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The Barnes Bulletin

\* **Homework: Please have your child read 15-20 minutes a night. Students should also practice their addition or subtraction math facts 5-10 minutes a night.** Students may use the classroom website to practice their math facts, flash cards or practice sheets from timed tests in class that are not complete. **The All About Me Posters are due on Friday, September 19th.** Students are bringing home a book bag today with 1 book in it from my classroom library. The book bags with the books in them are due back on Friday. I expect students to read for enjoyment Monday-Thursday using their good fit books from my classroom, the school library or books from home for 15-20 minutes a night. This can be by themselves or with a family member.

**\*Scholastic book orders are going home on Monday and are due Monday, September 22nd. Please make checks payable to Scholastic Book Club.**

**\*Website:** <http://mrsbarnes2ndgrade.weebly.com/index.html> Check out our classroom website! The classroom website is updated weekly! I add classroom pictures, homework, educational websites and videos as well as the newsletter to our website on a regular basis. Have fun! ☺

**\*NWEA testing:** We will be testing in the computer lab on Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon this week. The tests will measure your child’s growth from fall to spring this year in reading, math and language.

\* **Science**: We are studying nutrition this week.

\* **Math:** We are reviewing coins, time, number lines and number grids. We are also practicing our addition and subtraction facts.

**\* Reading:** We are reading the story Julius this week. It is about a very silly pig.

**\* Library:** Our library time will be during media on Mondays with Mr. Jonker for the next couple of weeks while NWEA testing is taking place. So next week- **Library books will be due on Monday.**

\***Writing:** We are writing about ourselves. We are learning how to write about a small moment or narrative writing.

**\*Words Their Way:** Students will be learning the routines for the Words Their Way spelling program for the next couple of weeks. In a few weeks I will be sending home a spelling list once we have the procedures down.

**\*Class Pictures**: **Picture days are on September 22nd and 23rd**. More information about picture day will be going home in the next couple of weeks.

**\*Communication:** Please feel free to call, e-mail me or write me a note any time you have questions, concerns or positive comments. I believe strongly in our partnership to make this a great school year for your child!

 Your Partner in Education,

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