**CALVARY NURSERY SCHOOL**

**STONINGTON, CONNECTICUT**

**Assistant Teacher ​**

The mission of Cavalry Nursery School is to nurture each child’s development in a safe and inspirational environment. Children learn through joyful play. We are inspired by various teaching philosophies, including Waldorf, Montessori, and Reggio Emilia traditions. Our goal is to allow children’s imaginations to wander freely. Cavalry Nursery School is a non-profit, community ministry of Cavalry Episcopal Church. We welcome children and staff from all backgrounds and traditions, with no denominational expectations or requirements.

The Cavalry Nursery School Assistant Teacher must meet at the minimum the requirements of the CT Department of Health and Office of Early Childhood, our licensing agency, with course work and experience in Early Childhood Education preferred. The Assistant Teacher supports the teachers and the Program Director by helping to create a caring and safe environment for the children, assisting in activities to improve the overall care and quality of education as well as help to maintain a clean and organized classroom. The Assistant Teacher must be able to communicate, listen, be curious and work well with others in a team environment. The Assistant Teacher will work with all staff in active and purposeful partnership to provide children and families with the highest quality educational program through a pedagogically creative approach.

**Duties**

* Assist in the implementation of curriculum activities and encourage participation by children.
* Actively engage in activities; manage cleanliness, order, and classroom materials.
* Be able to communicate with parents through informal discussions when necessary.
* Encourage self-help and good hygiene through behavior modeling.
* Help ensure smooth, daily transition from home into the classroom.
* Follow the school's policies and state regulations.
* Keep accurate records, forms, and files as necessary.
* Maintain personal professional development plan to ensure continuous quality improvement per state requirements.

**Requirements**

* High energy, teamwork skills, and ability to participate in a collaborative environment with staff, children and parents.
* Excellent communication and basic computer skills.
* Strong understanding of child development principles.
* Enthusiasm for various enrichment programs that support growth and development for both children and staff.
* Infant/child CPR and First Aid certification (or willingness to obtain).
* Successful completion of a full background check and health exams.
* At least one year experience working with 2-5 age group, or equivalent.
* At least 18 years of age and a high school diploma or the equivalent.
* Two professional references.

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**Details**

Salary: $16.50-17.35 per hour. (The position may grow into a 29 hours schedule.)

Education: High School Degree, Associate’s Degree, Bachelor’s Degree

Job Type: Part Time

Category: Education/Training

Experience: Minimum one year with 2-5 years age group

Location: Stonington, CT

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Please submit cover letter and resume to: nurseryschool@calvarychurchstonington.org