

Second Grade Teacher

Westerly School, Long Beach, CA

Westerly School is seeking an experienced Second Grade Teacher for the 2019-20 school year to lead a class of approximately twenty students. In collaboration with a Teaching Associate, the Second Grade Teacher is responsible for inspiring young learners, differentiating instruction and ensuring student progress. Candidates must have a strong understanding of child development, enjoy close partnership with parents, and be able to make learning connections for students.

Westerly serves a diverse population of approximately 170 students from the greater Long Beach area in modern spacious classrooms. The school serves a wide range of ethnic, racial and economic diverse students and families. Tuition assistance serves about 50% of the population. The school offers a vibrant and rigorous academic program complemented by well-developed co-curricular offerings. The school embraces both traditional and innovative teaching methods delivering connected and integrated lessons. Westerly has a strong tradition of addressing the needs of the whole child. Students benefit from small classes, a caring faculty, and expert instruction in art, vocal and instrumental music, Spanish, and physical education. Westerly seeks individuals who seek to continue their growth as professionals.

Responsibilities:

Responsibilities for the position include teaching core subjects (Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies), communicating with families and administrators, and collaborating with the wider community to enhance the students' experience. The position requires participation in all aspects of faculty life, including attending faculty meetings and serving on faculty committees. The candidate selected should be available on occasion during the summer to work with administration in order to facilitate a smooth transition into the classroom.

Additional Responsibilities include:

- Motivate, nurture, and challenge second grade students
- Plan engaging curriculum and manage the overall educational program of second grade
- Establish an environment that supports social, emotional, and academic development in students
- Create and maintain an inclusive classroom for a diverse community of learners
- Implement social-emotional learning program: RULER
- Assess students' skills and competencies and create thoughtful well-written progress reports and report cards
- Document and report learning progress clearly to families
- Differentiate curriculum to appropriately challenge a wide variety of learning styles and abilities
- Communicate, collaborate, and work effectively with a Teaching Associate
- Balance traditional skill building (i.e. math facts, reading fluency and writing conventions) with inquiry and project-based approaches to learning
- Use relevant technology to support or enhance learning
- Share customary and typical duties to support the smooth functioning of the school
- Participate actively in professional growth opportunities

Qualifications:

- BA degree
- 3+ years of teaching experience
- Professional and collaborative demeanor with strong self-confidence and initiative
- Strong organizational and planning skills
- Proficiency in the use of and integration of technology in teaching
- Knowledge of Singapore Math and Thematic teaching is a plus

Salary is commensurate with experience. In addition to salary, the school offers all full-time employees a retirement plan with matching contributions, medical, life, dental, disability insurance, and optional vision insurance.

Westerly School is an equal opportunity employer and makes employment decisions on the basis of merit. School policy prohibits unlawful discrimination based on age, color, creed, disability, gender, marital status, national origin or ancestry, race, religion, registered domestic partner status, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, a medical condition including genetic characteristics, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state or local laws.

Applicants, please submit a cover letter, resume, and at least 3 written letters of recommendation to:

Toni DiNapoli, Business Manager, at tdinapoli@westerlyschool.org with "Second Grade Teacher - (your name)" written in the subject line.