



Chess Academy October 2025 Update

Happy October! We officially dived into Storytime Chess' Book 3. The first series, The Spell of the Blue Bell, will take us all the way to the end of October. This series helps teach the children the importance of good sportsmanship. A new king came to town and played chess against King Shaky. This new king, King Richard, thought he was the best chess player ever... However, he lost and refused to shake King Shaky's hand and say good game. King Richard also had cast a spell which made everyone forget how to play chess. Now he alone is the best player but the only player now. Throughout the series, King Shaky and a few friends try to break the spell. King Richard deals with his conflicting feelings of wanting to be the best but also wanting a friend to play with. At the end, they break the spell, King Richard apologizes and learns that its more important to have friends to play with than to win.

Skills Learned & Practiced:

- Emotional Intelligence
- Social Acumen
- Collaboration
- Courage
- Grit
- Diverse Friendships
- Complex Emotions and Actions
- Perseverance
- Forgiveness

Chess Exercises

The exercises that we play in this series focus on strengthening the strategies that we learned in book 2: getting our pieces to the center, castling, and mobilizing the rooks. We specifically focus on the last two. During our exercises and games, we will also practice good sportsmanship skills like shaking hands and saying "good game." We also practice ways we can be a kind winner and how to cope with loss.