



CUDDLERS (INFANT ROOM) TEACHER JOB DESCRIPTION

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I. POSITION SUMMARY: The infant room teacher is responsible for all aspects of the care and education for the children enrolled in his/her class. Responsibilities may include but are not limited to the following: physical caregiving, developmental assessments, following an age appropriate curricular plan, and facilitation of supportive relationships with owners, director, co-workers, parents, and students.

II. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Successful completion of the hiring packet, W-4, and all state regulations required for the position;
- Successful completion of the forty-five (45) state-mandated courses and actively pursuing CDA;
- Successful completion of the twelve (12) clock hours of professional in-service yearly;
- Comfortable with team-based work structure, ability to demonstrate flexibility on the job
- Demonstrates initiative, is conscientious and provides complete follow-through on areas of responsibility.

III. ACCOUNTABILITY: The infant room teacher is accountable in all areas of school policy to director and owners of Aquarelle Kids Academy.

IV. ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES: Responsibilities of this position will include but are not necessarily limited to the following:

Early Childhood Programming:

- Ensure the safety of each child enrolled in the class whether in the classroom, on the playground, or in common areas;
- Maintain regular observation and evaluation of children's development and progress as directed by administration;
- Maintain portfolio for each student;
- Complete weekly lesson plans, goals, and newsletters;
- Accept and maintain responsibility on a daily basis for the ordered arrangement, appearance, décor, and cleanliness of the learning environment of the classroom; and
- Plan and implement age and developmentally appropriate classroom practices that will include the areas of physical, emotional, social and cognitive needs of the young children.

Interaction with Children:

- Serve as a role model for the children in the areas of attitude, speech and actions on a daily basis;
- Treat each child with dignity and respect for his/her cultural background;
- Encourage children's development in the areas of building self-confidence, problem solving, and taking responsibility for their actions;
- Interact with each child on a daily basis through circle time, centers, snacks, lunchtime, playground, free play, etc.
- Be consistent, but lovingly enforce classroom discipline plan and reward system.

Relationships with Parents:

- Respect the cultural differences and socioeconomic diversity of all parents;
- Communicate with parents daily through the reports and weekly newsletters;
- Return all parent phone calls or letters within twenty-four (24) hours;
- Greet parents daily as they drop off and pick up with a warm smile and positive comment about their child; and
- Ensure parents receive and sign accidents/incidents/infestation reports.

Supporting Staff Relationship:

- Attend all scheduled staff meetings and pre-planning sessions;
- Maintain current infant/child CPR and first aid certification;
- Attend Early Education Conference or other approved conferences annually
- Complete twelve (12) clock hours of professional in-service annually.

Administrative Functions:

- Complete and submit weekly lesson plans and goals by Thursday to the Director;
- Turn in request forms for time off at least seventy-two (72) working hours in advance;
- Requests will be approved on a first come basis;
- If out sick, turn in time-off form upon the day of your return;
- Clock in & out on time. Overtime must be pre-approved by the director or owner;
- Excessive tardiness will be documented and may result in a written reprimand.

V. Physical Requirements:

- Consistently able to observe and respond to children’s needs, emergencies, and/or conflicts that might occur in the classroom, on the playground, and/or in common areas;
- Consistently able to supervise up to four (4) children alone without supervision or support;
- Consistently able to supervise children outside while exposed to the sun, rain, and/or weather and temperature changes;
- Consistently able to lift children up to 50 lbs. from floor to waist height;
- Consistently able to carry child up to 50 lbs. for up to 100 feet;
- Consistently able to kneel or crouch down to maintain eye contact at child’s level;
- Consistently able to sit on the floor to work with children and to reach high enough to make contact with children on all playground equipment;
- Consistently able to react to a child that is 20-30 feet away within 30 seconds;
- Consistently able to respond to children’s first aid needs (inside and on the playground), which may include cuts, bruises, blood/bodily fluids;
- Consistently able to establish clear communications orally and in writing (in the English language) to children, parents, co-workers, and administration; and
- Consistently able to deal effectively with the stress involved in working closely with children, parents, co-workers, and administration.

I _____ have read the above job description, the contract, and have been given a copy of the Employee Policies & Procedures Handbook. I am aware of and in agreement with the expectations for this position.

Teacher Signature:	Date:	Director Signature:	Date: