

Mr. Smith's

Third Grade Rockstars!

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How's it Going?

Are you on the right track?

With only 2 more weeks remaining of first semester, I am so happy to see so many of you already finished with some of your courses! Again, please check your grades. If you are not passing a section A (first semester) course, you cannot go on to section B (second semester). If this pertains to you, please consider resubmitting any Portfolios or asking to retake any Unit Tests or Quizzes to help!

Students should be around 95% complete with semester courses and 47% complete with year-long courses. Even for those of you that joined late- this is where you need to aim your Lesson completion to be.

Throughout this year, you will want to keep in close communication with me often. In fact, this is a requirement! I've found that if you utilize my booking page, you can schedule out ALL the required meetings right now and have that out of the way. Here are the ways:

- WebMail
- Phone: 208-370-3628 (text or call)
- [YouCanBook.Me](#)

Connecting with me for monthly check-ins are a required part of attending Connections Academy. Please do not fall behind on these or my unsolicited phone calls will begin. No one likes those!

I will be making myself as available as I possibly can these remaining two weeks of the semester for 1:1 help with students as needed. Please use my booking page to schedule these. Feel free to book more than one if you feel that will help! I want you to pass!!!

“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” – Theodore Roosevelt



Important: Focus for rest of semester

-LiveLessons these next two weeks will be focused primarily on topical content review and games!

-We are entering week 15 of Math Time to Talk. I am holding only one each day on Wed, Thurs, and Fri.

-Did I mention that you should be focused on Lesson Completion yet?! Advocate for yourself and your grades! Keep aiming high!

-If you have intervention for reading and/ or Math, you must be completing those.

LiveLesson Schedule and Assessments

Note: All LiveLessons this week are going to be focused on reviewing important key concepts and ideas through playing games!

Monday: NO SCHOOL

Tuesday: Language Arts: Review Games 9am PT / 10am MT, Math: Review Games 10:30am PT / 11:30am MT, Sources of Strength (Mrs. Ward LL room) 1pm PT / 2pm MT

Wednesday: Social Hour: Show and Tell! 10:30am PT / 11:30am MT, Time to Talk 12pm PT / 1pm MT

Thursday: GT Language Arts: Review Games 9:30am PT / 10:30am MT, Social Studies: Review Games 10:30am PT / 11:30am MT, Time to Talk 12pm PT / 1pm MT

Friday: Art: TBA 10am PT / 11am MT, Time to Talk 12pm PT / 1pm MT, Open Office 2pm PT / 3pm MT

Important takeaways:

- Lesson Completion focus!
- Review Games this week for LiveLessons!
- Only 6 total Time to Talks remaining this semester. Plan accordingly
- Finishing courses and happy with your grade and want to move on? Ask Mr. Smith what to do next!



Secrets of Success

- **Complete your Orientations**—Students and Learning Coaches
 - o *The Best Kept Secrets* are in these presentations. Refer back to them often the first month of school...and any other time during the year. (You can find them in the Virtual Library or in Learning Coach Central.)
- **Set up your study area**—Make it a special place where you do only school work. If a separate space is not possible, arrange your schedule so the space is only used for school during specific times of the day.
- **Daily attendance**—Consistency is important in learning.
- **Begin the first day of school or the day you have access to lessons**—if you have enrolled later—begin even if you do not have all of the books and materials! You have copies of the books online through the links in your lessons. If you get behind, it is hard to catch up. All workbook pages are available as PDFs.
- **Do all your assignments in order.** Complete Portfolios before going on to the next Unit. Don't put off portfolios! Portfolios are intended to take multiple days with instructions for different parts given throughout a unit. Do each part as you are instructed to do so.
- **Decide how you are going to use your Student Planner.** Learning Coaches can enter family outings and appointments and other events that will affect your schooling—monthly calls and LiveLessons.
- **Be available for required monthly phone calls.** You can schedule a set time or you can use You Can Book Me to find the best time for you!
- **Attend scheduled LiveLessons.**
- **Mark the STATE TESTING Dates on your Family Calendar when made available.** ISAT testing will happen in the spring. You will receive more information on this later.
- **ASK QUESTIONS!** If you are new to INSPIRE—it takes a few weeks to get adjusted to this new way of learning. If you are a returning family, it will take some time to adjust to the new curriculum and get back into your school routine. If you have questions—ask. If I don't know the answer, I will find out who does.
- **Clear curriculum modifications with your teacher.** Some families may need to have the curriculum modified for various reasons. Please work with me so that your student continues to meet Idaho Standards while meeting his/her unique needs.
- **School Support/Tech Support—800-382-6010.** You can always call Connections Academy with questions—especially if they are computer or equipment related. I will direct you to these numbers if you are having issues with the materials CA sent.