

Interim Kindergarten Associate Teacher

Position Purpose:

Shorecrest Preparatory School, a distinguished PK-12 independent school in St. Petersburg, Florida, seeks a dynamic, compassionate, and inspired **Interim Acting Kindergarten Associate Teacher** to join its vibrant educational community from **January 6 - May 30, 2025**. Shorecrest's educational philosophy blends progressive principles with a pragmatic approach, fostering a lifelong love of learning and preparing students for success in college, careers, and personal pursuits.

We invite applications from **dedicated, reflective educators** who are passionate about shaping young learners and contributing to a collaborative, innovative, and student-centered learning environment. Ideal candidates are committed to **professional growth**, bring energy and enthusiasm to the classroom, and exhibit a strong desire to develop as members of a professional learning community. Candidates should be eager to engage with faculty, families, and students in ways that enrich the broader school community and advance Shorecrest's vision and educational approach.

Selection Criteria for Prospective Associate Teachers:

- **Child-Centered Focus:** Committed to fostering a child-centered educational environment
- **Experienced with Young Learners:** Demonstrated experience working with children
- **Multicultural Awareness & SEL Integration:** Embraces multicultural classroom practices and social-emotional curriculum
- **Creative Expression:** Brings creativity to the classroom; background in art or theater is a plus
- **Inclusive & Socially Responsible:** Dedicated to inclusion and social responsibility
- **Self-Directed & Proactive:** Shows initiative and thrives in self-directed tasks

Essential Functions:

- Provide **whole-group, small-group, and individual instruction** to support diverse learning needs
- Implement teaching strategies modeled by the lead teacher
- **Prepare centers** and support inquiry-based, project-focused learning activities
- Supervise the classroom and maintain a clean, organized learning environment
- Participate in **professional development** by attending training programs and conferences
- Supervise playground activities, lunch, arrival, and dismissal to ensure safety and well-being

- Assist with audio/visual aids and other classroom technology
- Follow directions from the lead teacher and Lower School Dean of Curriculum
- Engage actively in school community events
- Perform other relevant duties as assigned by the Lower School Head and Classroom Teacher
- Demonstrates a commitment to **Shorecrest's Mission and Core Values**

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's or Master's degree preferred
- Passionate about working with children in an educational setting
- **Strong communication skills** with students, colleagues, and parents
- Demonstrates excellent **organizational skills** and professionalism
- Proficient with instructional technology and basic office equipment

Interested candidates should submit a resume, letter of interest, and contact information for three references to Emily Arthur at EMArthur@Shorecrest.org by November 22, 2024.