



We believe that students learn best through hands-on experience and reflecting on those experiences.

- ✓ We spark curiosity and ignite critical thinking through engaging projects and theme studies.
- ✓ Knowledge is founded on a process of observation, investigation and collaboration.
- ✓ We seize learning opportunities when they arise; no timeframe is too short!

We believe that music, arts, and creative self-expression nurture strong learners and responsible citizens.

- ✓ The arts are integrated throughout subject areas.
- ✓ Fireweed Frescoes provides group violin instruction to grades K–2, further enriching academic and social learning.
- ✓ Partnerships with local artists and organizations expand opportunities for creative expression, movement and community connection.

We believe in nurturing a compassionate learning community

- ✓ Students develop social and academic skills in small classes through cooperative learning, multi-age groups, and mentoring opportunities.
- ✓ Students learn individual responsibility, conflict resolution, and compassion through restorative practices.
- ✓ Celebrating learning is at heart of what we do.

We believe that the natural and cultural community of Kachemak Bay are fertile grounds for learning.

- ✓ Fireweed prioritizes outdoor play, exploration and discovery beyond school walls.
- ✓ Students build a sense of belonging as they become stewards of our community.
- ✓ Place-based education helps our students learn about themselves, each other, and the world around them.

We believe in building skills for engaged and responsible citizenship.

- ✓ Fireweed helps the whole child grow by fostering leadership, character development and civic responsibility.
- ✓ Social and emotional skills are developed through coaching, modeling and practice.
- ✓ We teach media literacy and critical thinking skills to help young people navigate a changing world.