



EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

Foundations for Life

Nature First Grade Assistant Teacher

Episcopal Day School, Augusta, GA www.edsaugusta.com

DESCRIPTION OF ROLE

The **Full-time Nature First Grade Assistant Teacher**, under the leadership of the Director of the Nature School and the lead teacher, will be responsible for implementing the school's existing Core Learning Goals for first grade using the natural world in a primarily outdoor setting. Our unique outdoor campus becomes the primary context that informs course curriculum and content. The first-grade assistant teacher will support the lead teacher in the schedule and curriculum design while ensuring reasonable consistency with the existing EDS expectations and Nature School culture.

PRIMARY JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the direction of and in collaboration with the lead teacher

- Assist in facilitating immersive outdoor first-grade classes. This includes maintaining a loving environment with safety routines that protect yet empower children.
- Nurture children's individual needs while managing whole group experiences and unstructured play and exploration.
- Provide direct, differentiated instruction for all students in a full-day program, focusing on collaboration, critical thinking, and problem-solving.
- Assess and determine the developmental stages of each child through observation and discussion
- Set appropriate limits and guidelines for children both individually and in group settings
- Recognize families as partners in the educational process
- Create and implement lessons in alignment with the school expectations and curricular guidelines
- Identify, select, and create instructional resources to meet the needs of students with varying learning styles and needs.
- Evaluate student growth and progress.
- Implement clear and consistent classroom management strategies focused on student social-emotional needs
- Respect the confidentiality of children and their families
- Actively support the mission and strategic plan of the school

- Communicate and partner effectively with students, families, teachers, and other professionals
- Model professional and ethical standards when working with students, families, and colleagues
- Embrace ongoing professional growth opportunities and processes based on research-driven standards and practices.
- Attend all required professional development and school meetings.
- Actively support the mission and strategic plan of the school
- Other duties that support families, children, and staff may be assigned

PREFERRED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Minimum of a B.A. or B.S. in a related field.
- Experience in early childhood education and outdoor/nature education programs preferred

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS AND QUALITIES

- Current First Aid, AED, and Child CPR (recertification possible through EDS)
- Love of children, love of learning, love of nature
- Willingness to complete Forest School Certification
- Patient, compassionate disposition
- Adaptable to working in all weather conditions (cold, wet, hot, humid)
- Comfortable moving around in rough terrain, including creek exploration, tree climbing, etc...
- The ability to pick up 50 lb students in emergencies.
- Ability to collaborate with the Nature School team and other faculty

PAY & BENEFITS

This is a full-time, ten-month, salaried position. Compensation and benefits are competitive and commensurate with experience.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the school's website (www.edsaugusta.com) or the Nature School's site (www.edsnatureschool.com), or email the Director of Nature School, David Gardner, at dgardner@edsaugusta.com.

HOW TO APPLY

Please email a cover letter and resume to the Head of Lower School, Amy Tomblinson, at atombinson@edsaugusta.com.