



# GIDNEY AVENUE MEMORIAL SCHOOL PRE-K PROGRAM

# NEWS LETTER

JANUARY 2026



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Happy New Year, Pre-K Families!

Welcome to 2026! We hope you and your family enjoyed a joyful and restful winter break. As we return in January, we are excited to continue building on the learning, growth, and wonderful routines our students have already begun.

January brings fresh opportunities for our students to grow socially, explore new themes, and learn through play-based experiences. January is also a great time to reinforce classroom expectations and help our children settle confidently back into their daily routines.

We truly appreciate your continued partnership and support. Your involvement makes a meaningful difference in your child's success and helps create a positive, nurturing school community.

Thank you for being part of our Pre-K family. We look forward to a happy, healthy, and successful year ahead!

Warm regards,  
Janavette Urena  
Co-Principal  
Gidney Avenue Memorial School

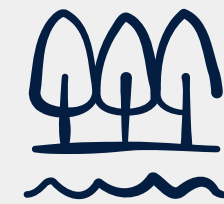
## UPCOMING EVENTS



**WELCOME BACK**

**1/5/2026**

We welcome all of our scholars  
back to school!



**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

**1/19/26**

DISTRICT CLOSED



**PRE-K INFORMATION SESSION #1**

**8:30 AM**

**1/23/26**

Please share! This information session is for all NEW Pre-K students for the 2026-2027 School Year. The child MUST turn 4 years old by December 1, 2026





## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE CONTINUED

### Ways to Support Kindergarten Readiness at Home

#### 1. Build Independence

Encourage your child to do simple tasks on their own, such as putting on a coat, opening lunch containers, cleaning up toys, and washing hands. Independence builds confidence for kindergarten routines.

#### 2. Strengthen Daily Routines

Maintain consistent bedtimes, morning routines, and attendance. Predictable schedules help children feel secure and ready to learn.

#### 3. Encourage Language and Conversation

Talk with your child about their day, ask open-ended questions, and introduce new vocabulary during everyday activities like cooking, shopping, or reading together.

#### 4. Read Every Day

Reading daily supports listening skills, comprehension, and a love of books. Ask your child to predict what might happen next or retell the story in their own words.

#### 5. Practice Listening and Following Directions

Play games that involve listening and following simple directions, such as Simon Says or cleanup challenges.

#### 6. Count and Explore Numbers Naturally

Count objects during daily routines, identify numbers in the environment, and talk about shapes, patterns, and sizes.

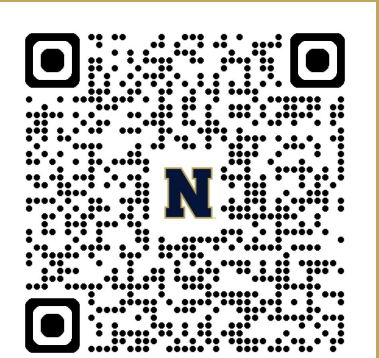
#### 7. Celebrate Effort and Growth

Praise your child's effort, persistence, and progress rather than perfection. Encouragement builds confidence and a positive attitude toward learning.

## DISTRICT NEWS

### SUPERINTENDENT'S CONVERSATIONS SERIES

Dr. Jackie Manning Campbell, Superintendent of Schools, would like to hear from you! Please complete this brief survey, so her upcoming [Community Conversations Series](#) is tailored for our families! We look forward to collaborating with our families as educational partners.



### TEXTING BEGINS!

The district will begin sending texting messages this fall. To receive the messages, make sure your cell phone number is correct in the cell phone field. The number can be listed twice if that is your primary number. All parents/guardians who wish to receive a text should make sure their number is listed in the correct spot in their personal Parent Portal Account.

### WALL CALENDARS

Wall calendars will be distributed to the youngest and only child of each family soon. You will find it in your child's backpack. Families can always add letter days and school/district events to their Google calendar for the most up to date information.