

End of Year Homeschool Report Grade 5

This year Susan completed the Live Education 5th Grade curriculum. She had a great year and really enjoyed working independently on projects and coming up with her own ideas to pursue further study based on our lessons.

Language Arts

This year Susan read the myths of Ancient India, Ancient Persia, Ancient Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece.

She completed the second Cursive Writing Book in the “Handwriting Without Tears” series and her cursive has improved significantly.

Susan continued to write a daily journal entry.

For writing, Susan focused on paragraph writing which she picked up easily and practiced a lot. She also learned to compose a business letter and wrote letters to the Prime Minister, a favourite author and to a business. She reviewed the parts of speech. She learned about elements of speech such as metaphors, similes, homonyms, synonyms, acronyms, abbreviations, etc. Susan also really enjoys creative writing.

Susan continues to read voraciously and our challenge is to keep her in books! This year she really enjoyed such classics as the Anne of Green Gables series, Little Women and Little Men, Pollyanna, The Wizard of Oz series, The Secret Garden, Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass and The Hobbit. She also really enjoyed a lot of historical fiction to go along with the time periods we studied.

Math

Susan did an introductory unit on geometry which included a history of geometry, angles, triangles, circles and squares, etc.

Susan continued to learn about fractions and mixed numbers and operations with both. She completed the Key to Fractions books 2, 3, and 4.

Susan was introduced to decimal concepts and addition, subtraction, multiplication with decimals as well as converting decimals and fractions. She completed Key to Decimals books 1 and 2.

Susan learned how to read and create pie, bar, and line graphs.

Social Studies

Susan studied the geography of North America as a whole and learned about the diverse geography of each region. She completed a unit on United States geography. She learned about each state individually and the diverse geographic regions of America.

Susan completed the geography curriculum Canada: Province to Province. She studied the geography of each province and how the geography helped shape the character and economy of each province. In addition, Susan created a scrapbook all about Canada with pages for each province. She learned the national anthem and also learned many traditional folk songs from across the country.

Science

This year Susan studied botany. She learned about fungi, mushrooms, algae, seaweed, lichens, mosses, ferns, conifers, flowering plants, pollinators, bulbs, grasses, and trees. She also studied about different kinds of plants and how humans use them. She particularly enjoyed when we got outside to have a hands on experience of the plants we were studying: making fern prints, mushroom spore prints, collecting lichens and mosses, pressing different kinds of flowers, planting bulbs and seeds and drawing in her botany book.

French

Susan completed the curriculum L'art de Lire, level 2.

Music

Susan continues to play the piano and has finished the second level of the Technique Through Music series.

Physical Education

Susan continues to enjoy swimming, biking, and the trampoline.

Health

We continued with health, nutrition and safety lessons as they arose in daily life.

Arts

Susan continued to draw, paint, and model as integrated into the curriculum. She knitted two bags of her own design and completed many other knitting projects.