

Digital Learning School Student - Jenna MacDonald



Jenna is a grade four student enrolled in the GSSD Digital Learning School this year through her home boundary school, Yorkdale Central. On the very first day of school this year, her teacher, Mrs. Lechner, received an email from Jenna in which her passion for writing was clearly evident. She shared:

"I really enjoy writing and wish to be an author some day. Some day I want to go to college, major in English, and maybe start my own publishing company. I'm writing a book already, called Mackenzie of Sycamore Ranch. I got inspiration from Anne of Green Gables. I also really enjoy reading books."

Jenna began writing her book in January, 2021. She had taken the time to carefully craft her early 1900's setting and characters, slowly building in the reader's mind clear visuals with her deliberate choice of rich, descriptive language. Her engaging dialogue reflected each character's unique personality (and dialect), and the elements of the story were carefully researched and revised to ensure they accurately reflected the time period. Mrs. Lechner shared,

"Over the past two months, I have listened to her share her progress with her classmates and me, and have found myself at a loss sometimes for suggestions to offer as improvement to the storyline because it is already so sophisticated and refined. She is 13 chapters and 24 pages in, and still going strong. At the conclusion of each chapter, I find myself eagerly awaiting the next installment of her creative ideas."

Aside from Jenna's narrative piece, her talent for writing shows across all of the assignments she completes online. She often submits a written and a typed response for her paragraphs. Her writing always reflects careful editing and advanced vocabulary use that shows wisdom beyond her years. With Jenna's work ethic, leadership skills, and kind nature, she would be a fitting nominee for many categories, but her passion for writing and skill in this area is truly remarkable and worthy of recognition.

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