

## FIRST GRADE TEACHER JOB DESCRIPTION

**REPORTS TO:** Head of Lower School

**PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:** Working closely with colleagues in the Lower School, the First Grade Teacher will teach language arts, mathematics, and social studies to a self-contained class and will promote high levels of learning in an engaging and effective manner using a variety of instructional methods and curriculum resources.

### **REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND EXPERIENCE:**

- Experience teaching Kindergarten, First, and/or Second Grade with a culturally responsive classroom environment and high expectations for student performance.
- A bachelor's degree in primary education or a related field is required; advanced degree preferred.
- Proven ability to differentiate instruction to reach all levels of learners, including learning centers, reading/writing workshop, and experiential learning.
- Proven ability to integrate technology into the curriculum
- Experience and collaborative spirit in developing ideas and teaching strategies with a grade-level team and other members of the Lower School, including Fine Arts, World Language, Library, Technology, Physical Education, and Science.
- Experience teaching with leveled reading materials, *Everyday Mathematics*, and standards-based thematic units
- Current knowledge of children's literature and formal/informal assessment strategies.
- Experience consulting with parents of high-achieving students and the ability to explain in writing student progress in the academic and social domains.
- Flexibility, optimism, creativity, and a growth mindset.
- Proven positive working relationships with colleagues, students, and families.
- Proven organization skills & excellent communication skills, written and verbal.

### **ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AS REQUIRED:**

- Participate in co- and extracurricular activities as necessary
- Support the school, its mission, and its leadership
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Head of School

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