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Lower Elementary Lead Teacher

Full time, salaried

Job Overview: We are seeking a creative, exceptional educator with a pioneering spirit to serve as a Lead Lower Elementary teacher for the 2024-25 school year and beyond.

This position will begin in the summer of 2024 and will be leading a multi-age classroom of 1st through 3rd graders. The lead teacher should be interested in playing an integral role in continuing Mountain Sun Community School's Lower Elementary program and staying true to the mission of the school. The Lead Teacher will work closely and collaboratively with the other Lower Elementary Lead Teacher and support staff to continue to build the program. The curriculum is holistic and experiential; honors, attends to, and nurtures this age and stage of childhood; and utilizes the natural environment and our community setting. Smaller class sizes allow for dynamic, project-based, and creative teaching. The lead teacher should have expertise in several of the Lower Elementary subject areas and be excited to lead overnight family camping trips as well as field trips to outdoor and urban environments.

Mission: Mountain Sun Community School holistically nurtures, challenges, and guides each unique child to DISCOVER academic skills using Montessori principles, EXPLORE the natural world, CREATE through self-expression, and BELONG to a collaborative, diverse, and peaceful community.

Candidate Experience/Interest: The lead teacher must share our desire to advance the school's values and mission and be able to incorporate those philosophies into curricular activities. The ideal applicant will be a creative, talented and dedicated teacher, a team player, and possess excellent classroom management and communication skills. Candidates should have a commitment to and knowledge of the development of the whole child. They should have experience practicing Positive Discipline techniques and guiding students in peaceful conflict resolution. Experience, certification, and/or interest in Montessori and other experiential education methods, outdoor education, and multi-age classrooms is essential.

Preferred qualifications include:

- Bachelor's degree plus five years of teaching experience and at least three years of experience working with 6 9 year olds.
- Master's degree plus two years of teaching experience working with 6 9 year olds.

Salary: Salary commensurate with experience.

Interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter to Lindsay Skelton, Executive Director: lindsays@mountainsunschool.org