



AN ISLAND EXPLORATION

DEAR PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND PEAKERS,

Welcome back from Spring Break! I hope everyone enjoyed their time, whether you travelled far afield or stayed close to home. I was able to enjoy some downtime at home, see some spring birds, and get a new puppy! So, still busy, but in a different way.

Before the break, we had some final events. Six of them! They were all very successful. GT3 students completed their first Independent Study final events on Tuesday and Thursday evening at Bryant Elementary School. I heard nothing but positive and glowing responses from audience members – you all did so well! GT4 students had their final events all week long. They, too, were well attended and the feedback was very positive. Congratulations to you too!

This coming week we will finish our Independent Study unit with review and analysis of all the evaluations completed at the events. This is our opportunity to read the feedback, as well as learn what we did well and where we can improve our skills. We will also be using Excel to record our evaluation scores. We will learn how to resize rows and columns, enter data, and use formulae. Students will also complete an end-of-unit survey, so they can provide their feedback to what worked well for them and where improvements might be needed. I use these surveys to improve my instruction to the students. I also have an end-of-unit survey for parents. Please click on the link and take a couple of minutes to provide your feedback too! Thanks! Lastly, students will write some Thank You cards to the folks they interviewed, to the many parent chaperones who helped with overnights, and to the guest/expert speakers we met in Butte. We have lots of people to Thank!

If there is time at the end of the day, I will introduce our last unit for the year! We will be venture off and begin a new adventure, **An Island exploration!** GT students will be learning all about islands and how they are different and unique in so many ways. Students will be investigating different islands on our planet! We'll start by focusing on our knowledge base about islands and participating in a group "island survival" activity. It should be a great start to an exciting and engaging new unit! I can't wait to get going again!

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES: (APR. 1 - APR. 5)

Communication: Informative – I can create written works to share information clearly and effectively.	Providing My Feedback! – Students will evaluate their Independent Study Unit using an online survey tool. This feedback is important for improving what I do.
Critical Thinking: Evaluation – I can understand and complete an evaluation for myself and/or others and analyze the results.	Receiving Feedback from Others! – Students will enter and manipulate data in Excel. They will then analyze the results of their evaluations from their Independent Study final event.
Communication: Writing to an Authentic Audience – I can create my own original written works to express my ideas.	Thank You! – Students will write thoughtful and necessary Thank You cards to their interviewees and many more important people!

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MR. CURRIER

PEAK CALENDAR - SPRING 2024

APR 1 Jefferson Rossiter Warren	2 Jim Darcy Kessler Central	3 Four Georgians Hawthorne	4 Broadwater Bryant Smith	5
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15 ½ Day Morning Jefferson Rossiter Warren Leave at 11:15am No Lunch at PEAK ½ Day Afternoon YES LUNCH! Four Georgians Hawthorne Leave at 1:45pm	16 ½ Day Morning Jim Darcy Kessler Central Leave at 11:15am No Lunch at PEAK ½ Day Afternoon YES LUNCH! Broadwater Bryant Smith Leave at 2pm	17 <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #c6e0b4; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Mr. Currier is out of town!</div>	18	19
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