

Mr. Smith's

Third Grade Rockstars!

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ELA ISAT Testing Week!

We are now on the home stretch!!

ISAT Testing begins this week! These are the major assessments of the year for students in both Literacy and Math. There are NO makeup sessions for these and are absolutely mandatory. You have already received several WebMails about this. Thank you to those of you that worked with me for a different testing day for your student.

Students should be around 53% complete with semester courses and 80% complete with year-long courses. It is your responsibility to ensure you are keeping up with Lessons. ***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!

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.](#)

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.” – Winston Churchill



Important: Upcoming Items

-Time to Talk Math is entering week #10 this Wednesday

-We will be conducting one more ISAT Practice this afternoon

-[Practice the ISAT here!!!](#)

-Don't fall behind on your required monthly check-ins!

-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

Don't forget that I record all LiveLessons and post them to our [classroom website!](#)

Monday: Story Time: Marvin Redpost 12pm PT / 1pm MT, ISAT Practice 1pm PT / 2pm MT

Tuesday: ELA ISAT Testing (Last Names A-F) 9am PT / 10am MT

Wednesday: ELA ISAT Testing (Last Names G-M) 9am PT / 10am MT, Time to Talk 12pm PT / 1pm MT, Time to Talk 2pm PT / 3pm MT

Thursday: ELA ISAT Testing (Last Names N-Z) 9am PT / 10am MT, Time to Talk 12pm PT / 1pm MT

Friday: History Mystery: Winchester Mystery House 11am PT / 12pm MT, Time to Talk 12pm PT / 1pm MT

Important takeaways:

- Time to Talk entering week #10
- Open Office Monday will be used for ISAT Practice
- 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.