**NOVEMBER VOCABULARY**

Adversary – opponent; enemy; foe

Aplomb – poise

Apprehensive – uneasy or fearful about something that might happen

Aptitude – capability; ability; talent

Attentive – observant

Banish – send, drive, put away

Barricade – a defensive barrier hastily constructed to stop an enemy

Bluff – cliff or hill with a broad, steep face

Brackish – having a slightly salty or briny flavor

Circumference – outer boundary; perimeter

Commotion – violent motion; noisy disturbance

Concoction – mixture; creation

Conspicuous – easily seen

Cunning – deceiving; craftiness

Debris – the remains of anything broken down or destroyed; ruins; rubble

Defiance – open disregard; contempt

Deft – nimble; skillful; clever

Diminish – to make or cause to seem smaller; lessen; reduce

Dismal – causing gloom; dreary

Eavesdrop – to listen secretly to a private conversation

Egregious – extraordinary in some bad way; glaring; flagrant

Engross – to occupy completely; as the mind or attention

Falter – to hesitate or waiver in action, purpose or intent

Furtive – taken or done by stealth; secret

Grueling – exhausting; very tiring

Gusto – hearty or keen enjoyment, as in action or speech

Hasten – hurry

Ignite – to set on fire; kindle

Impending – about to happen; imminent

Jargon – language, especially the vocabulary, specific to a particular trade, profession, or group

Jostle – to pump, push or shove

Luminous – radiating; shining; bright

Malleable – capable of being extended or shaped by hammering or by pressure from rollers

Meander – to proceed by or take a winding or indirect course

Meticulous – taking or showing extreme care about minute details; thorough

Outlandish – freakishly or grotesquely strange or odd; as appearance, dress, objects or ideas

Pertinent – relevant

Subside – to become quiet, less active or less violent

Terse – curt; abruptly consise