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Toys for rain or shine

chess was a slow game. As we first introduced our son to chess, we drew upon our memories to teach him the objective of the game and the rules each piece had to follow. It seemed like a fun idea at first, but became increasingly frustrating for everyone—especially for us, who don't play the game often.

Then came the introduction of **WonderChess**. The instructions are very easy to understand and follow, allowing us to guide our son through the game. We also had fun using the incentive cards to track his progress (and ours!). The story of the games' origin is also inspiring. You might want to read more about this local entrepreneur and the award-winning product [online](#). You can also reach them at 206-336-5590.

For those wonderful sunny days here in the Pacific Northwest, try the **Italtrike Oko**. I had never considered reviewing a tricycle before. After all, a bike is a bike, right? Wrong. One look at these Italian-made trikes and you might agree—they are the coolest looking vehicle on the block!

With a simple appearance and easy assembly, I recommend this line of bikes to everyone! We had the fun of trying the **Italtrike Oko**. I was a bit intimidated at the thought of assembling this masterpiece, but the instructions were simple and the pieces, made of sturdy steel tube frames and wheels with rubber tires, made for a unique and safe design. Safety and comfort were very impressive. The three-point safety belt is a nice addition to this trike. And the trike also comes with a handle for an adult to push the child before he can ride the bike on his own. For more information about **Italtrikes**, please send an [email](#) or call 206-763-1841.

—Lauren Ferguson

Rainy days are good for pulling out board games. For a new look at an old favorite, check out **WonderChess**. Before we found **WonderChess**, we thought



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