



Dear Parents, Teachers, and PEAKers,

It was so nice to see all the students after the holiday break. We spent some time in the morning talking about their experiences during break and I enjoyed hearing their thoughts and reflections. Last week at PEAK was also the last week before we present our Endangered Species lesson to K and 1st grade classrooms around the district. GT3/GT4 PEAK students are scheduled to teach in 55 different classrooms in all 11 elementary school buildings!

In the morning, teams used some time to check in since many hadn't seen each other in quite some time. They went over what they had completed and what still needed some work. Teams also put the finishing touches on their Bloom's Taxonomy-based activities – we want those young students to get out of “remembering” and into some higher order thinking! However, the main portion of the morning was given to practice, as teams have not practiced their lesson as a group. I believe the students quickly saw the advantage of practicing because it was challenging to organize and orchestrate a group presentation! It took some tweaking, but every team did great!

In the afternoon, teams gave their presentation to the class. The audience provided each team with some valuable feedback and advice on how to make their lesson even better. Teams had time to modify and make improvements while other teams presented. By the end of the day, every team had given their presentation. I think we're ready to go! Great work students!

This week we travel! I have the schedule set and we'll be busy all day moving from school to school. Student teams are excited to teach their lesson and interact with their younger counterparts. Teams will be evaluated by the classroom teacher, my myself, and by their peers. We will analyze the data we receive the following week!

Monday and Tuesday PEAK students will be eating lunch at one of the elementary schools we will be visiting. If students need a hot lunch, we will either get one at the elementary school or I will have a brown bag lunch prepared and ready for them. Wednesday and Thursday students will be back to Smith in time for lunch as usual. I have had several parents volunteer to travel with us next week. Thank you very much! However, I could still use a volunteer on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. If you are interested, please let me know. We'd love to have you join us!

This Week's Activities: (Jan. 8 – Jan. 12)

<p>Communication: Presentation Skills – I can present in front of an audience of parents, peers, or educators.</p>	<p>Becoming the Teachers! – PEAK students will travel to the schools they attend and give their Endangered Species Lesson to classrooms of K and 1st grade students. This will be their final event for this unit of study!</p>
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Ready and on the Road,

Mr. Currier

PEAK Calendar – Spring 2024

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