

## **December Students of the Month - Empathy**

Gr K - Mrs. Gunderson . Our December Student of the Month is Riley Bakeberg. Riley has a huge heart and is a caring friend. When someone needs help or isn't at their best Riley is often one of the first to offer a hand and compassion for the situation. Riley is sensitive and feels things more deeply than her peers. This comes not as a weakness but a strength in that she is able to use this to hold great empathy for those around her. I have no doubt that Riley's love for others will continue to radiate in life and she will do amazing things! We are so lucky to have such a caring child in our school and we can't wait to see the amazing things Riley will do this year and beyond!

Gr K - Ms. Ready. The Character Strong theme for December is empathy. We learned that empathy is understanding and connecting to other people's feelings. I am pleased to nominate Chloe Buhmann as our student of the month. Chloe demonstrates the skills of knowing how she feels, understanding what others are feeling, and connecting with others in meaningful ways. She is kind hearted and generous in spirit. Congratulations Chloe!

Gr 1 - Mrs. Myhre. My December nomination is Avery Olson. Avery shows empathy every day by noticing how others feel and choosing to be kind. When a friend is sad or frustrated, she checks in, offers a comforting word, or lends a helping hand. She is quick to include others, share, and make sure everyone feels welcome. Her caring heart helps our classroom feel safe, supportive, and full of kindness.

Gr 1 - Mr. Paulson. This month we are celebrating Fiona Carriveau! Fiona shows kindness in everything she does. She's a great example of empathy, she cares about how others feel and always tries to make things better. Fiona uses respectful words, listens to others, and treats everyone with fairness and care. She gives her best effort every day, works hard during learning time, and doesn't give up when things are tricky. Fiona works well with classmates, shares ideas, takes turns, and helps make sure everyone feels included. We are so proud of Fiona fo

Gr 2 - Mrs. Bresnahan. December has been all about showing empathy and one student has truly shined. We would like to recognize Westin Perra for always taking the time to understand how others are feeling and offering support when someone needs it. Whether comforting a classmate, listening with kindness, or including others during playtime, he shows a natural ability to care for the people around them. His thoughtful actions make our classroom a warmer, more welcoming place, and we're so proud to honor him as our Student of the Month for empathy!

Gr 2 - Mrs. Rice. Clea Wilen shows empathy and compassion towards her peers in 2nd grade day in and day out! She takes time to connect with her peers, notice how they are feeling, and helps them advocate for themselves. She thinks about how others might be feeling and offers support and encouragement drawn from personal experience. She helps make her friends feel comfortable by being honest, and offers forgiveness when things go wrong. Clea is dependable and kind - we are so thankful for you Clea!

Gr 2 - Mrs. Shea. Piper Simpson shows empathy towards those in her class, other grades, and adults every day! She takes time to connect with others, notices how they are feeling, and helps them advocate for themselves. Piper is always supporting others and encouraging them when they need it. She is kind to those around her and she is a friend that can be counted on if ever in need!

Gr 3 - Ms. Johnson. Being empathetic and a sincere friend makes others feel cared about and special. When a friend uses their kindness to support others, it shows a strong sense of character. Logan Puncochar sets a great example of what it means to cooperate with others, to be a kind friend, and to put herself in others' shoes. Logan strives to know the difference between right and wrong and when it's time to step in and say something in order to stand up for herself or to help another student. Logan shows genuine interest in others and takes the time to listen, to respond, and to make others feel at ease. Logan is also one of the first people to assist in cleaning up messes, even if she wasn't involved in creating them. Keep up the tremendous work Logan!

Gr 3 - Mrs. Lindstrom. Jaxson Segler is our Student of the Month for the character trait empathy. Jaxson shows empathy by caring for those around him. He shows support for his classmates and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Jaxson frequently checks in with other students to make sure they're doing okay. He shows others he cares with kind and thoughtful gestures, like making cards for his classmates. Way to go, Jaxson!

Gr 4 - Mrs. Gallus. This year in 4th grade, Jacob Nygaard consistently demonstrates empathy through his words and actions. He is quick to notice when classmates are feeling upset or left out and makes an effort to include them. Jacob often offers kind words of encouragement and helps others when they are struggling. He shows respect for different perspectives and listens carefully when others are sharing their thoughts or feelings. His caring attitude helps create a positive and supportive classroom environment. Way to go, Jacob!

Gr 4 - Ms. Krueger. Miles Arvidson consistently shows empathy by being kind, thoughtful, and aware of others' feelings. He takes time to listen, help classmates when they are struggling, and include others so everyone feels welcome. Their caring actions make our classroom a safe and positive place to learn, and they are a wonderful example of how to treat others with respect and compassion. Way to go Miles, I'm proud of the example you set for others.