

Baylis Blast

Chess at Baylis

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Chess is great for the brain! Experienced educators point to John Artise (B.S., M.A.), who draws upon his years of psychological research in chess to identify the contribution chess makes in education and learning. He identifies four areas of growth: memory improvement, logic, observation and analysis, and operant conditioning. Others point out the positive effect it has on extending attention span and focus during academic studies, as well as respect for others and their contributions to competition.



At Baylis, about 20 students in grades 3-5 have been meeting with Dr. Kelly to learn to play chess! These students have been learning about the game, practicing their moves, and playing against each other in preparation for moving up to the expert group soon! Our expert group has 35 students already playing in a Spring tournament!