

## **POSITION OPEN: Teacher's Aides in Nursery & Kindergarten**

The Miquon School is seeking both a full-time and a part-time teacher's aide to support children ages 3-6 starting August 17, 2020. We are a community that is diverse along ethnic, economic, and religious lines, and Miquon seeks applicants who represent and broaden that diversity.

### **The Role**

Miquon teachers work to support the intellectual and social/emotional development of children as individuals and members of a community in collaboration with our students' families, and teacher's aides would assist in this work. Teacher's aides at Miquon are expected to take initiative, be reflective about their practice, and be open to growth.

The person we are seeking must:

- Enjoy children!
- Have some experience working with young children
- Be responsive to children, and listen carefully to them
- Be able to support children with conflict resolution and other communications: entering play, sharing, "mistake making," etc.
- Follow health and safety protocols, such as mask wearing and hand washing, and support children in doing so as well
- Support children during transition periods: arrival/dismissal, between activities, etc.
- Support children with self-care (as needed): toileting, managing belongings, changing clothes, lunch/snack (opening, closing containers), etc.
- Work with teacher to clean classroom and materials (according to COVID 19 health/safety guidelines)
- Work with teacher to assemble and distribute materials for activities/lessons
- Provide logistical support at arrival and dismissal times

We welcome someone with a willingness to share their special interests with children, such as music, weaving, an interest in birds, reading storybooks aloud, etc.

Salary for both of these positions is \$20.00/hr

### **About Miquon**

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 (age three) through the 6th grade. The school enrolls approximately 150 students in eight mixed-age groups, typically 16-20 children in size. Each classroom has one lead and one assistant teacher, who are together responsible for providing instruction for their group.

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—which includes wooded areas, fields, and a 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.

Miquon has a cohesive plan for learning that makes every effort to mitigate risk to our community members for the 2020-21 academic year available [here](#).

### **Application Procedure**

Please send your statement of educational philosophy, resume, and cover letter addressing your skills and experience in the areas listed above to [resumes@miquon.org](mailto:resumes@miquon.org).

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