

Job Description for a Preschool Teacher Assistant

The Presbyterian Weekday School is currently accepting applications for a Teacher Assistant for the 2017 - 2018 school year. The position will be 12 hours a week, September-May depending on qualifications and training. The teacher assistant will serve students who need instructional reinforcement with curricular goals and objectives that lay a foundation for success within their age group. An assistant may work with individual students or several who are focused on the same skills.

Our PWS Mission Statement:

We offer an informal educational program which allows children to make choices, initiate their own learning, and engage in supervised activities based on individual needs through play in a developmentally-appropriate and nurturing, Christian environment in which academic, social, physical, and spiritual development may be enhanced.

This facility prohibits discrimination based on race, color, sex, age, disability, religion, or national origin.

Philosophy of Playing to Learn:

"When we treat children's play as seriously as it deserves, we are helping them feel the joy that's to be found in the creative spirit. It's the things we play with and the people who help us play that make a great difference in our lives. Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood." ---Mister Rogers

Responsibilities include:

- Reinforcing the curricular and behavioral objectives and strategies that are assigned by the classroom teachers
- Differentiating learning strategies and methods when the classroom approaches are not getting measurable results
- Extending the classroom lessons with activities that follow the unit theme and build on the teachers' instruction
- Working within the classroom environment to assist with transitions from lesson to lesson and from one location in the school to another

Qualifications:

- Must have experience as a teacher of young children
- Must feel comfortable working with individual students and small groups of children, ages 2-5
- Must be personally engaging and friendly
- Must be able to work independently with assigned tasks
- Must have the ability to work collaboratively with classroom teachers and other staff members
- Must possess good communication skills in written and spoken forms

Preferences:

- Experience teaching in an early childhood education setting
- Background working with children who need creative approaches to modifying behavior, stimulating curiosity and playing purposefully.

Please send employment applications (on our website: presbyterianweekdayschool.org), resumes and letters of interest to Fran Sitton at pws@fpcgastonia.org. The invitation to apply will be open until October 25th. Candidates who qualify will be invited for an interview after that date.