# Fifth Grade Responsibilities

# September = Respect

# Welcome Back!

 As you know, at Palmer we associate each month of the school year with one character trait. At the beginning of each month, I will take time to talk with the students about what character trait we are focusing on that month, and how we can show that trait through our daily actions. Instead of a team count up this year, each month I will choose four students who have modeled that month’s character trait in class, at lunch, specials and on the playground. Those students will each be allowed to pick one friend and we will choose a day to eat lunch in classroom together. Our character trait for September is RESPECT.

 This year as fifth graders, the students will have certain responsibilities to look forward to, such as safety patrol and announcing team. One student from each of the fifth grade classes has already been chosen as the announcing team who will train the other fifth graders to do the school announcements each morning and afternoon. In addition, our class has been asked to be on the safety patrol first this year! Interested students have already turned in their essays and will start this week, helping to keep all students safe as they arrive and leave Palmer each day. Excellence team also begins this Friday, and one student from our class will be chosen to eat lunch in the art room with Mr. Frey! Look for our September Excellence Team winners in the October Newsletter!

 I am very excited to have begun what I know will be a wonderful year in fifth grade. I have already been so proud at how our class has started this school year as a team, working together and helping one another. Fifth grade is going to be amazing!

 As September progresses we will continue to do some community building activities, as well as start right away with our academics. We have already begun our Math lessons, and will continue with Unit 1 throughout the next few weeks. Look for the Unit 1 family letter this week, as well as Unit 1 homework starting tonight! We have also already begun our Daily 5 lessons starting with choosing good fit books. Be sure to ask the students how they are using IPICK to choose books that are perfect for them as we start Read to Self.

 This week we will start both Writer’s Workshop and Science lessons as well. Watch for the writer’s notebooks coming home to be decorated this week, and be sure to send them back to school as soon as they are finished! I will be teaching Science this year, and I cannot wait to begin! Our first Unit will be Ponds and Wetlands and we will start by finding out what we already know about wetlands! As soon as this unit is complete, the students will start a Social Studies unit with Mrs. Cottrell.

 Student birthdays are going to start creeping up on us very soon, as we have five in September this year! Like last year we will be celebrating student birthdays during lunch. The entire class will eat lunch in the classroom with me while we show a movie and/or play games. Parents are invited to come in during the celebration from 12:15 – 12:45. If you decide to bring in a treat for the party, please know that we have 24 students in our class this year. Please keep in mind, students will not be allowed to walk the halls of school delivering extra treats to other teachers due to student allergies throughout Palmer. Thank you for your understanding regarding this matter.

# Student Birthdays

Back to
School!


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## Upcoming Events

**PTA Meeting**

Tuesday, September 13, 6:30 P.M.

**Running Club Begins**

Tuesday, September 20, 8:00 A.M.

**School Pictures**

Thursday, September 22

**Wellness Day/ ½ Day**

Friday, September 23

Students dismiss at 12:15 P.M.

**Scholastic Book Orders Due**

Friday, September 23

**Classroom Open House**

Tuesday, September 27, 6:00 P.M.

Palmer’s Open House/Community Dinner will be held on Tuesday, September 27th from 6:00 – 7:30. I encourage you to come and see our new classroom and pick up your parent information packet! The packets will have even more information about our classroom rules, routines and expectations!

**Maura Bartell 9/17/11**

**Angel Cooper 9/18/11**

**Kaitlyn Devine 9/24/11**

**Anna Salce 9/24/11**

**Pierre Peters 9/28/11**

## Reminders to Parents

#### September Birthdays!

# Assignments and Planners

 Last week the students each received their own planner to write down homework assignments, reminders and more. Every morning the students will fill out their planner with that day’s assignments and place them in their homework folder. Please be sure to check their planners each night to be sure all assignments have been completed and students are prepared for the next day of school!

 This year, students will receive four planners, one for each marking period.

## Reminders to Students

* Bring your planner and homework folder to school daily!
* Gym follows Art again this year; make sure you wear sneakers!

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