

4th Grade

Terence Dahl - 4th Grade

Since the first day I met this student, he has been a perfect example of what it means to “do the right thing.” He truly understands how one person’s small actions can make a big impact. Because of this, he carries himself in mature ways that are filled with respect. For example, one time he and another student came to pick up something from the classroom. Although the other student was taking a little extra time collecting what she needed, he patiently waited for her. Another teacher in the room was highly impressed by this. I agreed and told her that it is one of the countless kind gestures this wonderful boy makes on a daily basis. Every day, he greets me with a “good morning,” even before I say it to him. Every day, he says “excuse me,” “please,” and “thank you.” Every day, he listens attentively to the people who surround him and makes choices that will benefit the whole and not just himself. Every day, he is modest with his thoughtfulness, meaning he acts with integrity even if he thinks no one is watching. And every day, his refreshing presence makes everyone smile. We are thankful for Terence Dahl

Sara Klich- 4th Grade

We would like to recommend this student for Doing the Right Thing. She is a student who always tries her best and goes beyond the required expectations. She is always willing to help her teachers and friends and is a team player. She is well-liked by her classmates and never makes excuses. This student is part of a class that visits Mill Gardens once a month along with Mrs. Scala. Mill Gardens is a residential home for senior citizens in Midland Park. Our student has a Polish background and has become friends with a resident who is Polish. They can speak the same language and share stories. The resident was so happy that one of the students could speak her native language. This student has gone above and beyond by visiting the senior center on her own time with her mom over a weekend. She even brought in special Polish treats for the Polish resident baked by her grandmother. Therefore, we would like to recommend Sara Klich as a student who Does the Right Thing!

Ella Meyer- 4th grade

To be honest, we have a really great class. That fact shows itself in many ways almost daily. Last month we received a new student. It is always difficult for a student to adjust to a new classroom midyear, but the transition was especially difficult for this particular student. She is new to this country and is experiencing winter for the very first time. In fact, last month was the first time she ever saw snow. To compound her challenges, she is deaf...not just hard of hearing...completely deaf. Our class welcomed her with open arms. Like we said, “we have a really great class.” Although our class helped our new student in every way, one student in particular stands out above the rest. She consistently writes things down on a piece of paper to help our new student be more aware of what was happening in our classroom. All communication needs to be written, and this student goes out of her way to make sure her new friend is informed of everything. In fact, she keeps a pack of sticky notes in her desk just for this reason. She makes sure that our new student is never overlooked. This display of empathy is inspiring, and rare to find in a 9 year old. Her acts of kindness come naturally for her. She is completely unaware of the impact she is making in someone else’s life. As teachers, it is remarkable to watch. Her name is Ella Meyer.