



Senior Kindergarten Teacher (Long-Term Substitute)

Type: Full-Time

Supervisor: Head of Early Childhood

Dates: January 19 - June 4

Mission Statement

Catherine Cook empowers students from preschool through eighth grade to be adaptive, confident, and productive stewards of an evolving world. Our community engages with ideals of cultural competence, progressive academics, ethical literacy, and innovation designed to inspire personal excellence and compassionate leadership.

Diversity Statement

Catherine Cook School is committed to creating and sustaining a diverse and compassionate community grounded in a culture of integrity.

Job Description

Catherine Cook School is looking for an experienced, innovative Senior Kindergarten Teacher who will be a part of a highly collaborative, -teacher team to cover a maternity leave in the Early Childhood Division. This opportunity will provide 1.5 months of shadowing the lead teacher prior to taking over the classroom in March.

The ideal candidate will exude joy for teaching young children and a deep commitment to Catherine Cook's Mission and philosophy, where we cultivate proficiency in not only the traditional "Three R's" but also in the Five C's: Communication, Collaboration, Creativity, Critical Thinking and Character. Catherine Cook students are typically developing children who are well-prepared for school, and their parents seek strong involvement in their children's education. A Senior Kindergarten teacher can expect to:

- Build a dynamic classroom community and use Responsive Classroom techniques
- Implement the Workshop Model, where students take charge of their own learning, becoming active and engaged in their work and development
- Provide lessons and projects to develop a student's perspective of self, others, and the larger world regarding race, ethnicity, and culture
- Participate actively in discussions about cultural, racial, and other differences with students, colleagues, and families
- Apply strategies for Social-Emotional Learning where students acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, feel and show empathy for others and establish and maintain positive relationships
- Plan and organize a classroom environment that is an integral part of a play-based curriculum with interesting and engaging materials
- Implement the components of a balanced literacy program
- Integrate the Lucy Calkins reading and writing workshop model
- Intentionally cultivate connections with students, parents and caregivers, colleagues, and the wider community
- Establish and maintain healthy partnerships with parents through clear, thoughtful, and timely communication

- Rely on partnerships with parents and guardians to enrich our understanding of their children, to share their unique knowledge and experiences, and to help us maintain a healthy and ever-growing learning community
- Work closely with the Teaching Assistant to maximize the time and attention for high student engagement and focus.
- Collaborate with the Enrichment teachers to coordinate lessons and experiences.
- Maintain a classroom Seesaw account and use a range of technology to support children's learning
- Attend faculty meetings and actively pursue professional development
- Reflect consistently on their practice with Head of Early Childhood

Qualifications

- Minimum of 3 years' experience in teaching Senior Kindergarten
- Excellent knowledge of child development and the latest education theories and practices
- Proven teaching and organization skills
- Strong communication skills
- Bachelors in Early Childhood or Elementary Education, Master's Degree preferred. (K-8 Master's acceptable with early childhood classroom experience and knowledge base)
- Willingness to learn and grow professionally

Benefits

Catherine Cook School offers its employees a competitive benefits package including paid time off, medical, vision, dental, life insurance, and retirement plan. Catherine Cook School is an equal opportunity employer.

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Qualified applicants can submit a cover letter and resume to:

Katie Burrows, Administrative Assistant to the Head of School at kburrows@ccookschool.org