

## **2022-23 Grammar School Teacher, Kinder Prep – Applicant Qualifications**

**Program Description:** This position is part of a pilot program for a Kindergarten Prep class designed specifically for 5-year-old students who would benefit from another year of development before attending Kindergarten. The K-Prep program is focused on student development and readiness. Students will build phonological and phoneme awareness skills, letter-sound knowledge, rhyming, number sense, fine and gross motor skills. They will develop listening and oral language skills through enhanced exposure to stories and literature. It will be play-based with many hands-on activities that develop reading, math, writing, and listening skills while preparing students for Kindergarten.

The teacher needs to be well-versed in pedagogy and developmentally appropriate practices which will build a firm foundation for all future learning. Knowledge of the reading process, the importance of fine motor and sensory development, learning through exploration, and a love of early childhood are necessary.

### **Essential Requirements:**

- Must be a follower and disciple of Jesus Christ
- Support the School's Statement of Faith fully and unreservedly
- Have a passion for teaching and a love for children
- Hold a Bachelor's degree or higher
- Certified and experienced educator trained in early childhood development
- Education and experience with:
  - Letter-sound knowledge development
  - Phonemic awareness
  - Listening and oral language skill development
  - Creating and managing hand-on learning centers

### **Preferred Experience and Abilities:**

- Knowledge of and experience with the philosophy of classical Christian education
- A minimum of five years teaching experience in early childhood education
- State issued Teacher's Certification in Early Childhood