

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER

A New Leaf is looking to hire an elementary school teacher. We are looking for a qualified and passionate individual who can inspire and educate a mixed age group of 12 young students who are together on a learning journey at our Farm Campus.

We are looking for a candidate who is creative, and has excellent communication skills to collaborate in team work. The candidate should be able to develop and implement effective teaching strategies that meet the diverse needs of our students, hold a Bachelor's degree in Education or Special Education, and have prior experience in teaching elementary school students in a classroom setting and with small groups in a special education setting. We are looking for someone who loves animals from bees, spiders, and snakes to chickens and goats, a person who loves to be outdoors in nature and would be thrilled to combine explicit learning inside long term projects that involve ecology, gardening, and sustainability. The ability to build meaningful social emotional projects to grow self assured responsible humans who are culturally aware is also important.

Responsibilities for the job position also include, but are not limited to:

- Creating a positive and safe learning environment by enforcing classroom rules and procedures
- Read and train to work with the Reggio Emilia inspiration to education.
- Integrate the big picture of the emergent curriculum with activities and projects that address the Tennessee Standards and meet your students' needs.
- Plan explorations, lessons, activities, and projects serve to enhance the education of the children following common observed interests or developmental needs.
- Writing lesson plans weekly, and assemble materials necessary as you prepare the environment for learning both indoors and outdoors in all kinds of weather.
- Build students' social competencies and self-esteem.
- Create various types of documentation to reflect on your practices, and to make the learning visible to the students, families, and the community.
- Develop portfolios for each of your students.

- Assessing student progress. Communicate progress and delays with the director and with parents.
- Participate in weekly meetings with other educators at our school and in professional development.
- Prepare for parent engagement with different types of “homework”, parent-teacher conferences, evening events, and festivals.
- Collaborate with other teachers and farm educators to implement school-wide initiatives.
- Maintain clean and tidy learning spaces consistent with health and safety standards.

Requirements

- Bachelors, or Masters degree in elementary education or Special Education.
- Excellent communication.
- Excellent organization.
- Ability to work in teams as well as independently.
- Ability to act as mediator between children.
- Ability to integrate and isolate the teaching of language arts and numeracy.
- Stamina to hike on a hill and endurance for bug bites, ticks, and other wild-life.
- Certification in adult/child/infant first aid and CPR (or willing to get the training).
- FBI background and criminal check, health report (when you receive our offer).

To apply:

Please submit a resume with a cover letter describing 1- your teaching philosophy, 2- your understanding of the Reggio educational experience and project approach 3- your hobbies and passions, 4- your abilities and skills, 4- describe your relationship with the outdoors, 6-look at our website anewleafnashville.org and explain how your work with us would further our mission, and 7- describe your short and long term career goals.

Job Type: Full-time

Salary: \$22.00 - \$32.00 per hour depending on degree and experience.

Benefits:

- Paid planning time weekly
- Paid time off: 28 days
- Paid In-Service days: 22 days
- Monthly bonus of \$265 to be applied to your choice of tuition, health care, IRA, or additional insurances such as Dental, Cancer, Life, Short Term Disability, or other.
- Sick/Personal discretionary time: 80 hours (not intended for vacations or leisurely travel).
- Worker's Compensation Insurance.
- Accident at work medical coverage.

Schedule:

- Monday to Friday, 40 hours a week.
- Most days at school are between 8:00am and 3:15pm.
- Planned work at home or school to finish documentation or weekly intentions.
- Faculty meetings on Mondays until 4:30.
- Occasional evenings with families and weekend festivals (all are posted ahead of time on the school calendar).

Education:

- Bachelors, or Masters degree in elementary education or Special Education.

Work Location:

- Ability to drive to 4341 Pecan Valley Road 37218.