

## Country Day Little School Short-Term Substitute Position, Spring 2019

Country Day Little School is seeking a nursery/kindergarten teacher as a short term substitute for one of our dear teachers who is expecting a baby this coming spring 2019. Country Day is a Waldorf inspired program in Palo Alto, CA. For over thirty years, we have been committed to providing a nurturing, play-based, developmentally attuned school environment for our students and families amidst the bustle of Silicon Valley.

Our twenty-four students attend school either five or three days a week, for a half or full day. Our program is inspired by Helle Heckmann's model at Nokken, and our children, ages two to six, spend much of the day together in a mixed age group. Our activities are typical of a Waldorf early childhood, with extensive time spent out of doors in both rain and shine, a focus on practical work such as cleaning, gardening and cooking, story, ring-time, arts and craft, and most importantly, self-directed play. We also celebrate festivals together as a community, and we cultivate a space in which families come together with a commitment to honoring childhood. In addition to celebrating the Waldorf traditions we all know and love, our program is informed by an Anthroposophical understanding of human development, and by current research on child development and education. It is always exciting for us to try a new way, or find a new perspective in the classroom or with a student.

We are looking for a teacher who enjoys working collaboratively. Our team-teaching environment is well-designed to accommodate a short term substitute easefully, and in a manner that supports both the new teacher, and our students. Someone who will be able to take instruction, but also who feels confident with improvising will be a great fit for the position. Our teachers discover growth and fulfillment at Country Day, working together in a way that supports each member of our faculty in sharing their gifts with students and colleagues, while finding warm support in areas that invite further learning and growth. We hope to offer the same rich experience to whoever joins us for these months.

Country Day is centrally located in Palo Alto. This community, strongly influenced by Stanford University and the many tech companies that call it home, is community minded, wonderfully diverse, and, of course, full of ideas and work for the future. We are an easy commute from San Francisco, the Santa Cruz Mountains and the beautiful northern California coast. In our temperate climate, there are many opportunities for both urban and rural pursuits. If you want to spend a few months getting to know the Bay Area, without committing to a full move here - this is the position for you!

Teachers who have experience with Waldorf, Lifeways, Pikler or RIE are encouraged to apply. Those with a California Child Care license are welcome as well. Compensation is commensurate with qualifications. We look forward to hearing from you, sharing more about our school, and learning about what gifts you may bring to our students, families and faculty!

~ Ananda @ (650) 494-8044. Please feel free to call and chat, or go ahead and send your resume and cover letter to [countrydaylittleschoolinfo@gmail.com](mailto:countrydaylittleschoolinfo@gmail.com).