



5th-6th Grades Teacher

Full-Time 10 Month Position

Position Overview:

We seek a passionate and innovative 5-6th-grade teacher who is energized by students' creativity, inquisitiveness, and intelligence, and shares our commitment to progressive education. The ideal candidate will foster a dynamic, engaging learning environment that encourages student exploration, inquiry, and collaboration. This position involves teaching at the 5th & 6th grade levels, co-teaching interdisciplinary classes in a multi-age setting, with a focus on project-based learning.

Key Responsibilities:

- Plan, prepare, and implement appropriate lessons and activities aligned with students' developmental levels and learning styles for the given grades.
- Create and deliver a hands-on, emergent, project-based program that aligns with the school's mission and the developmental needs of your students.
- Collaborate with other teachers to implement lesson plans.
- Utilize technology to support student success, especially Google Drive, Google Docs, and Google Classroom.
- Provide differentiation and support for all types of learners in one's subject areas.
- Provide effective and actionable feedback on students' work and inquiries.
- Demonstrate best practices for differentiating instruction in all academic areas to support student learning.
- Engage in curricular reviews, professional development, and curriculum design to support students and faculty.
- Maintain knowledge of current and emerging content in one's academic discipline.
- Enhance curriculum and student engagement with relevant lessons, guided practice, and age-appropriate technologies.
- Value and incorporate diverse perspectives in daily student interactions and design a curriculum that fosters engagement, inquiry, risk-taking, and confidence-building.
- Establish a nurturing, organized, and joyful learning environment where students feel safe and valued.
- Foster a sense of community, empathy, and respect within the classroom through positive guidance and modeling.
- Work closely with assistant teachers, other staff members, and families to support student success and maintain a cohesive secondary program.
- Build strong partnerships with families through regular updates, conferences, and open communication about their students' progress and experience.
- Observe and document student learning, growth, and development to inform instruction and provide meaningful feedback to families.

- Ensure a clean, safe, and healthy classroom environment, adhere to all school policies and licensing requirements, and always provide appropriate supervision for students.
- Participate in ongoing training and professional growth opportunities to stay current with best practices in grade-level education.
- Actively participate in school-wide events, meetings, and committees to support the overall mission and vision of Main Street School.

Qualifications Required:

- Bachelor's in subject matter, Teaching Certification
- Minimum of 2-3 years of experience teaching in grade-level setting
- Knowledge of progressive, emergent, and project-based teaching methods.
- Strong understanding of student development principles and best practices in grade-level education.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to create a joyful, inclusive, and respectful classroom environment.
- A Yes and approach to ideas, work, and challenges.

Physical Requirements:

- Ability to move quickly and respond to students' needs in a fast-paced environment.
- Frequent standing, walking, bending, kneeling, squatting, and sitting.
- Ability to lift, carry, and move classroom materials and equipment.
- Ability to supervise outdoor play and physical activities, including walking on uneven terrain and being outside in various weather conditions.

Benefits:

- Competitive salary commensurate with experience.
- Tuition remission for children.
- Health & Dental Insurance
- Professional development opportunities.
- Supportive and collaborative work environment.
- Creative Autonomy.
- Whole Child Philosophy.

To apply, please submit your application [here](#). If you have questions, you can contact Tanya Apana, Head of School, at office@mainstschool.org or call 515.981.1275. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Employment is contingent upon eligibility to work in the United States and completing a background check.

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