

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESCHOOL



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position: **LEAD PRESCHOOL TEACHER, Part-time**
Reports to: C.U.M.P. Board
Supervises: Instructional Assistants, any classroom volunteers, and support personnel from other agencies
If interested send resume to: ministries@cumcpdx.org

POSITION PURPOSE:

To plan and implement a preschool curriculum which fosters a positive learning setting, helping children develop and thrive, and to create a warm and nurturing environment that engages the children to grow socially, emotionally, physically and cognitively.

To model and teach children to practice kindness and respect for themselves and others, maintaining a high value on using words to express our emotions, working on solutions, and re-directing children as appropriate.

NATURE AND SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES:

At Christ United Methodist Preschool, we believe children learn and thrive through creative, active, hands on experiences. Our curriculum is social and play-based with creative learning centers and activities. Letter and number recognition, beginning letter sounds and math concepts are taught along with art experiences, science fun, music appreciation and dramatic play. Curriculum in the older classes also covers phonics, pre-writing, sciences, and arts appreciation. Your responsibilities will include overseeing the assigned preschool classroom program and serve as primary link with C.U.M.P. Director and Board. You will plan and develop a preschool curriculum which targets all areas of child development including cognition/academics, communication, social, motor, and self-help. You will model and teach children to display kindness and respect for themselves and others. You will also: Develop working relationships between families and the preschool, Maintain a learning environment that is safe, clean, and organized, and Consult and collaborate with other teachers, director, staff, board, and outside agencies. In addition, the Lead Teacher shall supervise instructional assistants, volunteers, and/or support personnel from other agencies. The Lead Teacher shall make final decisions regarding curriculum design and content, as well as decisions regarding enrollment in cooperation with the C.U.M.P. director and board, and attend quarterly Board meetings.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Possess a
 - Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education and be certified to teach in Oregon
 - or have a Bachelor's Degree in a related field and teaching experience in Preschool (teaching children under the age of six)
 - or have an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education
- Have at least two year's experience in early childhood education or kindergarten
- Have demonstrated administrative ability (by recommendation) and be able to exercise leadership in carrying out the educational policies and programs
- Must hold a valid first aid card/CPR certification (e.g. Basic life Support Card or Early Childhood Emergency Card)
- Must have sufficient mobility to interact with children in all areas of the classroom (e.g. get on the floor and play with children, assist in physical transfers, etc.).