



21st Century Medicine

A PEAK Independent Study

Dear Parents Teachers, and PEAKers,

Last week at PEAK, students combined their own thoughts and ideas with a short video they watched about the future of medicine and conducted a brainstorm session. Students learned the 3 Rules of Brainstorming (ask them if they remember) and we put many, many possible ideas onto the whiteboard. I thought their ideas were all great, but not all of them were going to work for this project. That's OK, it was a brainstorm...no wrong ideas! Students narrowed their ideas down and did some basic research to see if there is new, exciting, next-generation, "future-y" information these ideas. Students chose a single idea to focus on for their project and began learning about it.

Students also began creating their bibliographies for this project. They will continue to add to this list of resources as they find them. Late in the day, students learned about microphones and how to use them effectively. Each student had an opportunity to share something they learned about their topic with their classmates using a microphone to deliver the information. All in all, a successful week!

Next week PEAK students are heading over to the Lewis and Clark Library to find print material for their projects. We will be there for the morning and will return to RBLC for a late lunch and recess. I am hoping every student can find something that will benefit their project. They will need their library cards to check out any books they find. I have already sent an email to families about getting a library card – here's the link - <https://www.lclibrary.org/131/Get-a-Library-Card>.

In the afternoon, students will be adding material to their bibliographies, as well as gleaning those valuable items from the resources they collected. We will begin our PowerPoint presentations next week as well. These visual presentations will go hand-in-hand with their oral presentation. Combining both auditory and visual learning methods will make their presentations more effective and successful. PowerPoint is a powerful software tool and students will get a lesson on its functions! I'm sure it will be another busy week at PEAK! Please reach out if you have any questions.

This Week's Activities: (Feb. 21 – Feb. 24)

Research: Printed materials - I can gather relevant information from various print source types with minimal teacher guidance, including citations.	To the Library! – Students will travel to the Lewis and Clark Library to gather a variety of print materials for their Independent Study topic. Hopefully, each student will find books and reference information to help with their project!
Technology: Software - I can effectively use various software applications to create content for an activity or project with teacher guidance.	Building the Visual to go with the Voice – Students will begin the process of creating their PowerPoint presentation to go with their oral presentation. These two pieces will be used in concert to deliver a professional quality presentation.

We're going researching!

Mr. Currier

PEAK Calendar – Winter 2023

20	21	22	23	24
President's Day No School!	Jefferson Bryant Central Four Georgians Kessler	Hawthorne Rossiter Smith	Broadwater Jim Darcy Warren	
	Lewis and Clark Library Visit Bring your Library card!			
27	28	MAR 1	2	3
Central Four Georgians Kessler	Jefferson Bryant	Hawthorne Rossiter Smith	Broadwater Jim Darcy Warren	
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20	21	22	23	24
2 nd Grade Screening – No PEAK (GT staff in schools)				
27	28	29	30	31
Spring Break - No School				
APR 3	4	5	6	7
Central Four Georgians Kessler	Jefferson Bryant	Hawthorne Rossiter Smith	Broadwater Jim Darcy Warren	
21 st Century Medicine Final Events – Details coming!				