

14th Annual Essay Contest

2nd Place

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2-Dan

4th grade

I recently participated in two abacus Contests, the Annual SuperMath Contest and the All USA Calculation Contest. I found both to be extremely challenging, exciting and fun and they have inspired me to become better at mental calculations. The Contests have improved my Anzan and abacus skills and I feel more confident in my abilities now.

SuperMath helps me to be fast and accurate in school math. During math tests and math contests, my Anzan training buys me a lot of time to go over and check my answers and to even attempt extra-credit problems. My listening skills are getting sharper and my focus has increased due to the abacus dictation work.

My favorite topic in SuperMath is mental Multiplication. I have set myself a goal of tracking four-digit mental multiplication for next year's Contest. I also want to be able to do well at five-digit addition and four-digit division.

I enjoy SuperMath and hope to be a high level Dan one day. Mrs. Lile, my teacher, is very encouraging and kind. When I hit a wall and cannot progress in my skill level, she gives me many helpful tips so that I can master my level and move to higher levels. I also like attending the Dan level classes and practice sessions with Ms. Hideka. She is very good at abacus dictation and I feel that I am improving in speed with her help.

Thank you, SuperMath, for providing me wonderful opportunities and a chance to learn with your great teachers!