***Benchmark Skills List*** *CP*

The following list of terms are the key words that you should expect to find on your Benchmark on Friday, November 4th. Your teacher will have review sessions before and after school on Thursday, November 3rd and before school on Friday, November 4th. Review sessions will begin at 7:15 and conclude at 7:40. The afternoon session on Thursday will begin at 2:40 and conclude at 3:00.

**Fiction Terms**

Narrator

Setting

Characterization

Direct vs. Indirect

Point of View

First Person

Third Person Limited

Third Person Omniscient

Conflict

Internal vs External

Plot

Exposition Rising Action / Complications Climax / Turning Point Falling Action

Resolution / Denouement

Inferences / Drawing Appropriate Conclusions

Reading Comprehension (read slowly, read carefully, take notes, ask questions, draw conclusions)

Vocabulary in Context

**Writing**

Identifying Off-topic Sentences in Passages

Identifying Specific Evidence in Passages

Effectively Organizing Writing

Determining Fact or Opinion

Identifying a solid Topic Sentence

Identifying Author’s Purpose

**Grammar / Language**

Connotation

Denotation

Synonym / Antonym

Complete sentences vs. fragments

Independent vs. dependent clauses

Comma

Semi-colon

Colon