



## Chess Fall 2024

Welcome back to Storytime Chess! We just had our first session of the fall semester today. Over the next few months, we will be learning some key ideas in chess: the importance of making plans (and being okay with plans changing!), the power of saying “please” and “thank you,” and beginning game strategies. Before we start our new book, we had a review day today. We went over how each piece moved and had a turn moving each piece.

Questions? Please don't hesitate to email me!  
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### Why do we incorporate chess into our curriculum?

Learning and playing chess strengthens so many skills like...

- decision making
- confidence
- mental agility & vigilance
- collaboration
- visualization
- following directions
- observing & learning
- making a plan
- leadership
- sportsmanship
- creativity
- commitment
- strategy
- spatial recognition
- sequencing
- teamwork
- critical thinking
- transposition and its fun!

### How does each piece move?

King - 1 slow step at a time, any direction  
Queen - any direction, as far as she wants  
Bishop - green or white diagonals, however many steps they want  
Knights - gallop, gallop, step to the side (in an “L” formation” & can jump  
Rooks - straight up/down/side to side, however many steps they want  
Pawns - 1 step forward, or 2 steps from “home”