Mr. Smith's

Third Grade Rockstars!

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6 more weeks(ish) of school!

The end is in sight!!!

The *final* round if IRI Testing will be held Tuesday, May 3rd and Wednesday, May 4th (May the Fourth be with you!). I will once again be assigning your designated day and time. If you need to move your slot to a different one, just let me know! Please keep an eye on your Planners for these to appear soon (along with a WebMail notice).

Students should be around 75% complete with semester courses and 90% complete with year-long courses. As you find yourself finishing sections, please ensure that you have a passing grade (60% or greater). The most important thing to remember is that with hard work and dedication, YOU can and will succeed!

Utilizing me to help you achieve success is a key solution to finishing strong with grades you are proud of. Don't wait until it is too late to connect with me to book time. My schedule fills up very quickly! Here are the ways to contact me:

- 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 begin conducting End-of-Year calls in May. If you'd rather schedule that conversation with me yourself, please use my booking page to do so. Be sure you make a note when scheduling if it is specifically for the End-of-Year conversation so I can be prepared. These can occur either by phone or in my LiveLesson room! Click here to schedule now.

"If you're *brave* enough to start, you're *strong* enough to finish." – Gary Ryan Blair



Important: Upcoming Items

- -Did you notice that I have provided a different motivational quote in each Newsletter all year long?!
- -Time to Talk resumes for its 12th week of the semester
- -If you have already attended 10 Time to Talk sessions, you do NOT need to attend anymore the rest of the school year!
- -Final IRI Testing May 3rd and 4th
- -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 <u>classroom</u> <u>website</u> to view past LiveLessons and resources if needed!

LiveLesson Schedule and Assessments

Don't forget that I record all LiveLessons and post them to our classroom website!

Monday: Story Time: Interrupting Chicken 12pm PT / 1pm MT

Tuesday: Language Arts: Taking Notes 9am PT / 10am MT, Math: Exploring Time 10:30am PT / 11:30am MT

Wednesday: Time to Talk 9am PT / 10am MT, Social Hour 10:30am PT / 11:30am MT, Time to Talk 12pm PT / 1pm MT

Thursday: Time to Talk 9am PT / 10am MT, GT Language Arts: Research 9:30am PT / 10:30am MT, Science: Space Walk 10:30am PT / 11:30am MT, Time to Talk 12pm PT / 1pm MT

Friday: Art: Drawing Mountains 10am PT / 11am MT, History Mystery: Deadly Molasses Flood of

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Important takeaways:

- We are entering the 12th week of Time to Talk Math (need 10 for the semester)
- Spring IRI in 2 weeks!
- 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.