

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 of up to 18 students, promoting high levels of learning through engaging and effective instruction using a variety of instructional methodologies and curriculum resources.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND EXPERIENCE:

- Experience as an early childhood educator in a culturally responsive classroom environment with 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 reading and math instruction to reach all levels of learners, including learning centers and experiential learning activities.
- Ability to integrate technology into the curriculum through the use of ActivBoard hardware, Smart Board software, and other relevant platforms.
- 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, as well as current knowledge of children's literature and formal/informal assessment strategies, is preferred.
- Experience consulting with parents of high-achieving students and demonstrated ability to communicate student progress in academic and social-emotional domains, both in direct conversation and in writing
- Proven positive working relationships with colleagues, students, and families
- Proven organization skills & excellent communication skills both written and verbal

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AS REQUIRED:

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