

Prairie Chess Club Newsletter: Week 1 Summary

Dear Chess Club Families:

We had an exciting start filled with learning, reviewing the basics, plenty of playing and of course snacks. We had around 40 plus students who joined us last Tuesday between the two chess clubs. Ridge Students reviewed the fundamentals of the various chess pieces, focusing on their movements and gameplay mechanics. Following this, students engaged in matches against one another, allowing them to apply their newly acquired knowledge in practice.

The start of our chess club at Ridge was a bit chaotic as we worked to gather all the students. Mrs. Anderson played a crucial role by assisting in directing elementary students; she greeted our participants at the bus loading area and escorted them to Ridge for chess club. This initial gathering was a learning process for everyone involved, and while it took longer than anticipated, we expected this during the first week as students acclimate to the routine. Future sessions will likely proceed more smoothly as everyone becomes more familiar with the process.

All students will have **ChessKid.com** accounts, allowing them to log in and engage in learning and gameplay outside of our chess club sessions. For those who participated in the Prairie Chess Club last year, your accounts remain the same as the existing username and password. If you wish to log in prior to that meeting and this is your first year or if you've forgotten your account details from last year, please feel free to email me, and I will promptly provide you with the necessary information.

I plan to post all these newsletters online at **PrairieChessClub.org**.

Thanks, Josh!