

Head Teacher

Brooklyn Sandbox

Brooklyn, NY 11215

Teacher

Full-time

Onsite

\$56,000 - \$70,000 a year

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Organization Statement

Brooklyn Sandbox Early Learning Center is a progressive preschool that provides developmentally appropriate, child-centered, play-based learning experiences for families of children ages 2 to 4. Core to our emergent curriculum is the understanding that children build lasting cognitive neural connections through imaginative play. Play provides extended opportunities for verbal interaction, collaboration, and problem-solving which are essential for learning across the five domains of child development. Our work then becomes ensuring strong parent-teacher relationships, social engagement in a safe and nurturing environment where children can be their best selves.

Job Description

Small progressive nursery school in Park Slope Brooklyn is searching for a creative innovator, eager to be part of a collaborative team of educators. Under the direction of the Director, the Head Teacher is responsible for establishing a developmentally centered classroom environment conducive to the growth of children ages three to four.

Responsibilities

Classroom Environment

- Uphold the mission of Brooklyn Sandbox through a child-led, play-based curriculum, high level of client service and proactive culture of family, teacher and child development
- Develop a play-based, child –centered, engaging and nurturing classroom culture that bridges the school and home environments

- Establish and oversee the planning, preparation, maintenance and assessment of an emergent, Reggio Emilia inspired curriculum to target age appropriate milestones and developmental needs
- Demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of each child's needs by creating individualized goals
- Collaborate with resource teachers (arts, music, special needs) to influence and support development and learning
- Collaborate and support therapists in meeting Individualized Education Plan (IEP) goals where appropriate
- Maintain classroom documentation for the purpose of planning and assessment, portfolios and parent communication
- Adhere to state mandated safety and health guidelines

Parent Relationship

- Deliver the highest level of client service to families by developing a caring community of parents, teachers, and children
- Leverage interpersonal skills to build trust, rapport and connection with families
- Foster parent collaboration and problem solving through responsive daily morning interaction, email correspondence and outreach to families
- Prepare personalized communications with all parents including newsletters, daily email recaps, pictures and biannual parent-teacher conferences

Assistant Teacher Development

- Role model and provide professional leadership to teaching team
- Coach, develop, motivate, and provide feedback to assistant teachers in their connection and correspondence to children and families
- Challenge assistant teachers with special projects related to curriculum and their own expressed interests

Qualifications

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- Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education or related field of study
- Current State Education Department Teacher certification in early childhood education or a study plan
- Minimum 2 years of experience as a group teacher in a program for children under six years of age
- Enthusiastic, fun leader with a nurturing and positive attitude and genuine commitment to development and learning
- Excellent judgment, assessment as well as problem solving/decision making abilities
- Effective curriculum development, organizational, time management and multi-tasking skills
- Strong verbal and written communication skills, including the ability to coach teachers
- Must have experience with and a desire to work with a diverse population of students, parents, and teachers
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office applications (Outlook, Word)
- SCR Clearance
- **Minimum Education Level:** Bachelor's Degree
- **Preferred Education Level:** Master's Degree

Application Instructions

Please email a resume and cover letter to lane@brooklynsandbox.com