



# Beneath the Surface

## An Independent Study

**Dear Parents, Teachers, and PEAKers,**

I hope everyone feels refreshed and rejuvenated after an amazing Spring Break! We're gearing up to head into the final push for the students' Independent Study projects.

Students will each be gathering and printing three pictures that help them "tell the story" for their independent study presentations. We'll be carefully selecting images that have specific purposes within the project, are of a suitable resolution, and will be citing the sources for each.

We'll also be working further on the students' creative portion of the presentations, again with the help of professional artist Katie Knight. Ms. Knight will guide them in a new and fascinating process combining salt and watercolor (perfect materials for ocean art!) and these will become the background images for the cyanotypes the students created in March, which are amazing! We can't wait for you to see these unique pieces.

Lastly, students will begin putting all the pieces together to prepare for presenting to a college audience at MSU on April 23.

Please watch your email for details about our upcoming trip to MSU on April 23! We'll be working with various professors and MSU students, and our students will get to present their Independent Study presentations to MSU education students for critique and feedback.

### **This Week's Activities: April 7 - 11**

<b>Research: Internet</b> I can effectively navigate the internet and collect and cite relevant research with minimal (or no) teacher guidance.	<b>Each Picture is Worth 1000 Words</b> - Students will collect online pictures that will help them share their research on ocean topics as part of their Independent Study presentations.
<b>Communication: Pres. Skills</b> I can present in front of an audience of parents, peers, and educators.	<b>Putting It All Together</b> - Students will begin to compile all of their research and start creating presentations to give to college students and faculty at Montana State University.
<b>Creativity: Product Development</b> I can utilize proper design choices with expert help to improve the aesthetics of my projects.	<b>The Art of Water and Light, part 2</b> - Students will work again with resident artist Katie Knight as they learn a new process using salt and watercolors to create watery scenes for the cyanotype project they created in our last art lesson.

**Cruising the Currents of Creativity,**

**J. Slead & C. Sieminski**

# PEAK GT3-5: Spring 2025

<b>April 7</b> Bryant Hawthorne Jim Darcy	8 Four Georgians Rossiter	9 Jefferson Smith Warren	10 Broadwater Central Kessler	11 PEAK Middle School CRA/HMS
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21	22	23 <b>Bozeman MSU Trip (All Elementary PEAK Students)</b>	24	25
28	29	30	May 1	2
<b>PEAK Middle School/ High School Week (No Elementary PEAK Classes)</b>				
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19	20	21 <b>PEAK Leadership Conference (All PEAK Students)</b>	22	23
26 <b>Memorial Day  No School</b>	27 <b>Half-Days:</b> AM only: Four Georgians Rossiter <b>PM Only:</b> <b>Bryant Hawthorne Jim Darcy</b>	28 Jefferson Smith Warren	29 Broadwater Central Kessler	30 PEAK Middle School CRA/HMS