**Mrs. Green’s Gazette:**

September 16, 2019

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

* **Picture Day:** Thursday, September 19th.
* **Book Orders:** Due on Friday, September 20th. Make checks payable to **Scholastic Book Clubs**, **please do not send cash.** Also, please place the completed book order form and check in an envelope/Ziploc labeled “book order” with your child’s name on it. If you would like to order online our classroom code is: HCXL7
* **PTO:** Have you heard about our awesome PTO? Please visit their website masonpto.com for all of our school happenings and to join the PTO. Be sure to also check out the Moose Shop on masonpto.com to get all your spirit wear to make every Friday a spirit day at Mason.
* **NWEA Fall Testing:** Students will take their fall NWEA tests this week on Tuesday, September 17th and Thursday, September 19th.
* **$5.00 Party Money:** If you have not had a chance yet to turn in your $5.00 party money, please do so ASAP! We use this money throughout the school year to help pay for the crafts and activities for the holiday parties.
* **Conferences:** Just a heads up, conferences are much earlier this year than in past years. They are on October 9th and 10th. There will be a half day of school on Thursday, October 10th. More information to come as it approaches.
* **Evacuation Drill:** Our evacuation drill will take place on Thursday, September 26th at 9:30am. During this time, students cannot be picked up or dropped off.
* **Late Start Monday’s:** School begins at 9:05am and dismissal remains the same
  + September 23, 30
  + October 7,14, 21, 28
* **Specials for the week:**
  + Monday: Gym
  + Tuesday: Art
  + Wednesday: Library
  + Thursday: Music
  + Friday: Gym

**READING WORKSHOP:**

This unit of reading workshop will focus on how readers build good habits. When you read each night, try to ask your child about their predictions, favorite parts, characters, etc. Talking about the books helps build comprehension!

**WRITING WORKSHOP:**

Students will begin thinking about writing small moments. These are true stories about something people do that have beginnings, middles and ends with lots of details on one narrow topic. This week we will be writing about one summer moment that really mattered to each child and brainstorming ideas for other small moments.

**MATH:**

This week in math we will be continuing our unit on Numbers and Routines. Each night your child should practice memorizing his/her basic addition and subtraction facts. Ask them these questions to help review what we have been learning:

1. Finish this number line: 497, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_, 501, \_\_\_\_\_\_
2. How much money is 2 quarters?
3. How much money is 1 quarter, 1 dime and a nickel?
4. What coin is the same as 5 pennies?
5. What number comes before 200?
6. What number comes after 600?

**SCIENCE:**

Students will be making observations and learning about the various parts and life cycle of insects. Mealworms are the first that we will explore. They will eventually turn into darkling beetles! When this portion of the unit is over you will receive a permission slip to help decide if you would allow your child to take their darkling beetle home!

Students will be bringing home a “Create an Insect” project on Friday, September 20th and is due back on Monday, October 7th.

**OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

* Please send your child with a healthy snack daily. We work and eat at the same time so snacks that are less messy work best!
* Please check planners and boomerang folders EVERY night. This is where we can communicate best. **Sign your child’s planner daily** and if you have a quick note writing it in their planner is best!
* Specials Schedule is as follows for the year:
  + A Day: Music
  + B Day: Gym
  + C Day: Art
  + D Day: Library

Your partner in education,

Mrs. Green