplinary referral to the office.</p>
<p>Late Work Policy</p>	<p>Late work will not be accepted due to the brief nature of the classes. Students are expected to follow up with teachers upon return from an excused absence. Students present in class on the day of instruction are expected to turn in all in-class and out-of-class assignments on time.</p>
<p>Make-up Work/Test Policy</p>	<p>Students with excused absences will be allowed to make-up work within three days of returning to school. It is the student's responsibility to ask for make-up work. Students can get with a classmate or ask the teacher for help. Work that is not made up will receive zero credit.</p>
<p>Technology</p>	<p>Student laptops should not be hard-wired to the network or have print capabilities. Use of discs, flash drives, jump drives, or other USB devices will not be allowed on Madison City computers. Neither the teacher nor the school is responsible for broken, stolen, or lost laptops. Laptops and other electronic devices will be used at the individual discretion of the teacher.</p>
<p>Materials & Supplies</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) School-issued Chromebook 2) Chromebook Charger 3) Headphones / Earbuds
<p>Homework</p>	<p>Any work not completed in class is subject to being completed at home. All homework is due at the beginning of class the day after it is assigned (unless another due date is specified).</p>
<p>Parent & Student Acknowledgment Form</p>	<p><i>Student form:</i> https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSej0cjhcJhhrRpnCMAuZSK35oKc_Uulh6jmdVVkYUPGOSsrMg/viewform?usp=sf_link</p> <p><i>Parent form:</i> https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeb4SBpprWe8Keeo1ZK-67DURU57M77hVbGtJCnkux9gtAxGw/viewform?usp=sf_link</p>