

# 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Essay Contest

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

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**8<sup>th</sup> grade**

In the past 5 years, I think this SuperMath Contest was the hardest of all. The questions were very challenging and I fought against other talented students. I am honored to receive this amazing award (2<sup>nd</sup> Place). One thing that I was surprised about was that the people I fought against were all younger than me. I am amazed that these young kids are able to calculate 2 digits time 2 digits problems in their head at that age. I think that Anzan will benefit them in the future. Anzan is also helping me in real-world situations. I am glad that my parents signed me into this class because without Anzan, I wouldn't be able to calculate math right away.

During the SuperMath Contest, Mrs. Watanabe gave us a speech that encouraged me to look up and try harder. She said, "People who take SuperMath has a different eye and views the world differently as those who do not take SuperMath." Those words caught my attention and helped me to win a second place award. From now on, whenever I do Anzan, I will remember Mrs. Watanabe's words and will be proud of myself.