

The SYV Family School

Preschool Teacher

Starting August 2023

Position Overview

Santa Ynez Valley Family School is seeking a preschool teacher for our multi-age preschool classroom. A position at SYV Family School is an opportunity to grow as a teacher/researcher in a supportive and active community. This position requires a person who is detail oriented, child centered, has a sense of humor and most of all, is able to work in a team. It is important to have a deep understanding of the developmental norms of the preschool (3-5 year old) years.

The teacher will have the opportunity to work in a collegial, collaborative, active environment where content is limited only by the imagination. Our preschool program emphasizes the development of social skills and love of learning. Our little scientists discover their world through hands-on activities and experiential learning. Musical, artistic, bilingual, and/or science backgrounds are highly desired, but not required. At SYV Family School, teachers meet regularly as a staff to ensure a positive and productive school environment.

Primary Responsibilities

- Uphold California Licencing requirements
- Plan and implement lessons, activities, and practices that promote The SYV Family School's Mission and Values.
- Teach students as a class, in small groups, and one-on-one
- Help to tailor classroom activities to the developmental needs of each child
- Provide direct instruction in Social Skills, within the classroom and outside on the yard. This includes conflict resolution skills, appreciation of differences among students and mindfulness as a means of knowing oneself.
- Document and discuss student's progress with colleagues, families, counselors, students, and administrators
- Construct the classroom and school environment, in collaboration with the students, to foster a culture of belonging, inclusion, and authenticity
- Provide constant supervision of the students; take care of their health & safety needs
- Demonstrated commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion of people and programs
- Ensure supplies are stocked
- Participate actively in other aspects of the student experience and school functioning: chaperoning trips and events, serving on committees, participating in fundraising events, and developing new programs at the school
- Develop relationships, partner with, and serve as point of contact for families to provide information and relevant resources
- Genuine interest and excitement in working with students and a desire to support their learning, explorations and aspirations

Position Qualifications

- Minimum of twelve (12) ECE (Early Childhood Education) units or commit to getting 12 units as soon as possible
- Experience working with young students
- Ability to lift 30 pounds
- Up-to-date immunization and flu shot record
- Strong interest in childhood education and desire to work with young students



- Commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in classroom culture and curriculum
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- A desire to learn by doing and to learn with and from others
- A desire to teach collaboratively
- Flexibility and creativity in working in a dynamic environment where new ideas, mistakes, and iteration are embraced.
- A profound openness to feedback and improvement, modeling lifelong learning of practice as well as subject area.
- A desire to collaborate with diverse groups in a way that builds partnerships, trust, and growth.

Compensation

The salary range for this position is \$18-\$23.50 depending on education and experience.

We offer a benefits package for full time employees that includes fully paid medical, dental, 403b retirement plan, matching on 403b, and partial tuition remission.

To Apply

Please submit a cover letter, résumé, and the contact information and job title for two professional references to JulianneTT@SYVFamilySchool.org

Santa Ynez Valley Family School is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values a diverse and broad spectrum of qualified applicants.

About The SYV Family School

Founded in 1974, Santa Ynez Valley Family School is a small, independent school for Preschool through Fifth Grade located in Los Olivos, California at the base of Los Padres National Forest. Community, creativity, and nature drive a multi-age, differentiated curriculum that inspires critical thinking, curiosity and empathy. Our students seek challenge and meaningful learning within a nurturing environment supported by high-quality teachers, involved families and joyful peers. We believe that academic, social, and emotional skills are vital to growing whole human beings who become engaged citizens of the world.

To learn more about The SYV Family School, please visit our website at www.SYVFamilySchool.org.

