

A wise man (or amphibian) once sang, "It's not easy being green...It seems you blend in with so many other ordinary things" This might seem an odd way to begin our introduction but this Month's M of M. has taken Kermit's advice to heart. This M of M has proven their bonafide claim to this classic song by making it a clear mission to never "just blend in" but to stand out from the leaves." To be considered for Marauder of the Month, one should display our shared big three C characteristics: Courage, Compassion, and Curiosity. This month's selection carries those traits "like flashy sparkles in the water or stars in the sky..." Don't believe me, let's look to see what some of their instructors have to say about this.

Mr. Skarsten explained how this M of M displays great Curiosity by asking probing questions and taking a real passion in their studies. Their curiosity really showed during their Fresh Water Lab where they researched an alternative design that after a few trials turned into the best fresh water producing design in the class.

Mrs. Loiselle declared, "Whoa, this M of M is like, ya know, such a, um, like a good part of our class..." When we explored Greek Literature, this Marauder was brave enough to volunteer to read aloud, the title character, Oedipus, no less! This Marauder is also a constant, positive contributor in class discussion and is a great classmate in our Vocabulary Activities."

Mr. Kendrick exclaimed, "Oh man, this Marauder is a rock star. They are always impressing me with their willingness to not only productively join any class discussion but more importantly to listen to what others are saying, considering these different viewpoints and reconsidering their view based on everyone's ideas. This ability to reconsider your opinion is a sign of real maturity. So whether insightfully comparing behavioral patterns of hunter gatherers and mega-cities, entertainingly presenting the complex ritual aspects of cremation as a form of burial or exploring multiple differences between diverse cultural expressions this M of M constantly brings the Big 3 C's to class.

Mr. Whitehouse and Mr. Foley added that they thoroughly enjoy this Marauder's contributions to class. Their mature and thoughtful insight drives classroom conversation and raises the bar of discussion of complex historical events. Plus, they built the best Egyptian reed boat and perfectly imperfect pottery vessel.

So, to circle back to Kermit, yes, it might not be easy being green. It's also not easy being the new kid at school. This Marauder seems to take all these challenges in stride; just like their pet goat, May May, standing out from the flock but still managing to successfully hang with the chickens. **It is with the utmost pleasure for the History Department to nominate Khloe Antoniak as this October's Marauder of the Month.**