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**ANDY BEALL STUDYS HARD** while deciding his next move in his game at the new after school chess club at Cool Spring Elementary School.

At Cool Spring School...



## Kids

## Get



## Board

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WHEN THE PTO AT COOL SPRING SCHOOL ANNOUNCED a new after school chess club, they expected some interest but were surprised when over 30 students showed up.

Travis Drye, Mitchell Community College student, agreed to be chessmaster for the group and began teaching the elementary school students to become chessmasters themselves.

Some have more to learn than others, although nearly half of the group already knows how to play. From parent volunteers, Principal Mike Hayes and Travis, the group will learn everything from how to set up the board to advanced moves such as "en passant and castling."

"I love the game," Travis said "I'd like for them to learn to love it too."

Doesn't seem to be any problem with that. The parents have to plead and bribe their children to leave when the time is up each week.

"Keelin started into his homework right after school so he would have more time to play," Anda Drum said of her son. "It takes me forever to get him to finish his work at home but he was all done in no time here."

Dawn Tschanz, PTO president, hopes to have in-house tournaments and then play other schools sometime after the first of the year.

In the mean time they are learning the rules of etiquette and how to check their mate.

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