



Curriculum Consultant/Art Specialist

Job Duties

- Facilitate daily art enrichment with groups of up to 6 toddlers and preschoolers, providing materials, support, and the opportunity to deepen exploration and learning through visual art expression.
- Consult with lead teachers to support project work that integrates areas of interest being explored in the classroom with the use of art materials and processes.
- Serve as a staff resource for the design, development, equipping, and maintaining of art and studio space in classrooms, our atelier (art studio space), and outdoors on our campus, and support other teachers in their use and understanding of arts- related materials, processes, tools and equipment.
- Under the leadership of the Program Director, implement a curriculum framework that:
 - Employs a social-constructivist pedagogical approach
 - Uses projects about real life concepts that are of interest to the children
 - Inspires children to investigate and research
 - Builds understanding of processes, and encourages critical thinking and discovery
 - Builds a sense of community within each class group and throughout the school as a whole
- Develop curriculum maps and ideas for daily work and extended project work and collaborate with other teachers in staff meetings.
- Develop spaces and materials that provide a stimulating environment for exploration for children and support daily, weekly, and long-term goals and needs.
- Develop individual relationships with each child and learn about his or her unique personalities and needs, and strong, positive and productive relationships with families.
- Adjust teaching approach based on individual children's needs; create a climate where children feel safe to learn and contribute; and provide support and feedback to children and families.
- With Program Director, brainstorm and discuss concepts and creative ideas for program development, school development, and activities and schedules.
- Enthusiastically participate in daily personal reflective practices and note taking, and in visible learning, such as documentation displays, online journals, photography and video and in developing children's portfolios.

- Use daily and weekly documentation and assessment rubrics to maintain ongoing assessment of each child's special interests, abilities, and areas for development.
- Contribute to parent conferences for children two times per year.
- Develop knowledge of early child development theories and approaches such as those in Reggio Emilia, Italy and the Project Approach.
- Attend annual Back to School night and lead orientation for families in your specialty.
- Assist in maintaining the school spaces.
- Participate in school-based and other professional development opportunities.
- Assist in developing the annual professional development plan for the school community and host workshops.
- Support the smooth operation of Eastern Ridge; willingly pitch in as needed to support the daily needs of the school and children.

Required Qualifications

- 3-5 years + teaching or other experience with multiple young children at one time.
- Degree in art or early childhood education strongly preferred.
- Practical experience with Reggio Emilia Approach or related educational approaches.
- Ability to effectively work with children individually and in groups.
- Ability to thrive in a collaborative, evolving environment.
- Love of nature and being outdoors in all weather; respect and appreciation for creatures, including, insects, small wildlife and birds, and a true appreciation for the need for children to get muddy, dirty and wet.
- Compelling and inspiring ability to communicate respectfully and wholly with children.
- Demonstrated ability to understand and balance the needs of children, parents, and other staff.
- Up to date CPR/first aid certification.
- Ability to move about and stand for up to 8 hours.
- Ability to lift up to 40 lbs.