

# *Endangered Species*



## *Lessons for Young Students*

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR! It's hard to believe its 2024! I hope everyone had a safe and restful winter break! The Currier's enjoyed their staycation in Helena. I did two Christmas Bird Counts and saw some great birds! But it's time to get back to PEAK! And are we busy! Before the break, student teams were finishing their endangered species research and developing activities for their K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students. It was a work week to get things completed. Student teams did very well and are getting closer to being ready!

This coming week is our last for this unit of study. Student teams have done so much in preparation for their endangered species lesson. However, something they haven't even started is giving their presentation! Teams have worked so well together and separately when necessary. But teams have not practiced their lesson at all. We will be using our time next week to do just that...practice together. Teams have decided on how their lesson will look and who will be responsible for which sections. This week they will work on turning all their work into a group presentation. Teams will also be giving their presentation to their classmates for evaluation and constructive criticism. This will allow teams to see where they are succeeding and where they can improve and make better. Student teams will spend some valuable time in the morning with the rubric for this project. It is important for them to know the expectations and criteria for their lesson. Having the tool they will be evaluated with allows them to work to being and doing their best possible work!

This week is a slightly altered schedule due to the winter break continuing into Monday. Therefore, Monday PEAK students will be attending on Tuesday...with Tuesday PEAK students. It will be crowded and busy and I will need everyone working together and being respectful of each other so we can all have a positive and productive classroom environment! Thank You!

### ***This Week's Activities: (Jan. 2 – Jan. 4)***

<b><u>Communication: Presentation Skills</u></b> – I can present in front of an audience of parents, peers, or educators.	<b><u>Becoming the Teachers!</u></b> – Student teams will work together to create an endangered species lesson that is not only informative but also engaging and professionally presented!
<b><u>Creativity: Product Development</u></b> – I can utilize proper design choices with expert help to improve the aesthetics of my projects.	<b><u>Using Bloom's in the Classroom</u></b> – Student teams will continue and complete their Bloom's Taxonomy activities for their students. They are trying to get their students to use those higher order thinking skills.
<b><u>Critical Thinking: Evaluation</u></b> – I can understand and complete a pre-made evaluation for myself and/or others and analyze the results.	<b><u>How to Evaluate</u></b> – Students will be given, and we will go over the rubric for this project. They will have this tool before they begin their practice so they can be striving for the best results!

***So close to ready,***

***Mr. Currier***

# PEAK Calendar – Spring 2024

JAN 1 2024	2	3	4	5
Winter Break Ends	Jim Darcy Kessler Central Jefferson Rossiter Warren	Four Georgians Hawthorne	Broadwater Bryant Smith	
8	9	10	11	12
Jefferson Rossiter Warren	Jim Darcy Kessler Central	Four Georgians Hawthorne	Broadwater Bryant Smith	
Endangered Species: Lessons for Young Learners – Final Presentations				
15	16	17	18	19
MLK Day – No School	½ day Morning Jim Darcy Kessler Central Pickup 11:15am No Lunch  ½ Day Afternoon Jefferson Rossiter Warren Drop off 11:30am Lunch at PEAK	½ day Morning Four Georgians Hawthorne Return 11:15am No Lunch  ½ Day Afternoon Broadwater Bryant Smith Drop off 11:30am Lunch at PEAK	Mr. Currier's room is being painted! No PEAK	
22	23	24	25	26
Records Day – No School	Jim Darcy Kessler Central Jefferson Rossiter Warren	Four Georgians Hawthorne	Broadwater Bryant Smith	
29	30	31	FEB 1	2
Jefferson Rossiter Warren	Jim Darcy Kessler Central	Four Georgians Hawthorne	Broadwater Bryant Smith	
5	6	7	8	9
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