# Lower School Grade Level Teacher

The Lower School Program at Miami Country Day School is well-respected in our community and nationally. Developmentally sound practices along with personalized learning experiences characterize our approach to instruction. We nurture a passion for lifelong learning, self-confidence and leadership. We strive to make education relevant and celebrate each student’s success.

Miami Country Day School is a college preparatory learning community committed to educating the whole child. Through the core values of honor, respect, wisdom compassion, and purpose, we prepare students to be lifelong learners. We inspire our children to develop their intellectual, physical, aesthetic, social, emotional and spiritual potentials by valuing every student every day. Children are at the forefront of what we do.

We are accredited by FCIS and SACS; active membership is maintained in SACAC, NACAC, NAIS, SAIS, CASE, CRIS, ERB, ALA, and the College Board.

**JOB SUMMARY:**

Lower School seeks an innovative and highly collaborative person who embodies our mission and is passionate about working with our students and faculty. This individual will grow their practice through partnership with homeroom teachers and administration. We are seeking a candidate who is qualified or earning qualifications in teaching. The primary role is to support students in providing personalized, inquiry-based opportunities that celebrate children’s talents and intrests. This person needs to be passionate about inquiry-based, student centered learning. Working as part of a team is crucial to each students’ social, emotional, and academic success. The ideal candidate will continually evolve the designing, organizing, and implementing of relevant curriculum in interdisciplinary ways.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND TASKS:**

* Display a genuine disposition for engaging children and promoting curiosity and learning.
* Be an integral part of the learning community and viewed as an ongoing learner who is fully engaged in professional growth.
* Demonstrate a desire for feedback and a dedication to excellence.
* Collaborate with lead teachers to plan and teach units that encompass hands-on exploration and inquiry process skills using the Understanding by Design Model of instruction. Work with small group math and literacy instruction.
* Maintain an optimal disposition that embodies practice of inherent pedagogies in teaching lower school students.
* Demonstrate growing expertise in a variety of presentation modes that accommodate different learning styles and purposefully generate opportunities for students to interact and share ideas with their peers.
* Implement the practices of Responsive Classroom.
* Work with LS Administration to build expertise.
* Consistently demonstrate a high degree of professionalism, including accountable conversations that promotes the school’s core values.
* Perform supervisory duties as assigned including substitute for Homeroom Teacher on an as needed basis.
* Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.
* Communicate effectively orally and in writing.
* Implement relevant technology.
* Engage in continual professional growth.
* Contribute to a dynamic community by learning and teaching.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

* Have or pursuing BA or BS in Elementary Education/Masters in Education, or related degree with Education courses.
* Perform all other related work delegated or required to accomplish objectives of the school program.
* Appropriate and personalized communication and instruction.
* Ability to work in a fast-paced, stressful environment dealing with a wide variety of challenges, deadlines and a varied and diverse array of contacts.
* Continually pursues excellence.
* Demonstrates enthusiasm for Miami Country Day School and its mission,
* Demonstrated interest in working with children and teenagers and in valuing diversity and the accomplishments of different learners and the whole child.
* Understanding of the needs of diverse constituencies within the school community and the skills and attitude to deliver an exemplary experience equitably to all students.
* Maintainds a good sense of humor, enthusiasm, and a strong work ethic.
* Performs all other related work delegated or required to accomplish objectives of the school program.
* Attend meetings, in-service or trainings required of this position that may/may not be during hours.
* Regularly required to sit, stand, walk, talk, hear, operate a computer, hand-held learning devices and other office equipment, and reach with hands and arms.
* Work in a fast-paced environment dealing with a wide variety of challenges, deadlines and a varied and diverse array of contacts.
* Lift 20 pounds and occasionally lift up to 50 lbs.
* Work in varied and extreme weather conditions, including extreme heat.
* Perform all other related work delegated or required to accomplish objectives of the school program.
* Knowledge and implementation of relevant technology.
* Must be able to use computer for communication and instruction.

The above describes the general nature and level of work. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities and duties required as they are ever changing in a dynamic work environment.

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