

Fifth Grade Student State Champion in InvestWrite Competition



Congratulations to fifth grade student Breyanna Lehrer for winning 1st place in the statewide InvestWrite writing competition. The competition was created and designed to help students enhance their experience in the Stock Market Game through writing. The Stock Market Game is an international competition that teaches and reinforces core academic skills, while imparting an understanding of the importance of saving and investing. Students create and grow virtual cash accounts into top-performing portfolios and learn the fundamentals of real-world investing. This writing component and competition reinforces their knowledge about finances and the Stock Market and hones critical thinking skills. Breyanna was asked to explain, in letter format, the benefits of long-term investing and how it can help savings grow and improve an individual's financial future.



In her impressive essay, Breyanna provided descriptions of stocks, bonds, and mutual funds, and explained the benefits of long term investing. She used real-world examples to support her position. Breyanna discussed a stock that she and a friend were following through the Stock Market Game. They analyzed trends, made predictions and tracked their investment. They purchased a stock at a low price, yet as the price dropped, they decided to sell. She states, "Sometimes it's better to take a loss and walk away before you lose everything. Take my advice; it might help you a lot in your life of investing!" In the essay, Breyanna also included details about how investing helps companies create new products and how it helps federal and local governments build and maintain public resources like schools, parks, hospitals and roads.

Breyanna's final tip, "You can be risky when you invest, or you can keep it safe. When you take more risk with investing, you can make more money. But you can also lose more so watch your investments carefully."

