

**2020 National CAP ACE Students of the Year:
Brooklynn Shortt and Isabel Kaul, 5th grade
Nominated by Teacher, Eureka McCormick
Michelle Wildey, Principal
Syring Elementary, Swartz Creek, MI**

Teacher, Eureka McCormick, nominated two outstanding students from her 5th grade classes, and CAP thought both were extra special!



Brooklynn Shortt:

“**Brooklynn Shortt** exhibits positive character traits that we want all students to develop and strengthen. Leadership: a leader must possess certain character traits, such as perseverance, collaboration, and motivator. Brooklynn demonstrated her ability to be a leader by always motivating and encouraging her teammates to go beyond doing the basics when she was given lesson objectives. She was always encouraging her teammates to try new ideas when the tasks were open ended. Even when projects or tasks weren’t easy, she encouraged her teammates to keep trying to accomplish the missions. This demonstrates her ability to persevere, even when faced with challenges. A leader helps others. Brooklyn would not only accomplish her learning goals, but I often witnessed her helping others by coaching them on how she solved the tasks. These are just a few examples of what Brooklynn did this year to make me notice that she should be nominated for student of the year.” ~ Ms McCormick



Isabel Kaul:

“As a teacher, we all have at least one student that is the quiet one. You know that student that exists just below our radar.

Isabel is that student in my 5th grade. After doing some reflecting on who to nominate for student of the year, I came to the realization that sometimes a student of the year can be that person that was the quiet one. It can be that student who was the brave one. Isabel was the brave one in my class and the quiet one. She was not always the first one to say, ‘I would like to do that’ or the most outspoken student. She was the one that when given a task, she would beam because she was the chosen one. Oftentimes, I needed someone to be my demonstrator. I needed a volunteer to test items. She beamed because she was the chosen one. She was often chosen because she was the one that would be the student that would be eager to learn and most importantly, to try! I nominate Isabel as student of the year because of her bravery; she never declined a challenge. You can see in the pictures how, whenever we received something new from ACE, she would be my brave one who was willing to try, no matter if she failed or succeeded. One of the many necessary skills of a good leader is bravery!” ~Ms McCormick



Congratulations, Isabel and Brooklynn!
You epitomize the heart, mind and spirit of true ACE students!
CAP is proud of you!