

# Mr. Smith's

## Third Grade Rockstars!

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## How's it Going?

### *Are you on the right track?*

As the chilly weather begins to roll in, I am reminded how special it is to experience new smells and watch the beautiful Fall colors come and go. I hope you all get to take a moment and enjoy this season.

**Students should be around 46% complete with semester courses and 21% 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](#)

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!

**Many of you have already fallen seriously behind in your required monthly check-ins with me. If I call you and leave a message, you are obligated to return this call within 48 hours or you are considered in breach of your contract to be with us at Connections. Remember, I am here to help this be a positive experience and ensure your student is learning.**

**"Be the change that you wish to see in the world."  
- Mahatma Gandhi**



## Spirit Week Schedule:

**All Spirit Week events will be in [this LiveLesson room](#) throughout the week. The schedule and topics are as follows...**

Monday 2pm PT / 3pm MT – All About Me Monday. Introduce yourself and share what makes you... YOU!

Tuesday 2pm PT / 3pm MT – Out and About Tuesday. Activities you enjoy doing such as sports!

Wednesday 2pm PT / 3pm MT – Wacky Wednesday. How are you creative? Do you express yourself through art or music?

Thursday 9am PT / 10am MT – Thoughtfulness Thursday. What are ways you demonstrate kindness with friends and families?

Friday 9:30am PT / 10:30am MT – School Pride Friday / Color Competition! What do YOU love about Inspire? Elementary's color is purple!

# LiveLesson Schedule and Assessments

## *LiveLesson Schedule Back!*

Things should all be back to normal for this full week of school. Students are already on their 38<sup>th</sup> day of classes with us. Notice that Social Hour and the Art LL are being supplemented by Spirit Week events all week and will not be held.

**Monday:** Open Office 1pm PT / 2pm MT

**Tuesday:** Language Arts: Point of View Clues 9am PT / 10am MT, Math: Rule of Doubling and Halving 10:30am PT / 11:30am MT

**Wednesday:** Time to Talk 8am PT / 9am MT, Time to Talk 9:30am PT / 10:30am MT, Social Hour: No LL, Time to Talk 12pm PT / 1pm MT

**Thursday:** Time to Talk 8am PT / 9am MT, GT Language Arts: Context Clues/ Decoding 9:30am PT / 10:30am MT, Science: Plant and Animal Life Cycles 10:30am PT / 11:30am MT, Time to Talk 12pm PT / 1pm MT

**Friday:** Art: No LL, Open Office 2pm PT / 3pm MT

Important takeaways:

- Remember to schedule a contact with me for the month!
- Spirit Week is supplementing Social Hour and Art LLs this week. See events and LL address in student Planners
- Halloween Social Hour will be next week. Please ask your student(s) to refrain from wearing costumes to LLs until then
- The third page of EVERY Newsletter has tips for success. I promise if you take a moment to read those, you will have less questions or concerns for me. Those tips are to ensure YOUR success. We got this!
- 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.