**Mrs. Green’s Gazette:**

September 9, 2019

**WELCOME BACK!!!**

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

* **Picture Day:** Thursday, September 19th.
* **Back-To-School Night:** Wednesday, September 10th. Please meet in the gym at 6:30pm, followed by a presentation in our classroom (room 207).
* **Book Orders:** Due on Friday, September 20th.
* **PTO:** Have you heard about our awesome PTO? They have already begun hosting events for our school like breakfast on the blacktop and our ice cream social. PTO sponsors each and every child at Mason providing crucial support for our teachers and families. 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.
* **Late Start Monday’s:** School begins at 9:05am and dismissal remains the same
	+ September 9, 16, 23, 30
	+ October 7,14, 21, 28
* **Specials for the week:**
	+ Monday: Music
	+ Tuesday: Gym
	+ Wednesday: Art
	+ Thursday: Library
	+ Friday: Music

I have really enjoyed getting to know your student this past week. We have a **fabulous** class. I know this will be great a year!

**BOOK ORDER:**

Scholastic Book orders will be sent home frequently. Pick and choose which ones you would like to participate in. 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. This month is a great time to order books because I will receive 5000 bonus points to put towards our classroom library. This will really help us grow readers together! If you would like to order online our classroom code is: HCXL7

**MATH:**

In second grade, we use the Everyday Math Program. Homework or “Home Links” are sent home as independent practice after a lesson has been taught. Unit one focuses on numbers and establishing routines within the math program. Most lessons will have a “Home Link” to practice skills taught. However, in this first unit “Home Links” are not sent home until lesson 11. Each night your child should practice memorizing his/her basic addition and subtraction facts.

**READING WORKSHOP:**

This unit of reading workshop will focus on how readers build good habits. The concepts we will cover include: readers being engaged while reading and sustaining for longer stretches of time, readers read just right books, readers use strategies when they get stuck on a word, and readers read and talk with partners about texts. This is a great opportunity for you to talk with your children about their feelings about reading, what they enjoy reading most, and their favorite reading memories.

**SCIENCE:** Our first unit of study in science is “Insects.” Students will be bringing home a “Create an Insect” project on Friday, September 20th. Please look for directions to come home at that time!

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** Monday, September 16th is Constitution Day. We will be engaging in some activities in class that day.

**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! Thank you for your support.
* Specials Schedule is as follows for the year:
	+ A Day: Music
	+ B Day: Gym
	+ C Day: Art
	+ D Day: Library

Phew…we all made it through our first week back!

Your partner in education,

Mrs. Green