

Ann Clarks Award

She is only in first grade and already Ann is a winner. I'm sure the thousand dollars award she won will be put away for her education and will be only the first of many awards she will win the in the future.

Being an orphan in China, Ann Clark was adopted and brought to this country to be part of the family of Tom and Mary Ellen Clark.

Right from the beginning her new parents noticed that this was one determined little child. So winning the Nicholas Maxim Special Award for Excellent Penmanship was no real surprise to them.

The award may not of happened had she not won the award for the best penmanship in the entire school. Her teacher, Linda Messner, decided to send in a sample of her penmanship to the contest organizers who then included it among the 325,000 other entries.

Winning the penmanship award hasn't changed this little girl much. She still rides her bike, swims, plays video games on her IPod touch and computer, and cracks open a can of soda now and then on those hot summer days by the pool;

all things, by the way, she can do on her own.

Extraordinary, considering the fact that Ann Clark was born with no hands.

