
Early Childhood Teacher's Assistant

Job Description

We are seeking a reliable, warm, nurturing, motivated and energetic individual to assist and support the Lead Preschool Teacher in a class of up to nine 3-5 year olds and occasionally in our Aftercare program of 2-5 year olds.

Duties and responsibilities include the following:

- Assisting the teacher as needed throughout the day during mostly outdoor and occasional indoor activities with children, to provide curricular support, supervision of children, and assistance with transitions, meals, toileting and naps
- Assisting with display of student work, and general support for the maintenance and upkeep of materials and space in our indoor and outdoor areas
- Helping to maintain accurate records for attendance, injuries, and incidents.
- Occasionally assisting as needed with various daily upkeep duties which may include laundry and sanitizing surfaces.
- **Being prepared to spend considerable time with children outdoors daily, in all weather.**

Specific Qualifications and Requirements:

- Must have experience with young children and be willing to have background checks
- 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
- Ability to support active children, and children with varied learning styles and needs
- Ability to communicate with coworkers and parents regularly, openly, and professionally
- Experience or interest in outdoor, nature-based, project-based learning and forest schools a plus
- Experience with or readiness to learn and adopt a Positive Discipline approach.
- Able to lift up to 40 pounds and able to spend long periods of time standing.
- Must have reliable daily transportation to Great Falls, VA

Job Type: full time, year-round; start date August 22.

Pay: \$18.50/hour

Benefits: 4+ weeks of paid scheduled school holidays plus additional 14 days paid time off; health, vision, and dental insurance options; opportunity to work with and learn from a supportive

team of teacher/mentors in a progressive, mostly outdoor, nature-based preschool setting; cell phone stipend