



ST. MARK'S
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

A Community Engaged

A Lower School teacher for 1st grade at St. Mark's is first and foremost, passionate about teaching children who are six and seven years old. The ideal candidate will work effectively as a member of a grade-level team to plan all aspects of the 1st grade program. As a member of the Lower School faculty, the 1st grade teacher will report to the Head of the Lower School and is responsible for maintaining an engaging 1st grade classroom environment, assessing and reporting the progress of the students, leading parent conferences and managing parent communication regarding all aspects of the 1st grade year.

Primary Functions:

- Teach a class of twenty 1st grade students
- Guide the work of a shared instructional assistant
- Establish positive and supportive relationships with each student and family
- Plan: word study, reading workshop, writing workshop, manipulatives-based math instruction, and thematic studies in science and social studies
- Implement student-centered and differentiated instructional strategies Understand and apply assessment-based instruction
- Communicate grade level goals, student learning, and classroom activities to parents
- Be a contributing member of the Lower School faculty through curriculum committee work and the ongoing work of the division

Required Skills and Experience:

- A Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood or Elementary Education
- A deep understanding of educating the whole child
- A thorough understanding of the appropriate developmental range for a 1st grader
- A passion for teaching and learning
- A collaborative spirit
- A personal commitment to professional growth
- A minimum of three years of teaching experience
- Genuine affinity for working with children and families in a highly engaged community

Preferred Skills and Experience:

- Passionate approach for teaching young children
- Knowledge and experience of working in an independent school

About St. Mark's Episcopal School

The community of St. Mark's Episcopal School celebrates the uniqueness of each child. We are stewards of our students' intellectual curiosity, faith, and passion for discovery. We cultivate joy, playfulness, and growth in a child-centered environment. Located in the West University Place neighborhood of Houston, St. Mark's serves 490 students from two-year-olds through 8th grade. St. Mark's is an engaging community of learners where the school partners with its families in preparing each student for the path that lies ahead through a stimulating, whole-child school experience.

Through offerings in athletics, performing and visual arts, technology, Spanish and a robust curriculum, St. Mark's prepares its graduates for the many high school options Houston offers, and successfully places its students in high schools that best fit each.

St. Mark's is an Episcopal school, and as part of the St. Mark's Episcopal Church parish, is known as a community environment and second home to over 350 families. The school is committed to its positive relationship with families, believing strongly in the power of a fully engaged dynamic between school and home. As a place where children are known, teachers understand what it means to meet children where they are, which plays a crucial role in fostering each child's spirit.

Interested candidates should apply at www.stmes.org/careers.