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### **Local boy is No. 1 6-year-old chess player in the nation**

West Covina resident **Joaquin Perkins** has been named the No. 1-rated 6-year-old in the United States Chess Federation's October 2010 Top 100 rating list for age 7 and younger.

He is sixth on the list with 1447, also putting him at sixth among all players age 8 and younger.

**Joaquin, a student at Oneonta Montessori School in Alhambra,** learned to play chess at a very young age, learning first from his father, Kele, at home and at various local chess clubs and parks. He played in his first rated chess tournament at 3 years old.

**In October 2009, he became the highest-rated 5-year-old in the United States with a tournament rating of 1180.**

**He went on to win the kindergarten category of the 2009 K-12 National Championship in Dallas, Texas, with a perfect 7-0 score.**

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