

Beneath the Surface

An Independent Study

Dear Parents, Teachers, and PEAKers,

Students got to stretch their creativity even more last week with another project led by professional artist Katie Knight. This time, students learned about "wet on wet" watercolor art. They used various materials and techniques to create very beautiful scenes of ocean waves and peaceful skies (see example above by E. H.) These watercolor paintings and their cyanotypes will be on display as students make their presentations at MSU.

This week will be our final session to complete the students' Independent Study projects. They'll be working on outlines, creating notecards to help them with their speaking, timing and refining their presentations, and hopefully giving mock presentations to partners for critique. We're hoping to have everything done this week!

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

Research: Internet I can effectively navigate the internet and collect and cite relevant research with minimal (or no) teacher guidance.	<u>Credit Where Credit is Due</u> - Students will create bibliographies to cite all the sources they've used in their research: websites, books, reference materials, and interviews.
Communication: Pres. Skills I can present in front of an audience of parents, peers, and educators.	<u>Putting It All Together</u> - Students will continue compiling all of their research and creating presentations to give to college students and faculty at Montana State University.
Creativity: Product Development I can utilize proper design choices with expert help to improve the aesthetics of my projects.	<u>The Art of Water and Light, part 3</u> - Students will complete their art projects as the creative portion of their Independent Study projects.

Getting Ready to Present!,

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PEAK GT3-5: Spring 2025

April 14 Bryant Hawthorne Jim Darcy	15 Four Georgians Rossiter	16 Jefferson Smith Warren	17 Broadwater Central Kessler	18 PEAK Middle School CRA/HMS
21	22	23 Bozeman MSU Trip (All Elementary PEAK Students)	24	25
28	29	30	May 1	2
PEAK Middle School/ High School Week (No Elementary PEAK Classes)				
5 Bryant Hawthorne Jim Darcy	6 Four Georgians Rossiter	7 Jefferson Smith Warren	8 Broadwater Central Kessler	9 PEAK Middle School CRA/HMS
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19	20	21 PEAK Leadership Conference (All PEAK Students)	22	23
26 Memorial Day No School	27 Half-Days: AM only: Four Georgians Rossiter PM Only: Bryant Hawthorne Jim Darcy	28 Jefferson Smith Warren	29 Broadwater Central Kessler	30 PEAK Middle School CRA/HMS