



Dear Parents Teachers, and PEAKers,

Last week at PEAK was a busy, busy, get things done week...and the students did so well. I was proud of the progress they made with research, planning, and presentation building. I was also impressed with their extended focus as we worked for long periods of time. As a result, many students' projects have really come along well. Students also learned about outlining their research, so they know what information belongs where in the story they are creating. This organization of information helped them begin creating their PowerPoint presentation. It's all connected!

This coming week will be our second to last week for this Independent Study unit. Students will continue to work on their project, gathering research, organizing, and building their presentations. We will work specifically on their bibliographies too. The students have been adding resources to their bibliography throughout the process, but not every item listed will end up in their research. We will look at our bibliographies and cut the sources we didn't use. We will also format our bibliographies so they can be uploaded to the PowerPoint presentations. In the afternoon, students will have an opportunity to present what they have so far to their classmates. They will stand with a podium and microphone and have to learn how to work their PowerPoint at the same time they are speaking! It's a dance and students will be learning the steps!

This Week's Activities: (Mar. 6 – Mar. 10)

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| Communication: Presentation Skills - I can present in front of an audience of parents, peers, and educators. | Edits and Rewrites - Students will continue working on their research and connecting that information to their PowerPoint presentation. They will be refining what they'll be saying, making sure information is in their own words (no copy/pasts), and determining how they want their story to unfold to an audience. |
| Intrapersonal: Risk-taking: - I can take age-appropriate risks within activities, such as teamwork, presentations, interviews, etc. with little teacher support. | Podium Practice! - Students will have the opportunity to practice using a podium and microphone to present their presentation in progress. This will be their first attempt and using the microphone and controlling their presentation to an audience. |
| Research: Bibliographies - I can create a professional bibliography for my research with teacher guidance. | Bibliography Time! - Students will format their bibliographic information before adding their bibliography to their PowerPoint presentation. This is an important aspect of research, and we must credit those who provided the information! |

Getting ready to present!

Mr. Currier

PEAK Calendar – Winter 2023

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| 6 Central Four Georgians Kessler | 7 Jefferson Bryant | 8 Hawthorne Rossiter Smith | 9 Broadwater Jim Darcy Warren | 10 |
| 13 Central Four Georgians Kessler | 14 Jefferson Bryant | 15 Hawthorne Rossiter Smith | 16 Broadwater Jim Darcy Warren | 17 |
| 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 Central Four Georgians Kessler | 4 Jefferson Bryant | 5 Hawthorne Rossiter Smith | 6 Broadwater Jim Darcy Warren | 7 |
| 21 st Century Medicine Final Events – Details coming! | | | | |
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