

Part-Time Preschool Teacher (Morning Assistant & Afternoon Lead)

Reports to: School Administrator/Lead Preschool Teacher

Status: Part-Time (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays)

Schedule:

- Morning Classroom Support: 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM
 - Afternoon Lead Teacher: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- Start Date: 2026–2027 School Year

Position Summary:

We are seeking a nurturing, growth-minded Part-Time Preschool Teacher who will assist our lead preschool teacher in the morning and serve as the Lead Teacher for our afternoon preschool class. This role is designed as a developmental track: the candidate will grow in understanding and applying the Reggio Emilia philosophy in a classroom integrated with Christian faith, with the goal of becoming a Morning Preschool Lead Teacher in the following school year.

Key Responsibilities

Morning (Assistant Teacher: 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM, Tues/Wed/Thurs):

- Partner with the lead preschool teacher during our morning session.
- Observe and support students in play-based, inquiry-rich activities.
- Help prepare learning materials, classroom environments, and provocations.
- Engage with children in ways that honor their strengths, interests, and voices.
- Participate in reflective practice with the lead teacher to deepen understanding of Reggio Emilia–inspired methods.

Afternoon (Lead Teacher: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Tues/Wed/Thurs):

- Independently lead the afternoon preschool class, applying best practices of play-based, student-centered learning.
- Foster a Christ-centered classroom where children feel safe, seen, and valued.
- Plan and facilitate activities that encourage creativity, exploration, and collaboration.
- Communicate with families about classroom routines, student progress, and community events.

Professional Growth & Collaboration:

- Participate in ongoing professional development focused on the Reggio Emilia approach and Christian early childhood education.
- Collaborate with preschool team members to reflect on practice and enrich learning experiences.
- Attend planning meetings and contribute insights from morning classroom engagement.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, or related field (preferred).
- Valid Ohio teaching license or equivalent early childhood certification, or working toward certification.
- Experience working with preschool-aged children in a classroom or similar educational setting.
- A personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a desire to nurture faith in young children.
- Some experience or strong interest in early childhood education.
- Familiarity with or openness to learning the Reggio Emilia philosophy in a Christian context.
- Ability to work collaboratively and communicate effectively with colleagues and families.
- Patience, flexibility, creativity, and a joy for working with young learners.

Physical Requirements

- Ability to move, kneel, and interact on the ground level with preschool-aged children.
- Ability to lift and carry up to 25 pounds occasionally (e.g., classroom materials).
- Visual and auditory ability to supervise and respond to children at play.
- Comfortable engaging in active classroom environments and facilitating hands-on learning.

Vision for Growth

This role is intentionally designed for someone who will grow with our school community. After a season of mentoring and growth alongside our seasoned preschool lead, the successful candidate will transition into a Morning Preschool Lead Teacher position for the following academic year.

Application Process

Please submit a resume, a cover letter, and at least three references (one spiritual, one personal, and one professional) to hello@cantonchristianschool.com. Application deadline is May 1, 2026.