

# 13th Annual Essay Contest

**4th Place**

**Sasha Wang**

**4th grade**

Abacus is not something that can be perfected in seconds, and along the way, you have to be patient and perseverant. Even when you have gotten to an advanced level, you need to keep on practicing in order to move forward.

It takes me a while to advance to new books, which then you can get very excited. I sometimes get frustrated too, when I keep on getting mistakes. Mistakes help you learn, so after my mom calms me down and encourages me to move forward, the next time or after a little practice, I learn from my mistakes.

My teacher, Mrs. Lile, also helps me understand abacus and teaches me new things. Thanks to SuperMath. I have done well in math and learned to be patient, perseverant, determined, and hard-working. It has helped me lots.