Goodwater Montessori Public Charter School Georgetown TX

## Job Posting November 5, 2024

Title: Outdoor Instructor/Guide Part Time, 20 hours a week, Monday – Friday, Afternoon Hours Salary up to \$30,000 Teacher Certification not required. Montessori Experience Preferred

# **Position Overview**

Montessori outdoor education is a structured part of the curriculum that involves children interacting with nature in meaningful ways. It's designed to help children develop a connection with the environment, become more responsible, and learn a variety of skills.

- **Develop a connection with nature**: Children can learn to appreciate the beauty of the outdoors and develop a lifelong love for the environment.
- Learn practical life skills: Children can learn how to garden, care for animals, build birdhouses, maintain orchard trees, and other activities.
- **Develop responsibility**: Children can learn to become responsible stewards of the planet.
- **Improve focus**: Being in nature can help reduce anxious energy and promote focus.
- **Develop creativity and problem-solving**: Outdoor learning can support creativity and problem-solving.
  - Gardening
  - Collection of eggs and feeding chickens
  - Nature walks
  - Observing animals and plants
  - Physical activity, such as free play on outdoor equipment or structured physical activity
- Creating a safe environment

Ensure a safe and physically healthy environment for children in both indoor and outdoor settings.

#### • Planning and implementing curriculum

Develop and implement a nature-based curriculum that meets the needs of the children.

#### • Guiding children

Guide children through play and interactions, and model social and emotional norms

#### • Observing and documenting

Observe and record children's learning, and share observations with families

#### • Communicating

Communicate with teaching teams and families, and lead parent-teacher conferences

## • Providing physical activity

Provide time for students to get outside and be active, both through free play and structured activities

## Understanding Montessori methods

Have an understanding of Montessori methods and the value of unstructured play

Montessori teachers are more like gentle guides than traditional instructors, and they focus on leading children to find information themselves.

## What you'll do

- plan and prepare activities.
- explain, advise on and demonstrate activities.
- instruct in specialist areas, like chicken egg collection.
- make sure all equipment and facilities are safe.
- explain safety procedures.