

Lead Preschool Teacher

Job Advertisement



Framingham Centre Nursery School – www.fcnsma.org – 508-875-8260

Location:	24 Vernon Street, Framingham, MA 01701	Job Type:	Part-time (22-24 hours a week)
Education:	Associates Degree or Bachelor's Degree in ECE or a related field	School year:	September 2021 to June 2022; summer camp opportunities available for 2022
Certification:	Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) Lead Teacher Preschool certification		
Experience in:	Play-based teaching; emergent curriculum; nature-based learning		
Date Posted:	May 25, 2021	Start Date:	End of August 2021

Framingham Centre Nursery School Overview

Framingham Centre Nursery School (FCNS) is a nature-based preschool program for children ages 2.0 to 5. We spend a large portion of our time outside daily, weather permitting, which includes both instructional time, free play, and investigations. We value and support children's healthy and appropriate risk-taking in play while managing hazards as they emerge. We believe children learn best through play. They flex their social/emotional muscles as they engage with their peers and teachers. We focus on giving children opportunities to practice conflict resolution, cooperation and empathy. FCNS believes in the importance of providing children with opportunities to explore and investigate the natural world around them. We are located on 5 acres of woodlands and have the unique opportunity to explore wetlands, ponds and meadows.

Position Overview

The Preschool Lead Teacher position is part-time (8:30am to 1:30pm) starting in the end of August 2021 for the 2021/2022 school year. The Lead Teacher is responsible for developing a cohesive teaching team, coordinating nature-based curriculum, and managing the day-to-day operational activities of a preschool group of 10 students. The Lead Teacher must understand children's cognitive, social, emotional and physical development in order to ensure a safe and stimulating environment where children are actively engaged and encouraged to succeed. The Lead Teacher must be skilled in communicating with both children and adults in order to meet the needs of the children, effectively guide the Assistant Teacher, and resolve parental concerns.

Key Responsibilities

- Coordinate and implement nature-based curriculum by developing activities based on developmentally appropriate practices, natural science instruction and early learning standards.
- Lead by example; encourage teaching team success through modeling and coaching.
- Plan individual and group age-appropriate provocations to actively engage children and encourage social, cognitive and emotional growth.
- Maintain frequent communications with parents through informal discussions, progress reports, and parent-teacher conferences.
- Ensure all center policies and state regulations are met.
- Ensure a healthy classroom environment – including maintaining appropriate hygiene and cleanliness standards and safety and security of children as well conduct daily risk/hazard assessments of the outdoor spaces.

- Supervise the Assistant Teacher to ensure they are following planned activities, hygiene and safety standards.
- Work collaboratively with internal and external resources
- Maintain accurate records, forms and files.
- Maintain personal professional development plan to ensure continuous quality improvement.

Additional Knowledge, Skills and Experience Required

- Minimum of 2 years of professional child care experience
- Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) Certifications:
 - Lead Teacher Preschool
- Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education or related field preferred
- Be prepared for outdoor activities on a daily basis in all kinds of weather
- Strong oral and written communication skills and basic computer skills
- Ability to work well with others (staff, children, and parents) and to foster a team environment
- A strong understanding of child development
- Excellent leadership, organizational, and interpersonal skills
- Infant/child CPR and First Aid certification
- Work experience in a NAEYC facility is preferred
- Must clear full background check and must pass health screening

Physical Requirements

- Be prepared for outdoor activities on a daily basis in all kinds of weather
- Be able to lift a minimum of 35 lbs
- Be able to hike on uneven terrain

Salary Range

- Lead Preschool Teacher; paid hourly; range from \$20 to \$22 depending on experience

How to Apply

- Send a cover letter and resume to jnorton@fcnsma.org
- Check out our website fcnsma.org/career-opportunities