

Position: Primary Teacher

Organization: The Children's School

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ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

An award-winning independent school, focusing on pre-primary and primary-age children, is seeking candidates for teaching positions. Nationally renowned for its unique approach to early learning, the School opened its doors in September to a new “green” building and art loft on its bucolic five acre parcel in North Stamford. The extraordinary care and planning that have gone into the design of its buildings and campus reflect the School's complete commitment to its mission: to “take young children seriously” by maintaining a deep respect for their abilities and potential to learn. Thus, the School offers a carefully prepared environment that assures children are engaged by challenging materials as well as opportunities for creative expression and problem solving. A high-quality staff, some of whom have been with the School for a decade or more, provide a nurturing and highly individualized program for each child. In 2004, the School won the Leading Edge Award in Technology from The National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) for its DVD portfolios documenting each student's progress.

Since its founding in 1964, The Children's School has melded the work of Maria Montessori, Jean Piaget, John Dewey and others into a highly individualized learning program that supports students' social, emotional and cognitive development. Each child receives a daily lesson from a teacher, participates in group activities and is given the freedom to choose from many good paths to learning in math, language arts, social studies, computers, practical life and art. Spanish, chess and science are also offered to children. The Children's School is accredited by The Connecticut Association of Independent Schools and is a member of NAIS.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Teachers are what bring the The Children's School mission to life. They make the School warm and welcoming as well as an exciting place to learn for children. Serving as friendly guides, the teachers foster children's understanding of how important it is that they respect themselves as well as one another. Each staff member has a key role to play in creating this environment, especially given the small student-to-teacher ratio of 6:1. Since the work with children is paramount, teachers are knowledgeable about the School's curriculum, materials, learning areas, and teaching techniques as well as its overall developmental approach to learning.

A sophisticated coaching system provides ongoing professional development as does the School's commitment to support teachers who wish to further their training and education. In addition, the School's cutting-edge use of technology means that every teacher becomes proficient in using PDA technologies as well as in the digital production and editing of DVD portfolios.

QUALIFICATIONS

A strong commitment to—and love of—working with young children is required. A strong affinity for working in a small school is also helpful. Applicants must possess:

- Bachelor's degree from a 4-year college or university
- Professional maturity and confidence
- A desire to get to know children and their parents well
- Effective oral, written and listening skills
- Familiarity with computer software and hardware programs
- A willingness to work in a multi-age classroom
- Enthusiasm for working collaboratively as part of a team
- A commitment to the School's mission and philosophy
- Enthusiasm, optimism and a strong belief in nurturing children's intellectual, social and creative potential
- A genuine love of learning

LOCATION

Stamford, Connecticut.

COMPENSATION

Competitive salary and benefits offered. Faculty housing available.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send a copy of your resume and two (2) references to The Children's School, 118 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford, CT 06903 or via e-mail to tcs@childrensschool.org. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. If you have questions, please e-mail us at the address above.

DEADLINE

Immediately.

The Children's School is committed to promoting a diverse and inclusive community. The School does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, religion, national origin or physical ability.