

**Westerly School, Long Beach, CA**  
**Kindergarten Substitute Teacher**  
**Long-term Substitute Needed: late August 2022 - December 21, 2022**

Westerly School is seeking an experienced Kindergarten Teacher for a long-term substitute assignment who will lead a class of twenty-two students. The position begins in late August and continues through December 21, 2022.

**Our School**

Westerly School is an independent, non-sectarian Kindergarten through 8th grade school focused on whole child education. Through inquiry-based pedagogy and practices, Westerly School strives to recognize and meet the needs of every individual student to ignite within each child a lifelong love of learning as they discover their full and unique potential. Founded in 1991 by a group of parents who wanted to provide an alternative to the Long Beach Unified School District education, Westerly remains the only independent school in Long Beach. Westerly currently enrolls 180 students.

**Position Description**

In collaboration with a Teaching Associate, the Kindergarten Substitute 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.

**Responsibilities:**

Responsibilities for the position include teaching core subjects (Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies), communicating with families and administrators, and collaborating with the wider community to enhance the students' experience.

Additional Responsibilities include:

- Motivate, nurture, and challenge Kindergarten students
- Plan engaging curriculum and manage the overall educational program of Kindergarten
- Create and maintain an inclusive classroom for a diverse community of learners
- Establish an environment that supports social, emotional, and academic development in students
- Co-facilitate 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
- Communicate with families weekly about the week's plans and utilize See Saw as the learning management resource
- 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, including, but not limited to, supervising students at recess, lunch, morning drop-off, and afternoon pick-up.
- Participate actively in professional growth opportunities

Qualifications:

- BA degree
- 3+ years of teaching experience
- Multiple Subject Teaching Credential preferred
- 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

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, Director of Finance and Facilities, at [tdinapoli@westerlyschool.org](mailto:tdinapoli@westerlyschool.org) with "Kindergarten Substitute - (your name)" written in the subject line.