

# Why Chess?

**From the National Scholastic Chess Foundation:**

Chess, one of the oldest and most challenging of games, is showing remarkable results as one of the latest pedagogical tools for young students. Through the medium of chess, children learn discipline-thinking skills, which are applicable to other intellectual endeavors.

Chess education is extremely effective with children because:

- 1) Chess involves all levels of critical thinking:
  - a) Knowledge
  - b) Comprehension
  - c) Analysis
  - d) evaluation)
- 2) Chess requires forethought and cultivates visualization skills.
- 3) Chess improves problem-solving skills.
- 4) Chess encourages children to overcome the fear of risk taking.
- 5) Chess teaches concentration and self-discipline.
- 6) Chess enables children to assume responsibility for their decisions.
- 7) Chess rewards determination and perseverance.
- 8) Chess raises self-esteem and promotes good sportsmanship.
- 9) Chess encourages socialization skills that extend across cultures and generations.
- 10) Chess is fun!

**Chess provides the necessary 4th "R" in education - reasoning.**