

LOST CITIES!



**EXPLORING MYSTERIOUS
PLACES, PEOPLE, AND CULTURES**

DEAR PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND PEAKERS,

Last week at PEAK, students learned about the rules of brainstorming! Ask them if they can remember any of the rules – 1) No Judgement, 2) Piggybacking is OK, and 3) Quantity over quality! Student teams then used the rules to develop a list of possible ideas that will become visual aids for their final project. Each student on the team will/have decide(d) what they want to make, design, create, build, etc. I provided some examples but really want the students to develop their own ideas and bring them to fruition. Students should be thinking about and collecting materials they will need to make their projects. I, too, am collecting likely needed supplies for them!

In the afternoon, student teams worked very well together gathering information and interesting facts about their lost city. They also worked on putting their thoughts, facts, and information together in the form of an outline. This will help them determine who is responsible for what and the order they will be presenting their story!

This week at PEAK will be a work week and our last before the end of this unit of study. The focus of the day will be completing any needed research. Students will receive advice on whether they have enough information to give a successful presentation. Student teams will also be working on their creative visual aid. This original item will be relevant to the information they are sharing and will help them tell a more complete story. In the afternoon, student teams will have an opportunity to practice giving their Lost City presentation!

IMPORTANT! – Lost Cities Final Event! – GT3 and GT4 students will be having their first PEAK Event! Student teams will be presenting their Lost Cities project to an audience of parents and families, and you are invited! Presentations will be held each PEAK day from 11:30am to 12:30pm at Smith Elementary in Rm 204. We would love to have as many parents/families attend as possible. Attending the entire hour is not necessary! Please reach out if you have any questions and we look forward to sharing our successes with all of you! Thanks!

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES: (OCT 16 - 20)

Communication: Presentation Skills - I can present in front of an audience of parents, peers, and educators.	Practice, practice! – Student teams will take some valuable time and practice their Lost City presentation. This will help with nerves and smooth out the bumps!
Creativity: Product Development - I can create projects that contain my own design choices such as color, style, pattern, etc. and describe why I chose them.	Making my Project Even Better! – Students will begin and hopefully finish working on the visual aid they will use during their presentation. Students should be gathering materials they'll need to make their creative piece. Last week we brainstormed ideas and students should know what they want to create!
Research: Internet - I can create projects that contain my own design choices such as color, style, pattern, etc. and describe why I chose them.	Becoming the Expts! – Student teams will complete researching the history of their lost city and the people who lived there. They will use their time to develop the best possible story for their lost city.

DIGGING DEEP AND GETTING CLOSE!

MR. CURRIER

PEAK CALENDAR - FALL 2023

16 Jefferson Rossiter Warren	17 Jim Darcy Kessler Central	18 Four Georgians Hawthorne Broadwater Bryant Smith	19 <div>MEA Teacher Conferences – No School</div>	20
23 Jefferson Rossiter Warren	24 Jim Darcy Kessler Central	25 Four Georgians Hawthorne	26 Broadwater Bryant Smith	27 <div>Lost Cities Final Event – OFFICIAL!! Smith Elementary - Rm 204 11:30am – 12:30pm Separate email with details coming!</div>
30 Jefferson Rossiter Warren	31 Jim Darcy Kessler Central	NOV 1 Four Georgians Hawthorne	2 Broadwater Bryant Smith	3
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13 Jefferson Rossiter Warren	14 Jim Darcy Kessler Central	15 Four Georgians Hawthorne	16 Broadwater Bryant Smith	17
20 Morning - 9-11:30 Jefferson Rossiter Warren Afternoon-11:30-2 Four Georgians Hawthorne	21 Morning - 9-11:30 Jim Darcy Kessler Central Afternoon-11:30-2 Broadwater Bryant Smith	22 <div>Thanksgiving Break No PEAK!</div>	23	24
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