

Mustard Seed School Preschool/Kindergarten Assistant

40 hours per week with benefits M-F 7:30am-3:30pm; \$17.75 per hour

As a program of Sacramento Loaves & Fishes, Mustard Seed School is an emergency school for children experiencing homelessness. Children in grades preschool through eighth grade can attend school and receive no-barrier educational services in an environment of welcome, hospitality, and compassion.

The Preschool/Kindergarten Assistant works under the Lead Preschool/Kindergarten teacher to create and maintain a beautiful, inclusive, Montessori classroom. The teachers work together to cultivate an environment that fosters a love of learning, independence, and peace. The teachers in this classroom recognize the dignity, individuality, and capability of all children with the philosophy of meeting the whole child where they are.

Job Responsibilities:

- Desire to meet the unique needs of children experiencing homelessness
- Provide attention to the physical and emotional needs of children
- Ability to contribute to and support the evolving antiracist/anti-bias classroom environment
- Ability to assist lead teacher in instruction, preparation, cleaning, organization, and all other aspects of maintaining a classroom
- Ability to substitute for the lead teacher as needed
- Ability to plan and teach kindergarten curriculum in the afternoon
- Ability to plan and teach a flexible summer curriculum for preschool students
- Willingness to work collaboratively with school staff, including but not limited to attending meetings, retreats, training, and special events
- Attend weekly staff meetings
- Be flexible; Be compassionate, professional, and respectful
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Must have a strong commitment to and respect for the Loaves & Fishes mission and philosophy
- Must have experience working with children
- Must have at least 6 units of Early Childhood Education courses or equivalent
- Prior experience in Montessori education is preferred but not required
- Must have good oral and written communication skills
- Must have CA Driver's license, good driving record; must be willing to drive students in school vans as needed
- Must be willing to be fingerprinted and have a current TB test; COVID-19 vaccination required