

## My Journey With North South

North South has helped me a lot in my learning journey. I have been a part of North South for the past two years. I loved spelling the most, so I started practicing words using the 1,000 word list provided by North South. I also attended fall coaching classes that taught me about the origin of different words. There are many words that I had difficulty spelling, but the North South classes helped me find the correct spelling and meaning for the words. It has improved my vocabulary tremendously and has helped me understand the difficult words in the books that I read. Since I started to practice spelling, I have improved on my spelling tests and other writing assignments in school. Last year in third grade, I have been getting 100% on all my spelling tests throughout the year. This motivated me to practice harder for this year's Junior Spelling Bee. The Fall coaching classes and the word list helped me practice for this year's spelling bee and I was selected in first place in my region. I am looking forward to participating in the finals next month and one day to be able to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

I also participated in the Panacea challenge last year and won first place! It was a fantastic experience for me to use my own imagination and write an Essay! I am also proud that I got to use my own creativity to come up with a unique mask dispenser idea that can help during the time of pandemic. It was also a great opportunity for me to work with my parents for this project and look up various resources to use online. I am very thankful that North South gave me this opportunity to contribute in a meaningful way to society. Above all, the dedication of the North South volunteers is very inspiring and encourages me to do the same when I grow up. North South has helped me a lot, and I look forward to being a part of the North South family for many more years to come.