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<u>Chess Academy</u> December Update

Happy Holidays!

We are wrapping up book 2 in Chess Academy this month! The last story is about Crazy Chess, a fun variation of chess where you win by loosing all of your pieces.

We always celebrate the end of each book with party. This time, our students' parents are welcome to join in our celebration.

As we finish out the year, we will continue Chess Academy by learning how to set up a chess board, playing with friends online, and incorporating our newly learned strategies into a game.

Questions? Please don't hesitate to email me! Leah Lorenz llorenz@kiddieacademy-stl.com

How to play Crazy Chess

Its basically the opposite of regular chess!

There are 3 key features:

- 1. In order to win, you need to loose all of your pieces first.
- 2. Black team goes first.
- 3. If you can capture, you have to make that capture.

How does playing Crazy Chess help the children play regular chess?

- helps the kids practice new skills in a different way
- they cannot rely on memorized patterns
- helps "open their eyes" to all the possible ways they could get captured