



Job Description: Part-Time Early Childhood STEM Educator

If you are energetic, have a passion for early childhood, and want to work with a great Durham startup company, then come join The Wonder Lab team!

We are a new STEM play space and event center in Durham specifically curated for early childhood. Our services include open play, birthday parties, and parent-child classes. We offer paid training, competitive compensation, and a safe, fun, inclusive, and positive working environment.

We are seeking a part-time educator to assist with, and eventually lead, parent-child classes, and be a host for the play space and birthday parties. Educators will spend time in three different roles:

STEM educator: Lead STEM-centered classes for caregivers and 1-2 year olds that are 30-60 minutes long. As an Early Childhood Educator at The Wonder Lab, you will play a pivotal role in fostering a love for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) in young children through engaging and interactive activities. You will collaborate with parents and guide them in facilitating their child's learning journey in a stimulating and nurturing environment.

Play space host: Check customers in, orient first-time visitors to the space, ensure that the play space stays organized, clean, and safe, and create a fun and welcoming environment for children and their caregivers.

Birthday party host (weekends only): Prepare the party room for each party, welcome party guests, create a fun, exciting, and memorable experience for the birthday child and their guests, and ensure birthday parties stay on schedule. You will also be in charge of resetting the party room for the next guests and potentially leading a short STEM activity.

Responsibilities

- Create a safe and inclusive learning environment that encourages exploration, experimentation, and discovery for children ages 6 months to 6 years.
- Execute engaging lessons, experiments, and projects that align with the developmental needs and interests of young children, integrating STEM concepts and principles.
- Foster positive relationships with parents & caregivers and support their understanding of the importance of early STEM education. Provide guidance to parents on how to engage and inspire children at home.

- Maintain a clean, organized, and well-equipped STEM play space and teaching storage area, ensuring that materials and resources are readily available for hands-on learning experiences.
- Collaborate with other team members, including educators and support staff, to ensure a cohesive, fun and enriching environment.
- Supervise the play space to ensure all safety rules are followed at all times
- Welcome and orient all guests to the space
- Enforce all customer policies in a thoughtful and respectful manner
- Manage group dynamics to ensure a positive experience for all
- Execute on opening and closing tasks for facilities
- Participate in periodic staff meetings and trainings
- Be a great team player with a positive attitude
- Be a dedicated problem solver–willing to go above and beyond to accomplish tasks and maintain a high level of customer service
- Be flexible enough to adjust schedules and responsibilities based on business needs

Qualifications

- Proven experience working as an early childhood educator with toddlers ages 1-2
- Knowledge of early childhood development, pedagogy, and best practices in early education.
- Passion for promoting STEM education and a strong belief in its value for young children.
- Ability to design and implement engaging and age-appropriate STEM activities/ curriculum for kids ages 1-2.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to collaborate with parents, colleagues, and children of diverse backgrounds and create a positive and inclusive environment.

Desired Qualifications

- Bilingual in Spanish & English
- Experience teaching in a STEM-focused setting or Reggio-Emilia style environment.
- Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or a related field
- Experience teaching parent-child classes

Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings (9 AM to 1 PM). Option for additional weekend shift if desired. 15 - 20 hours per week. Schedule may change depending on class schedule or business needs.