

# Mr. Smith's

Third Grade Rockstars!

5.23.22

## 2 more weeks(ish) of school!

*Did you complete your STAR Test?*

I will be at the North Idaho field trip this Tuesday. Please sign up ASAP! This means there will be NO LiveLessons that day. All other in-person field trips have come and gone at this point. This might be a great day for you to complete your Spring STAR Test on Renaissance if you have not done so already.

**Students should be around 91.5% complete with semester courses and 100% 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 be continuing End-of-Year calls. Most of you are either done or are scheduled, but not all of you! 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.](#)***

**“Teaching YOU has been one of the great joys of my life. Thank you!” – Matthew Smith**



## Important: Upcoming Items

- End-of-year chats are **required** to complete the school year
- Time to Talk is now on its 16<sup>th</sup> 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!
- All LiveLessons at this point take on a more Social/ Open Office feel
- 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 12pm PT / 1pm MT, Open Office 1pm PT / 2pm MT

**Tuesday:** In-person Field Trip for North Idaho Students – NO LiveLessons!

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

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

**Friday:** Mr. Smith Out of Office - NO LiveLessons!

## Important takeaways:

- We are entering the 16<sup>th</sup> week of Time to Talk Math (need 10 for the semester)
- In-person field trip for North Idaho students is Tuesday (NO LiveLessons)
- End-of-year calls continuing
- Mr. Smith out of the office Friday (NO LiveLessons)



## 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.