

Mr. Smith's

Third Grade Rockstars!

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How's it Going?

Are you on the right track?

Time for some FUN! Spirit Week will run all next week beginning on Monday the 18th. The Elementary students will be hosting games and activities on Wednesday the 20th with a special guest MC. Stay tuned for more detailed information on this soon! Also, we will be holding a Halloween costume parade with the 5th grade students at the end of the month. Please save all costume reveals until that time.

Students should be around 40% complete with semester courses and 18% complete with year-long courses. Use this as a guideline for keeping on pace with successful completion- especially if you joined our class after the first official day of school.

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](https://www.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!

Is your student struggling with Lesson completion? Please ask ME to step to HELP! I can provide additional learning opportunities and support to aid in student success! Please, please take advantage of this and reach out to me NOW... don't let your student fall between the cracks!

"Success isn't always about greatness. It's about consistency. Consistent hard work leads to success. Greatness will come." – Dwayne (The Rock) Johnson



IRI and Star Test Scores

Important:

If the Renaissance pre-test lesson is still appearing on your to-do list or planner, you may mark it complete.

IRI Test scores for your student have been sent to you through WebMail. I sent it to all Caretakers as well as the student. If you somehow missed this, please check both accounts before asking me to resend.

I will finish collecting Star Testing results throughout this week. Once I have all of them prepared, expect a WebMail from me with this scoring data. You can pull up general testing scores through the student's Data Views as well.

LiveLesson Schedule and Assessments

LiveLesson Schedule Back!

This is a short week for students. If you received a message from me to reschedule a meeting for this Thursday or Friday, please do so ASAP. Here is the LiveLesson schedule for the week:

Monday: Open Office 1pm PT / 2pm MT

Tuesday: Language Arts: Personal Narrative Author's Purpose 9am PT / 10am MT, Math: Candy Shop (Regrouping) 10:30am PT / 11:30am MT

Wednesday: NO LIVE LESSONS – Mr. Smith out

Thursday: Time to Talk 8am PT / 9am MT, GT Language Arts: Personal Narrative Guidance, Social Studies: Mystery of Roanoke

Friday: Time to Talk 8am PT / 9am MT, NO ART LL, Time to Talk 1pm PT / 2pm MT

Important takeaways:

- IRI scores have been sent out. Look for Star scores soon
- Remember to schedule a contact with me for the month! Our first one NEEDS to be in my LiveLesson room for activities
- Notice that Time to Talk sessions have been added to Friday to make up for missing Wednesday!
- Get those monthly check-ins scheduled!



Secrets of Success

- **Complete your Orientations**—Students and Learning Coaches
 - *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.