



LEAD PRESCHOOL TEACHER Job Description

Be a part of a team truly dedicated to making a difference and helping children to grow!

Ladybug Childcare & Preschool is looking for a well-rounded, confident, playful and caring Lead Teacher to join our team. As the Lead Preschool Teacher, you will be responsible for designing, developing and implementing play-based curricula, as well as working with and mentoring a team of 2 other teachers. As a strong candidate, you will have a deep understanding of the factors shaping early childhood education. You must also be able to transform that knowledge into a developmentally appropriate and challenging curriculum that encourages children to inquire, explore and practice learned social, emotional, cognitive, physical and pre-academic skills.

Ladybug Childcare & Preschool is located in San Francisco's Marina District. Our school was established in 1989 and is devoted to providing a warm, nurturing environment where students can learn to explore, gain confidence and grow. We believe early childhood education truly shapes the child and the adult they will grow into. Our goals are to support and assist young students in their exploration of themselves and the world around them; to expand social, emotional, cognitive and physical growth; to prepare students for the next big steps of kindergarten and beyond; and to do this in a caring, intimate environment that encourages use of the whole brain. *We put 100% of child development theory into practice!*

Children: You will be working in a mixed age classroom of toddlers and preschoolers, aged 18 months to 5 years old. We offer plenty of high-quality art supplies and tools etc. necessary to facilitate exceptional child care and age appropriate curriculum.

School size & hours: We welcome 12 children into the school. Ladybug hours of operation are *Monday through Friday 830am to 530pm*, offering both full day and half day programs. View our daily sample schedule for a glimpse into a day in the life at Ladybug Childcare & Preschool as the Lead Preschool Teacher. <https://ladybugchildcare.com/our-programs/daily-schedule/>

Student teacher ratio: *Classroom ratio is 1 teacher to 4 children!*

Ideal candidate requirements / skills should include:

- Ability to identify and provide care of children's basic needs
- Being flexible to the changing needs of the children, play-based curriculum, parents or daily administrative tasks
- Being creative in order to help children learn and grow through art and play
- Patient, warm and sincere, cultivating positive relationships with children
- Ability to help children feel safe, secure and nurtured in their learning environment
- Great with kids and their family as a whole, presenting a friendly, approachable demeanor
- Well-organized and comfortable supervising assistant teachers to ensure they are performing functions properly
- Great interpersonal and leadership skills
- Clear communicator to both children and adults alike
- Able to work independently while also open to taking direction when needed



- Comfortable taking children on walks for daily outdoor play and outings
- Self motivated to plan stimulating and varied activities through play-based learning with the needs of children in mind
- Having growing awareness of each child's social, emotional, language, cognitive, gross, and fine motor development
- Comfortable posting photos and videos of daily activities to HiMama App for parents to view
- Ability to lift 25lbs (often) and up to 50lbs (occasionally) as well as move quickly from seated positions or from one environment to another
- A passion for early childhood development!

Parent Testimonial: *"It has been a wonderful experience for me to feel such security in knowing my child was in good hands when I could not be with her. I cannot praise Yvonne or this program enough. After trying different programs and methods of childcare, I can honestly say that this is the best program I have seen."* - J. ROGERS

Lead Teacher Benefits:

- Paid vacation
- Holidays
- Teacher inservice days
- Professional Development Compensation
- End of Year Bonus
- Medical Benefits

Job Type: Full-time

Pay: \$21.00 - \$26.00 per hour

Benefits:

- Health insurance
- Paid time off

Schedule:

- 8 hour shift
- Monday to Friday

Supplemental Pay: Bonus pay

Application Question(s):

- How many Early Childhood Education units have you completed or enrolled in?

Experience:

- Preschool: 1 year (Preferred)