

## **Philly Tutors Gaming Club**

Mission: To build teamwork, develop strategic thinking, increase focus and discipline, and have fun!

Length: One hour per session

Materials: All game materials will be provided by Philly Tutors

Welcome to Philly Tutors Gaming Club, where we use modern board and card games to teach students numerous academic and life skills. Board games have many benefits for kids, from educational to familial. For example, games force kids to critically engage with the concept of rules, how to adapt to them, practice following those rules, and reason about moral problems. Many board games encourage players to detect patterns, plan ahead, predict the outcome of alternative moves, and constructively learn from experience and mistakes. In a successful game the player must learn to control his or her impulses, follow the rules, and reflect, translating into better performance on academic tasks that require focus and self-control.

The games that we will play are mostly based on the "[Eurogame](#)" model. Eurogames are tabletop games that stress player interaction, emphasize strategy, downplay luck and conflict, lean towards economic rather than military themes, and usually keep all the players in the game until it ends. Some of these games are cooperative, meaning the students are playing together against the game rather than each other. This allows students of different ages and skill levels to play together as a team, building communication and group strategizing. Even the competitive games often have elements of cooperation, whereby moves that help one player also help others.