



Lead Preschool Teacher (2026-2027 School Year)

Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool | Alexandria, VA

About Us

Founded in 1942, Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool is a nature-based, play-centered school located in the Tauxemont Historic District. Known as *Our Little School in the Woods*, our two-room schoolhouse is surrounded by nature and designed to support both indoor and outdoor learning.

We are a cooperative preschool, meaning relationships are at the heart of all we do, between teachers, children, and families. Our program is rooted in curiosity, community, and a deep respect for each child's individual developmental path.

We are proud to be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), reflecting our commitment to high-quality early childhood education.

About the Role

We are seeking a creative, thoughtful, and enthusiastic Lead Teacher for the 2026–2027 school year.

Teachers at Tauxemont design meaningful, project-based learning experiences for children ages 2.5–5, guided by observation and the evolving interests of the children. This role is ideal for an educator who values play-based learning, enjoys working collaboratively, and is inspired by nature as a classroom.

What You'll Do

- Create a warm, nurturing classroom environment where children feel safe, valued, and known
- Build strong, respectful relationships with children and their families
- Design and implement emergent, play-based curriculum rooted in children's interests
- Support children's social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development
- Collaborate and contribute to a positive team culture
- Engage with families as part of our cooperative school model

Qualifications

- Bachelor's or Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education or a related field
 - Experience working with young children in a classroom setting
 - Strong understanding of child development and play-based learning
 - Collaborative, reflective, and relationship-centered approach
 - Experience with or interest in cooperative school models ideal
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What We Offer

- A supportive, collaborative teaching community
 - Ongoing professional development opportunities (including conferences and training aligned with National Association for the Education of Young Children standards)
 - A unique teaching environment that blends indoor and outdoor classrooms
 - The opportunity to do meaningful, relationship-driven work with children and families
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Program Details

- Half-day preschool program (morning and afternoon classes)
 - Ages 2.5–5 years
 - Cooperative model with strong family involvement
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How to Apply

Please submit your resume and a brief statement of interest to our 1st Vice President, Jessica Meyer, 1stvp@tauxemont.org. We would love to hear what draws you to this work.