



LITERACY PLAYGROUND TEACHER Job Description

BASIC FUNCTION

The Literacy Playground teacher is responsible for teaching engaging group literacy classes. The Literacy Playground is an engaging, dynamic and camp-themed literacy program designed to reduce summer slide and help students close grade-level reading gaps. The classes will include valuable foundational literacy skill building and reading and writing practice as well as activities that promote social emotional learning and engagement skills. Strong applicants will be energetic, creative, organized, have experience teaching elementary reading, have experience teaching at-risk students, and know how to help children with emotional problem solving. The program sites will be located in Pulaski County.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP

The Literacy Playground teacher will report to the Program Coordinator.

PRIMARY DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE

- Attend and participate in orientation, meetings, and debriefing sessions,
- Work collaboratively with a college intern and site staff to create and sustain a cheerful, respectful and supportive environment,
- Assess students pre-program and at close of program,
- Teach classes of students in grades 1-5,
- Track student attendance and complete progress monitoring,
- Lesson plan once per week following Scholastic's Lit Camp curriculum and adapt lessons as needed to incorporate foundational skills appropriate for the class of students,
- Be prepared for lessons and activities, and implement lessons,
- Supervise and monitor students' safety,
- Collaborate with site staff to encourage parent engagement to promote at-home learning,
- Participate in and support Hoop Session.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A current teaching license, RISE certification strongly preferred,
- Exceptional classroom management skills,
- Ability to take initiative, employ good judgment, and manage projects from beginning to end,
- Strong communication skills,
- Ability to manage details and multitask,
- Ability to meet deadlines and to anticipate next steps or needs,
- Work effectively both independently and as part of a team,
- Be available approximately 30 hours per week for 9 weeks plus additional hours for training, onboarding, and debriefing,
- Must pass drug test and submit to background checks, including child maltreatment,
- Access to reliable transportation to travel between two program sites.

BENEFITS

- A fun, impactful summer employment opportunity,
- Résumé-building experience in program management and evaluation and aspects of community relations,
- Opportunity to learn about the work of nonprofits and their impact on communities, and

- Opportunity to build your network.

COMPENSATION: This position is a part-time, contract position. Starting pay ranges from \$20- \$25/hour, commensurate with skills and experience.

Dates:

- Week of June 5 - Pre-assessment and teacher and intern onboarding
- Week of June 12 – week of July 24 – Literacy Playground classes – Monday – Thursday with prep hours on Friday
- Week of July 31 – Post-assessments

TO APPLY:

Submit your resumé, cover letter, and two references to the AKR Program Team at info@arkidsread.org.

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