**POSITION OPEN**

**Group Teacher**
**2nd/3rd Grade**

The Miquon School is seeking a full-time teacher, committed to progressive education, to lead its 2nd/3rd grade group starting in September 1, 2015. We are a community that is diverse along ethnic, economic, and religious lines and Miquon seeks applicants who represent and broaden that diversity.

Miquon is dedicated to preserving childhood, using innovative student-centered teaching practices, and developing children's knowledge of and appreciation for the environment. Time spent outside on our 10-acre campus including woods, fields, and creek is an integral part of every child’s Miquon experience. We value independent thinking, varied individual and collaborative approaches to learning, authentic assessment methods, and creative, child-focused approaches to curriculum development.

Founded in 1932 in a tradition of Progressive education that is strongly upheld today, Miquon is an independent, coeducational elementary school just outside Philadelphia for children in Nursery through the 6th grade. The school enrolls approximately 150 students in eight mixed-age groups, typically 18-24 children in size. Each classroom has one lead and one assistant teacher.

Lead teachers are responsible for developing and implementing curriculum in mathematics, language arts, and social studies and working collaboratively with five specialist teachers (Art, Music, Science, P.E., Library), the Language Arts Coordinator, and other part-time support staff. The opportunity exists to create and implement curriculum that will:

* be soundly based in developmentally-appropriate practice and evolving research on learning and brain function
* embody the values of community, diversity, and democracy that are espoused at Miquon
* make extensive use of Miquon’s natural campus and the environment

The person we are seeking will have:

* at least five years of teaching experience at the elementary level, with a preference given to those who also have experience developing early literacy
* a master’s degree in education or literacy
* a deep understanding of Progressive education
* the ability to help nurture and develop young children's individual and healthy identities
* proven experience in designing and implementing curriculum
* the willingness to utilize current technology
* the ability to move easily into and within a strongly collaborative environment
* a continuing desire for professional development
* a dedication to inclusivity and social justice
* the capacity to understand, appreciate, and reflect the diversity of Miquon’s families
* the skills to communicate well, in writing and inter-personally, with parents, and colleagues
* high energy, a strong work ethic, and a positive attitude
* the ability to partner with and mentor an Assistant Teacher

Currently, there is a vertical 2nd/3rd grade group, however following years may shift to a 1st/2nd grade group, as necessary to accommodate student needs.

Salary range is $38-48,000 commensurate with experience.  Competitive benefits.

Please send your resume and a cover letter that addresses your skills and experience in the areas listed above, to principal@miquon.org.

*The Miquon School does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation in the employment of staff, admission of students, granting of financial aid, or the administration of school policies.*

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