

Partial Outdoor School - Kindergarten/First Grade Assistant Teacher Needed

Journey School Lynnwood (JSL) is committed to providing an educational program that is challenging, creative, nurturing and child-centered. By offering an inviting and stimulating environment as well as developmentally appropriate programming, we see that each child's social, emotional, and cognitive growth is nurtured, encouraged and valued. We believe learning should be a joyful experience and encourage each child on their own journey of exploration and curiosity while developing a life-long love of learning.

JSL's philosophy is based upon both the Reggio-Emilia and Forest School approach. Our belief is that children are competent learners who can construct their own meaning of their experiences. Our goal is to create an inclusive, child-led, emergent program steeped in the belief that children are strong, capable, creative thinkers who can explore their ideas in a myriad of ways. The teacher's role is to facilitate the learning process while providing a setting for discovery and learning.

We recognize that children have a natural curiosity and a predisposition to enjoy the unexpected and as such have an approach that is hands-on and multi-sensory. Children engage in active exploration and investigation to make sense of their world. This happens through trial and error, taking risks and challenging themselves. We strive to fuel children's investigative impulses by encouraging discovery, promoting questioning, challenging ideas, and assisting the children in formulating connections and experiences.

We appreciate and respect children's multiple ways of demonstrating their intelligence. Children are encouraged to develop their individual strengths and each child's unique contribution to their community is appreciated. Their individuality and strengths are celebrated and valued while opportunities are created to provide exposure to, and enhancement of, other abilities and skills. Children will be given the opportunity to express themselves through music, painting, drama, song, movement and play as well as traditional academics.

Components which are incorporated into our program include:

- Classrooms that are creative and inspirational spaces;
- Children, family, teachers, parents and community that are interactive and collaborative;
- An awareness and appreciation of the natural world in which the environment is viewed as a secondary classroom;
- Opportunities for artistic expression in a variety of media and
- Documentation of children's activities and exploration through a portfolio system.

Journey School Lynnwood (JSL) is looking for a passionate and dedicated addition to our team:

- Do you love working with kids? JSL a Reggio-inspired, partial outdoor preschool that uses child-lead, project-based, emergent curriculum.
- Do you like to create projects, activities and learning opportunities for kids? Teachers create and implement programming that is developmentally appropriate and integrates hands-on activities and learning.
- Do you enjoy the outdoors, investigating and exploring the environment around you? Candidates must love being outdoors with kids, getting down on their level in all sorts of weather.

- Can you keep your composure when multitasking and prioritizing multiple needs at the same time? Candidates must be able to model positive behavior management and engagement.
- Do you find joy in everyday silliness and work toward being part of a team? Having a sense of humor, being a team player and calm under pressure is critical.

Desired Qualifications:

- 2+ years of experience preferred
- Additional teaching and/or educational license/certificate(s)
- Age Groups: School-age
- Knowledge of child development
- Knowledge of OSPI Common Core Standards

Required Qualifications:

- Certified Teacher, MA degree in education or similar related field
- Valid State-Issued teaching certificate for Pre-K through 3rd Grade
- Knowledge / Experience in planning and implementing classroom curriculum
- Excellent organizational and oral/written communication skills
- Current certification in CPR/First Aid, Blood Borne Pathogens and a negative TB test or willing to obtain upon employment.
- Must be able to pass a DCYF criminal background check

Responsibilities & Duties:

- Follow/Implement teaching plan/curriculum
- Time management skills and the ability to multitask
- Teach personal, social, and emotional skills
- Using play based learning and hands-on teaching methods
- Excellent communication skills for interacting with children, coworkers and parents or guardians
- Evaluate children's performance and progress
- Adhere to teaching standards and safety regulations

Job Type: Full-Time Positions ***ONLY***

Pay: \$20.00 - \$25.00 per hour ***DOE***

Benefits Include:

- Competitive pay
- Medical/Dental/Vision insurance benefits offered with company contribution (eligible after 60th day of employment)
- 401K & 401K Match (after 60 day probationary period)
- PTO Accrual, Accrued Sick Time, as well as 10 company paid holidays and 10 additional paid break days around holidays (after 90 day probationary period)
- Engaged and supportive leadership and management.
- Open communication encouraged.
- Opportunity for internal growth and development
- Free parking

- Convenient location accessible by public transportation

This program participates in Early Achiever

Local Candidates only. Equal opportunity employer.