

# Fiddlehead News



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## Handmade Treasures Await!

Dear Fiddlehead Families,

This season, our community is overflowing with creativity and celebration!

On November 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., we'll gather for the return of our **annual Artisan Fair**. Join us to uplift the creativity of our students, teachers, and local artisans and enjoy handmade treasures. The fair truly celebrates the inspiration that fills our days—much like our new yurt, recently featured by the Maine Department of Education for its creative outdoor learning space. [Click here to read more here!](#)

From the joy of crafting to the beauty of shared learning spaces, our community is thriving together in creativity and support. Let's keep nurturing this spirit, bringing wonder to every connection.

With appreciation and joy,

- Jacinda



JACINDA COTTON-CASTRO  
HEAD OF SCHOOL, FOUNDER

In this newsletter  
you can expect:

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We're thrilled to share that Fiddlehead was recently featured in the Windham Eagle for our exciting grant announcement! This grant will help expand our programs and create even more opportunities for our students to learn and grow. [Read the full story on Page 27 by clicking here!](#)



## Math Magic with Second Grade!

Miss Sara brings math to life for her second graders with creative, hands-on methods that make learning exciting and practical. Students explore strategies like the chip model, manipulatives, and grouping numbers to find the approach that clicks for them. This dynamic teaching style reflects Fiddlehead's commitment to honoring each student's unique learning process so that everyone feels confident and engaged. When morning math time takes hold, the classroom fills with concentration and giggles as Miss Sara ties lessons to real-world applications, helping students see that math is not just about numbers—it's a tool for everyday life.

Whether identifying patterns in nature during outdoor learning opportunities or solving practical problems, students discover the relevance and empowerment that math can offer.

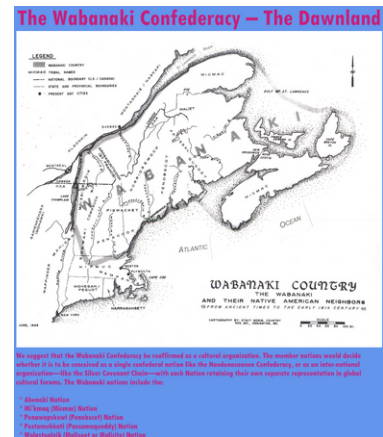
At Fiddlehead, we value student-led exploration, encouraging children to take ownership of their learning while fostering a deep appreciation for practical skills.

Just ask a second grader!

If you have questions, please email Miss Sara at [sarag@fiddleheadschoo.org](mailto:sarag@fiddleheadschoo.org).

## Wabanaki Studies for All Students

At Fiddlehead, we're proud to incorporate Wabanaki Studies into our curriculum, offering students meaningful insights into Indigenous culture and history. This year, we developed a Wabanaki Studies Book List for all grades, accompanied by teacher-led discussions and activities that help students understand the language, culture, and context of each story. To deepen their own knowledge, our teachers are attending Maine DOE classes on Wabanaki Studies, equipping them to bring these important perspectives into our classrooms with care and understanding. Learn more [by clicking here](#).



## A Time to Wander and Wonder

We're excited to share a series of upcoming naturalist-guided hikes open to Fiddlehead students and families to enjoy! If you missed the first hike, led by expert naturalist and Fiddlehead board member Marie Camillo Reimensnyder, don't worry! Join the Royal River Conservation Trust and let's explore nature together. Learn more by [clicking here to see the scheduled Weekend Walks!](#)