

We are looking for TWO enthusiastic Preschool Teaching Assistants to join our team for the 2023-2024 school year!

The PlayGarden runs a developmentally appropriate, nature-based preschool program for children with disabilities and their typically developing peers. The program is inclusive, outdoors, and serves children ages 3- 5 years old. Our nature-based curriculum encourages children to engage with the natural world through gardening, harvesting, cooking, exploring, and tending our resident bunnies, ducks, and chickens. PlayGarden staff are experts in childhood development and special education. For more information about the PlayGarden, visit <https://seattleplaygarden.org/preschool/>

Job Specifics:

Job Title: Preschool Teaching Assistant

Supervisor(s): Executive Director and Preschool Lead Teachers

Start Dates: Select days in May 2023, official start, September 11th, 2023 includes training time.

Days/Hours: September – June; 30 hours/week, Mon-Fri 8am-2pm or 8:30am-2:30pm.

* Option for 3-5 days of employment/ week.

Rate of Pay: \$20-22/hour, \$510 benefit stipend each month for employees that work over 20 hours/week.

Employee Review: We will have a mid-year check in regarding how the job is going & job performance. Check in again at the end of the school year to discuss job performance and that will determine future opportunities in this role.

Job Description:

- Interact closely with children, including assisting with dressing, feeding, and toileting.
- Support children during social engagement with other children, indoor and outdoor activities, cooking activities, and group activities.
- Communicate with teachers and parents about behavioral challenges, goals, and achievements of children.
- Clean and organize indoor and outdoor facilities after class time. Including dishes, laundry, garbage, and materials used during class.
- Assist in the general cleaning and upkeep of indoor and outdoor facilities, including preschool classroom, bathrooms, breezeway, animal coop area, basement storage, and outdoor play areas.
- Participate in curriculum and lesson planning with teachers- consists of daily debriefs, weekly and monthly team meetings.
- Participate in some evening and weekend activities, including parent conferences, planning meetings, and class celebrations.

Job Requirements:

- Must be playful, responsible, creative, and passionate about inclusion and enjoy working outside in ALL weather.
- Experience working with school age children or younger
- High school diploma or GED
- Ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with adults and children from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds.
- Current CPR and First Aid certification (within 30 days of employment)
- Ability to pass a WA State background check

Desired Qualifications:

- Bilingual ability, naturalist, tinkerer, maker, or artist.

To apply: Email cover letter & resume to Executive Director, Liz Bullard, liz@seattleplaygarden.org by May 10th.