

# FALL NEWS

*Happy Vernal Equinox! Fall is certainly in the air, I see the first leaves changing from my window. We are happy to be back in school mode, even though it looks different this year. Below please read some important updates and reminders. 😊 Oona*

## School Aligned Learning – We got this!



We are off and running. We will continue to keep a close eye on recommendations from the CDC and schools to make sure we don't add any risk to our families. We are working with your children to establish routines that will foster good habits and meet the

educational needs on their remote days. Please have patience as we navigate this un-charted territory. Please be sure your child is prepared with a charged chromebook, headphones and all their log in information. We are communicating with Scarborough teachers, if Fiddlehead to adjust anything along the way, we will do our best.

## Thematic STEAM approach

Since many of our families are new this year, I thought I'd mention that our programming is rooted in a STEAM approach. Many may be familiar with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) we also integrate Art into our learning, creating experiential paths to understanding. September's Theme is Identity and Community.

## Group Reads

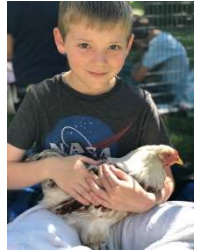
We have joined forces with the librarians at Scarborough Public library to help us find dynamic books that fit with our themes and engage our variety of ages through community reads. Our instructors have been reading aloud from *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate. It has led to some great discussions and project ideas.

## Outdoor learning space

We are so excited to be meeting with Caleb Johnson Design tomorrow for a site visit. Our vision is to build a shelter to serve as an outdoor learning classroom. This will allow us to extend our use of outdoor space into the colder months. Stay tuned.

## Pet visits

In the past, we have had some animal friends come to Fiddlehead and they were very well received. We are hoping to have some guinea pigs, Suzanne's dog and maybe even a few of Oona's chickens. The visits will be on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please fill out the permission slip if you attend on Wednesday and Fridays.



## Upgrades for safety

Following new data that confirms Covid 19 is passed through the air, we have invested in a high grade commercial air purification system that removes up to 99% of contaminants from the air and surfaces. We also hired Merry Maids to come do a deep clean and sterilization of our space each Wednesday afternoon.



## Preparing for winter

We have purchased new hooks and boot trays to have in our entryway. Please send your child with an extra pair of sneakers or slippers that they can leave here at Fiddlehead as their classroom shoes/slippers. Please send them in a labeled zip lock bag.

## Non-Profit and ways you can help

Reminder that Fiddlehead is a non-profit organization. If you feel you can help support us here are some easy ways.

**Clynk bags** – just ask us at drop off or pick-up and we can run some out to you.

**Amazon Smile** - If you shop on amazon a percentage comes to [Fiddlehead](#) to support our programs.

**Wish List** – here is our [wish list](#), updated monthly

**Join our Board of Directors** – email Kim Webber for more information: [kwebber@ethos-marketing.com](mailto:kwebber@ethos-marketing.com)

## Tuition Dues

Invoices will be generated the last Friday of the month, Tuition is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month and will be considered late by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. If you would like to set up automatic billing please let us know.