



The Eastern Ridge School is seeking an Outdoor Resource Teacher to engage children ages 18 months to 6 years old in long-term projects and investigations focusing on the local environment, beginning summer 2017.

We are looking for an inspired early childhood educator who shares our vision of the child as a complete and capable individual, with the right to develop their own educational experience. Experience with early child development theories and approaches such as those in Reggio Emilia, Italy and the Project Approach are strongly preferred. Teachers with responsive classroom, Montessori, and STEM experience are also encouraged to apply.

The right person will have a willingness to participate in all aspects of the school - from snack prep and coverage during teacher breaks, to assisting or substituting for lead teachers, as well as general up-keep of school grounds and materials. We are a small school with a tight knit community, so candidates must be both reliable and flexible, and feel comfortable wearing many hats.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Provide nature resource time for each group every week
- Plan curriculum and lead weekly forest days at local parks
- Manage and teach in the Big Garden, expanding and implementing the garden curriculum
- Advise and support teaching staff in their nature curriculum
- Develop outdoor spaces, including designing and implementing landscaping and building projects
- Participate actively in documentation including journals, photographs, and school documentation panels
- Collaborate with the aftercare teacher to run aftercare
- Work along side the Program Director and staff to plan and run community workdays

Qualifications:

- Must have experience with pre-school and Kindergarten aged children and be able to pass background checks.
- Interest and ability to be a self-starter in curriculum development and program design.
- Ideally, knowledge and willingness to identify and execute minor building or property repair needs (indoor and outdoor). This includes but not limited to basic carpentry skills and hand power tool confidence.

Hourly pay negotiable based on experience and education.

(We also offer internships for pre and postgraduate students)

Monday through Friday, 9-5; ~40 hours per week plus approximately half of one weekend day per month

Start date: Summer 2017

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, to jobs@easternridgeschool.org.

1. What has been your most valuable experience with young children so far? Why?
2. Based on your visit to our web site, why do you think you would be a good fit for Eastern Ridge School?
3. What is your favorite age group to work with? /or/ What subject/topic are you most passionate about teaching? and why?