

# Mr. Smith's

Third Grade Rockstars!

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## Today is day 100!!!

*Back to some normalcy...*

For 90% of you, testing is now behind us and we now can get back to a normal LiveLesson schedule! I will be collecting the final scores and sending those out to families as early as today. As a reminder, these scores have no reflection on student grades, but are designed to inform our instruction! *I'm very proud of you for persevering!*

**Students should be around 14.5% complete with semester courses and 60% complete with year-long courses.** If you are new to our class for this second part of the year, your year-long course completion may look different. ***The most important thing to remember is that with hard work and dedication, YOU can and will succeed!***

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!

*These valuable check-ins have implications that are beyond the scope of grades and learning. It is equally important to me that we get to spend this time together to grow our relationships and empower students to feel like they are important and belong.*

[Click here to schedule now.](#)

**“But you know, happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light.” – Albus Dumbledore**



## Important: Upcoming Items

-I am holding a final IRI makeup test during my Open Office period (1pm PT / 2pm MT)

-Time to Talk Math is entering week #3 this Wednesday

-Story Time, Social Hour, Art, and History Mystery are BACK!!!

-Unhappy with your grade in a class? Want to try a Quiz or Unit Test again? Need some one-on-one support? Book time with me!

-Be sure to check out our [classroom website](#) to view past LiveLessons and resources if needed!

# LiveLesson Schedule and Assessments

Note: Outside of our IRI Testing this week, Time to Talk and today's Story Time are the only LiveLessons offered.

**Monday:** Story Time: Giant's Beware! Part 2 12pm PT / 1pm MT, IRI Makeup 1pm PT / 2pm MT (Zoom)

**Tuesday:** Language Arts: Sentence Variety 9am PT / 10am MT, Math: Perimeter vs Area

**Wednesday:** Time to Talk 9am PT / 10am MT, Social Hour: Winner's Mentality 10:30am PT / 11:30am MT, Time to Talk 12pm PT / 1pm MT, Time to Talk 2pm PT / 3pm MT

**Thursday:** Time to Talk 9am PT / 10am MT, GT Language Arts: Ugly Duckling Project 9:30am PT / 10:30am MT, Social Studies: Intro to Economics 10:30am PT / 11:30am MT, Time to Talk 12pm PT / 1pm MT

**Friday:** Art: Valentine's Day 10am PT / 11am MT, History Mystery: D.B. Cooper 11am PT / 12pm MT, Time to Talk 12pm PT / 1pm MT, Open Office 2pm PT / 3pm MT

## Important takeaways:

- Time to Talk entering week #3
- Make sure you complete STAR Testing if you received a WebMail about it and IRI Testing ASAP!
- Don't fall behind in your required monthly check-ins with me!
- NOTE: if you have not taken the time to completely read page 3 of my weekly Newsletters, please do so now. It will help!



## 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.