



Lead Teacher for Gan Shalom Cooperative Preschool

Explore the Wonders & Joy of Childhood Together in the Capitol Hill Community

Gan Shalom Cooperative Preschool is seeking an energetic, creative educator, eager to join our in-person, mostly outdoor preschool in the heart of Capitol Hill. The ideal candidate enjoys working with children as they inquire about the world, and explore their curiosities from their perspective. The ideal candidate also has a strong understanding of child development, a willingness to 'wonder,' an excitement for learning, and is patient, calm, and flexible. As a community, we strive to create a safe atmosphere that promotes appropriate levels of risk-taking, relationship building, and meaningful experiences to encourage social emotional skills. Gan Shalom partners with parents to provide hands-on learning catering to whole-child development, with an emphasis on a constructivist approach inspired by the Reggio Emilia philosophy.

The position of Lead Teacher is 25-30 hours a week, between the hours of 8:30am-1:30pm through the 2021-22 school year, and includes a possibility to teach during the Summer Camp program. The position earns a salary at the rate of \$23.00-\$25.00 per hour depending on experience.

Qualifications and Responsibilities:

- Preferred qualification: currently holds a Bachelors or higher degree in related field with at least 1+ year of experience in an early childhood setting.
- Minimum requirement: Associates degree with at least 24 semester credit hours in Early Childhood Education (ECE) and/or CDA with minimum 2+ years of experience in early childhood setting.
- Loves working with children
- Be responsible for children's safety at all times and in all settings
- Comfort in teaching outside in most weather
- Excellent interpersonal communications skills
- Plan and implement engaging, intentional, inquiry-based, emergent curriculum
- Provide high quality interactions focusing on each child's needs
- Maintain an organized classroom environment displaying engaging and accessible documentation
- Familiarity with Jewish holidays, values, and rituals preferred
- Regular communication with families through messaging platform and/or email, including personalized student updates, class information and ongoing observations and progress
- Participate in weekly planning meetings and attend monthly staff meetings, as well as occasional professional development training

The school does not discriminate against persons on the basis of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, national origin, citizenship status, or age. Final appointment is conditional upon the completion of a background check satisfactory to the school. Applicants from all religious backgrounds are welcomed, but must be willing to learn and teach Jewish values, rituals, and traditions.

Please email your resume to jobs@hillhavurah.org with a cover letter reflecting on your areas of strengths and describing your philosophy about working with children. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.