EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM PLAY YOUR WAY TO CREATIVE THINKING

From May 2017, kindergartens have the opportunity to introduce the new kindergarten program package of the Judit Polgár Chess Foundation, the Chess Playground Complex Skill Development Program. The program, taking into account age-specific characteristics, provides a complex solution for developing the skills of preschool children and preparing them to start school.



The Chess Playground program, which fits into the national curriculum of kindergarten education, is based on the principles of *child-centered education*, and its methodology also follows this approach. The main focus of the program is on *general skill development*, mainly through movement development. Targeted development of preschool children takes place in the fairytale world of Chess Palace, giving a complex direction that multiplies the pace and intensity of development many times over.

The basic goals of the Chess Playground program are as follows:

The kindergarten age group should receive complex skills development in a program in which

- Chess appears as a tool
- Preparation for school (mother tongue development, basic arithmetic, foundation of writing; in activities built around different themes)
- Sensor motor development (large movements, concentration development) plays a key role through the developmental games of the Chess Playground
- Reducing the gaps in the process of thinking of children born the digital age through creative and logical thinking development
- The program introduces preschoolers to the world of chess in a playful way
- Personality formation, enhancing the motivation to learn (school preparation function)

Additional goals

- providing the basics of chess as a board game,
- developing the ability to think logically, critically,
- development of independent decision-making,
- recognition of connections, global processes,
- foundation of gaining experience and developing data processing independently,
- developing a practical mindset,
- increase creativity,
- assisting children with behavioral disorders in the learning process
- memory development



"The winners of tomorrow will be those who are able to discard dated thoughts and replace them with new knowledge. Children unconsciously learn the strategic and tactical thinking needed for this is learned by the children at an early stage of their development at the chessboard! They are strengthened not only in mathematics, logic and problem solving, but also in reading and oral expression, i.e. they bring with them the development of their basic skills. Skill development chess prepares kids for the future!"

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