

# Assistant Teacher Job Description

Located on our 3-acre outdoor “classroom” and among the majestic woods and streams of Wolf Trap National Park, the Eastern Ridge School is seeking a full-time Assistant Teacher for our year-round nature-based preschool program working with toddlers and preschoolers. Candidates with direct experience, knowledge of, or desire to learn about forest schools or nature-based programs, Reggio Emilia and the Project Approach are encouraged to apply.

Hourly pay, \$18.50/hour; health/vision/dental benefits, cell phone stipend, 6+ weeks paid time off, and great opportunity to learn with and be a part of a supportive team of teachers/mentors who are passionate about outdoor, nature-based early childhood education.

Monday - Friday, 8:15 - 4:15, with occasional opportunities to work until 5:15.

## Specific Qualifications:

- Is eager to support children with hands-on project based work in their outdoor “classroom” which includes a sprawling meadow, large vegetable garden, and a secluded wooded area.
- Is eager to support children while hiking, exploring, and playing at Wolf Trap National Park.
- Is enthusiastic about participating in outdoor exploration during all seasons and most weather conditions, as outdoor play and learning is a core element of our pedagogy.
- Respects children’s need to get muddy, messy and wet.
- Has the ability to model and foster the social-emotional, sensory, motor and intellectual development of young children through collaborative play and project-based learning.
- Has respect for the lives of all living creatures and wildlife.
- Able to communicate effectively and professionally with lead teachers and parents.
- Can compassionately support active children, and children with varied learning styles and needs
- Shows flexibility, teamwork, and willingness to support children and teachers throughout the school in addition to the regularly assigned group.
- Must have experience with preschool aged children and be willing to have their background checked.

## **How to Apply:**

If you think you might be a great fit for our program, please send your resume, along with answers to the following questions:

- What specifically interests you about this position?
- Why do you think you would be a good fit for The Eastern Ridge School?

Job Type: Full-time

Salary: \$18.50 per hour

Benefits:

- Dental insurance
- Employee discount
- Health insurance
- Life insurance
- Paid time off
- Professional development assistance
- Vision insurance