# PARP Begins!

 Last month, the students did an amazing job showing me just how responsible they are as fifth graders! The five students chosen as the month of October’s RESPONSIBILITY winners were: Hunter Scholl, Amanda Ingerson, Sophia Cali, Jessica McKenzie and Maura Bartell. Congratulations!
 Our character Trait for the month of November is caring. Look for our November CARING winners in next month’s newsletter!

 Each day, the students participate in the Daily 5 activities of read-to-self, read-to-someone, listen to reading, work on writing, and word work. Recently, I have made a few changes that will help to ensure the students are getting the most out of this time each day. Students now have their own individual Daily 5 card, which lists the activities that I would like them to work on throughout the week. When they complete an assignment, they turn it in to me and check it off on their card. This way, they still decide which activities to complete and when, but I can better monitor their progress.

 Another exciting thing about November is the start of our school PARP Program. Information regarding PARP (Parents As Reading Partners) and the various PARP activities has already come home with the students. There will be many exciting activities related to PARP, starting this week with a free book give-away during lunch! On Friday we will attend a Hills Brother’s Assembly for PARP and later this month we will have a mystery reader visit our classroom! There certainly is a lot to look forward to!

November News!

 I cannot believe it’s already November! Halloween is behind us now and I think it’s safe to say this year is flying by! It was great seeing everyone at the parent/teacher conferences this week, and I am looking forward to the rest of our conferences on the 17th and 18th!

 We are working on Unit 3 in Math and will be until mid-November. In unit 3 we will be working with compasses and protractors measuring and drawing angles. We will also be learning about congruent triangles and polygons!

 We are starting essay writing during writer’s workshop, and I am excited to be starting a new unit. The students are such great writers, and I always look forward to reading what they come up with.

 Social Studies is going great and the students seem to really enjoy their lessons with Mrs. Cottrell. I learn something every day as the students come back from Social Studies with something new to share!

# Daily 5 Changes

# November = Caring

# What We’re Learning!

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**PARP Begins**

Tuesday, November 1

 ½ Day Dismissal @ 11:30

**PARP Free Book Give-away**

Wednesday, November 2, @ Lunch

**Class Picture Make-Ups**

Thursday, November 3, 10:45 A.M.
**District Track Meet**

Monday, November 7th

**End of 1st Marking Period**

Thursday, November 10th

**Veteran’s Day – No School**

Friday, November 11th

**Parent/Teacher Conferences – ½ Day Dismissal @ 11:30**

Thursday-Friday, November 17th-18th

**Report Cards Go Home**

Friday, November 18th
**Emergency Sheltering Drill**

Tuesday, November 22nd, 3:15 P.M. Dismissal

**Thanksgiving Vacation – No School**

Wednesday-Friday, November 23rd-25th

## Upcoming Events

 Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place on Thursday, November 17th and Friday, November 18th. A reminder will be sent home on Monday, November 14th with your date and time if you have a conference on one of these two days. I will look forward to seeing everyone then!

**Samantha Vier 11-3-11**
**Nathan Hanna 11-5-11**

**October Excellence Team Winners!**

#### November Birthdays!

**Maura Bartell 10-7-11**

**Angel Cooper 10-14-11**

**Nate Hanna 10-21-11**

## Reminders to Parents

# Exciting News!

In October, two students from our class, Maura Bartell and Anna Guiles, participated in a school Spelling Bee. Both girls made it on to the next round, and will head to Durgee Junior High School on Wednesday, November 16th to compete in the District Spelling Bee!

Congratulations Maura and Anna and good luck!

## Reminders to Students

* Wear sneakers for gym on

Day 3!

* Wear warm clothes to go outside for recess!

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