### Student: H. Academic Year 2007-2008

# Language Arts

H. reads extensively in both fiction and non-fiction. She participated in a one-month individual writing tutorial, as well as a one-week fiction-writing colloquium. H. also wrote a "novel" for National Novel Writing Month. She used AVKO Sequential Spelling as well as the Ayres most frequently used word list to practice spelling. H. learned to use both a paper dictionary and a computer dictionary.

# **Mathematics**

H. worked through most of Singapore Primary Math 3A, and parts of 3B. She participated in a short course on Infinity with several other children. For the past 6 weeks she has been working through Aleks math Level 3, and is currently at about 80% mastery. She joined the Chess Club at our local library.

#### Science

H. has learned about plants and caves in particular this year, though she enjoys reading about many other topics in science as well. She frequently replicates the experiments found in her books. H. also participated in the Greater Philadelphia Homeschool Science Fair, winning a 1<sup>st</sup> place award. She also completed several units from the PLATO Life Science course.

## **Social Studies**

H. has worked through the Rand McNally Schoolhouse Geography and Map Activities Workbook (Beginner Level). She is learning to navigate using a road atlas. For history she enjoys reading the Horrible History books, as well as reading about particular historical figures she has chosen. She is learning about the presidential election process as that unfolds.

# Safety Education

H. has learned about the dangers of fire and learned a safe escape route from our house.

#### Physical Education

H. has participated in a 14 week series of ice-skating classes, and since then has continued to enjoy skating often. H. has taken and is currently taking swim lessons. She enjoys exercising on a trampoline, exercise ball, and balance board.

#### Arts

H. participates in regular piano lessons and performances. This includes a regular program of listening to teacher-selected music. She completed part of a GeeArt course and made many self-directed projects, including a didgeridoo, finger-knitting, and "twiddle-bug traps." H. participated in two theatrical productions: She played a Munchkin in The Wizard of Oz at a community theater. In addition, she played the lead role in a short film made by a graduate student at a local university.