

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

Kindergarten - Mrs. Heuer. Maggie Graham is the December student of the month in Mrs. Heuer's kindergarten class. Maggie shows empathy towards others in many different ways. The first way is that she is a good role model to others in our class. She tries hard to follow directions, always tries her best and strives to learn as much as she can. Next, Maggie shows a warm and caring heart towards others. She wants everyone to feel good and she goes out of her way to help make that happen. Last, Maggie has a very positive attitude towards everything we do in school and she shares this attitude with others and she always comes to school with a smile on her face! This helps to create a fun and safe learning environment in our class. Congratulations, Maggie!

Kindergarten - Miss Miller. Riley Stenberg is the December student of the month in Miss Miller's kindergarten class. Riley shows empathy towards others in many different ways. The first way is through being a good role model for our class. He follows directions and always tries his best. Next, Riley is kind and caring towards others. He wants everyone to feel good and goes out of his way to help make that happen. Third, if Riley ever does anything wrong, he is quick to apologize. Last, Riley has a positive attitude towards everything we do in school and he shares this attitude with others. This helps to create a fun and safe learning environment in our class. Congratulations, Riley!

Grade One - Mrs. Adams. Tavifa Gorlov is the December Student of the Month in Mrs. Adams's classroom. Tavifa demonstrates empathy by helping, supporting, and encouraging others in our classroom. Tavifa will go out of her way to ensure that her friends are okay. Keep up the good work Tavifa!

Grade One - Mrs. Pavlenko. I am happy to nominate Bexleigh Petschl for our December Student of the Month because she is a great example of a kind and compassionate person. Her gentle and empathetic heart helps to show her friends and teachers that she cares about them. If someone is having a bad day, is hurt, or needs a friend, I know Bexleigh has quietly and peacefully helped them in any way she can, whether it is opening and holding the door after recess, helping them pick up their free choice materials at the end of the day, or being silly to brighten their spirits. While reading to someone during Daily 5, or during classroom work time, Bexleigh will pick a variety of different people to work with, and will always do a fantastic job of taking turns, collaborating, and listening. Bexleigh has shown immense dedication in not only being a good classmate and friend, but being a good student as well. For those reasons and more, I would like to recognize Bexleigh for a job well done! Great job, Bexleigh!

Grade Two - Mrs. Carlson. December's theme of empathy has been shown by Grace Marketon many times in the classroom. Grace is continually able to show that she cares for her classmates at all times. If someone is hurt, she is the first to pick them up. Grace demonstrates her ability to feel and connect with others through her actions. She can put herself in another person's shoes to know how they might feel. Grace makes a great friend because she is empathetic. I am excited to call Grace the student of the month for December!

Grade Two - Mrs. Eastling. I nominate Remi Wroge for December student of the month for empathy. Remi is always quick to give a hug. She cares about fellow classmates and teachers' feelings. Remi always has a kind word to say when someone is feeling down or having a bad day. She is kind, thoughtful, and caring!

Grade Three - Mrs. LaMott. Congratulations to Ellie Hendrickson for being selected December student of the month from Mrs. LaMott's classroom! Ellie shows empathy towards others in many different ways. She is a good role model - she follows directions and always tries her best. Ellie has a warm and caring heart and wants everyone to feel good. She will go out of her way to help and is quick to apologize if she needs too. Ellie has a positive attitude and makes our classroom a great place to learn! Congratulations Ellie and keep up the good work! :)

Grade Three - Mrs. Wadman. December's theme of empathy has been shown by Hudson Lusk! He consistently notices the feelings of others, offers support when classmates are upset, and uses kind, understanding words in difficult moments. Hudson demonstrates empathy through his actions — whether he's checking in on a friend, sharing materials, or making sure everyone feels included. His ability to recognize how others are feeling and respond with care helps create a safe, welcoming, and positive classroom community. We are so proud of his caring heart and the compassion he brings to our classroom each day!

Grade Four - Mrs. Gallagher. The December student of the month for Mrs. Gallagher's class is Brooklyn Spars. This month's theme is empathy. Brooklyn is able to recognize the emotions of a friend or classmate and uses kind words for those who need to hear them. Brooklyn is a good friend to many classmates. Brooklyn is a great choice for student of the month because she has so many good character traits. Brooklyn knows when to stay focused on work and doesn't get distracted by visiting with friends during work time. She is patient when waiting her turn, and generous and kind by thinking of others. Brooklyn knows that some things are hard and take perseverance, but she has the grit to keep on trying and she is not afraid to ask for help. We are glad to have Brooklyn in our class. Congratulations Brooklyn!

Grade Four - Mr. Goudy. Carlie Kruck has been nominated for December Student of the Month for her outstanding empathy and compassion toward others. She is a feeler, and because of this has the ability to see when others are feeling a certain way. She consistently notices when classmates are feeling upset and goes out of her way to offer help, encouragement, or give a hug. Carlie helps in making our classroom a welcoming and supportive place for all. Her ability to understand others' feelings and respond with genuine care truly sets her apart and makes her a great candidate for this character quality.