

SLO Classical Academy 2nd Trimester Progress Report

Student: Jill Smith

Teacher: Mrs. Ingham

Attendance

Days Present:43

Days Absent: 0

Math

*Using Saxon K – we’ve worked through lesson #76 and math comes fairly easily to Jill.

*We also supplement with a Kumon workbook on telling time on the hour and half hour. We’re on page 50 of 80.

In summary: Jill really enjoys math. The interactive Saxon lessons are the most fun, especially playing store and using money.

Science

*We had a lot of fun with the lessons on winter, especially while we were in Tahoe and could actually play in it. We did experiments with water and turned them into ice bottles overnight.

*We also did a fun lesson on the seasons and used a flashlight and a globe to discuss how the sun shines longer on certain parts of the Earth at different times of the year.

*The butterfly series was a lot of fun. The “hands on” experience at the butterfly groves in Pismo was educational.

In Summary: Jill enjoys science and nature projects. Once again the interactive lessons are a lot of fun.

History – Geography – Social Studies

*With Five in Row, we learned about the Ukraine, Northern Canada, Spain, France and Boston. We had a lot of fun making up an itinerary for a week in Spain. Making a map of Boston for Make Way For Ducklings was a delightful exercise for us too.

*We are also reading the Little House series and discuss life and times in the 1800’s.

*As an extra social studies activity we had a pet funeral and make a headstone and discussed our own life cycle.

In Summary: Jill likes learning about new places and life in the past.

Language Arts

*In mid February we finished our 100 Easy Lessons to Teach Your Child to Read. We are working through the suggested book list in the back of the book. Jill is easily reading level 1 and 2 books. Level 3 book are challenging as she builds her vocabulary.

*We also finished Explode the Code book 1 and are beginning book 2. She can sound out and spell most 3 letter words. *Jill has mastered reading over 50 sight words.

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Fine Arts

Currently enrolled in MonArt once a week.

Jill took a Bon Jon Art class over Christmas break.

In her free time she likes to draw our family, her hamster and make cards for her friends.

In December we were able to see the Nutcracker at the San Jose Performing Arts Center.

Physical Education

Jill is actively involved in gymnastics at Performance Athletics in SLO. She also participated in a mini meet at Performance Athletics in January.

She also attends ballet classes at Pacific Dance Center in Morro Bay. She is working toward being in a performance in June.

In her free time she loves to jump on our trampoline, skateboard, ride her bike, hike, roller skate and even ski when we are able to be in the snow, as in January.

Spelling/Handwriting

Jill does some spelling in Explode the code, where a picture is shown and she has to write what it is. She is solid in her handwriting uppercase and lowercase letters separately, but we are still working on using lowercase more consistently when writing words.

Electives

Jill also attends Awana once a week and goes to Sunday school at our local church.

Jill took a life skills class, centered on folding, as one of the Academy classes this trimester. She learned to wrap gifts, fold napkins and set a table, fold laundry, make origami, make greeting cards and a photo book.

Jill also learned to knit as part of our work in The Mitten.