

PENINSULA SCHOOL
Kindergarten Teacher
(Full-Time Position)

An exciting opportunity to work in a school community committed to progressive education, diversity, and social justice. Peninsula School, one of the oldest progressive day schools in California, is renowned as a place where students love to come to school each day and where academics, the arts, and student's social and emotional development are all equally valued. Founded in 1925, Peninsula has 252 children, 3-14 years of age. Our supportive and welcoming staff invites enthusiastic and dedicated applicants to join our teaching staff in inspiring children to love learning.

Kindergarten Head Classroom Teacher - General Responsibilities

- Support and promote Peninsula School's mission and values
- Provide a flexible, progressive program for kindergarten children using instructional methods and materials that are responsive and appropriate to the intellectual, social and emotional needs of students and that fosters their positive learning and personal growth
- Create and maintain a welcoming, safe, equitable and respectful learning environment that honors and values the diversity of the student population

Specific Duties and Responsibilities

- Recognize and address the unique needs and varied learning styles of all children, ensuring each child's progress in all areas
- Plan and implement a cooperative curriculum that fosters problem solving, creativity, critical thinking, and intellectual curiosity
- Clearly articulate program and developmental goals to parents and assistant teachers
- Monitor and document individual student learning
- Clearly communicate student learning to parents
- Maintain open lines of communication with parents
- Work collaboratively and constructively with colleagues and assistant teachers
- Provide a positive model for leadership for students and staff
- Remain current on educational research, topics and progressive practices relevant to early childhood education
- Work collaboratively with school specialists (learning/literacy/math)
- Build class community by fostering students' social/emotional learning

Other Responsibilities

- Meet with parents for conferences formally twice a year and provide additional conferences and communication as required or requested
- Organize and facilitate group parent meetings at least twice a year
- Attend staff meetings, Inservice meetings, and other meetings and school events as applicable

Qualifications and Requirements

B.A. required. Passionate about working with children 5-6 years old. Proven experience working with young children and/or knowledge of theories and practices of early childhood development. Ability to work with a diverse population. Skilled in understanding developmental milestones. Appreciation for progressive education ideals. Caring, flexible, creative, organized, good judgment. Current first aid, CPR certification a plus.

Peninsula School is an equal opportunity employer and we actively promote the principles and practices of diversity throughout the school community. We offer competitive compensation and a progressive community dedicated to learning and engaged citizenship. We encourage people of under-represented groups to apply (<http://www.peninsulaschool.org/equity-and-inclusion.html>). Please send cover letter and resume, in MS word or PDF format, to misha.m@peninsulaschool.org or fax to (650) 325-1313 by April 28, 2018.