**First Grade Teacher**

Good Shepherd Episcopal School seeks a collaborative individual to teach, enrich, and reinforce the First Grade program while caring for the whole child.

The First Grade Teacher will plan, supervise, and implement the program for the lower school class in accordance with the policies, curriculum, and philosophy of the school and treat each child with dignity and respect. The teacher will provide not only for each child’s academic needs but also help develop social and emotional maturity. In addition, the First Grade Teacher will assess and monitor student progress, maintain an orderly classroom, and revise and update the curriculum, as necessary. He or she will prepare report cards which include written comments, review student assessments and implement individual strategies for learning, and send timely, proactive, and regular communication with parents.

The First Grade Teacher will act as a mentor to new teachers, attend all required meetings and public-relations events, and participate on school committees and in extra-curricular activities as required. He or she will uphold and support the mission of the Episcopal Church and the School, meet all teacher expectations and duties as outlined in the Employee Manual, and collaborate with colleagues while maintaining a positive team attitude.

The ideal candidate is a strong, dedicated professional with an astute understanding of child development and how young children learn. The preferred qualifications for the ideal candidate are as follows:

* Minimum of a bachelor’s degree from a four-year college/university, master’s degree preferred
* Teacher certification
* Minimum of four years of teaching experience preferred
* Experience as a homeroom teacher in kindergarten, first or second grade preferred
* Strength in literacy and phonics instruction
* Guided Reading, Responsive Classroom, and/or Daily 5 training/experience preferred
* Competency in technology
* Experience in integrating curriculum and various assessment tools
* Willingness to work in a collaborative, team environment
* Excellent verbal and written communication skills
* Ability to differentiate curriculum for students with varying learning styles

To apply for the First Grade Teacher position, please submit your cover letter, resume, and copy of your teacher certification to Toni Luciano, Director of Human Resources, at tluciano@gsesdallas.org.