



# GIDNEY AVENUE MEMORIAL SCHOOL PRE-K PROGRAM NEWS LETTER

December 2025



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents,

As we enter this joyful and busy time of year, we want to take a moment to share our appreciation for everything you do. Your children come to school each day ready to discover, create, and grow—and that begins with you. Your support at home, your communication with us, and the love and encouragement you pour into your child's life make a tremendous impact in the classroom.

This year, we have watched your children develop new friendships, gain confidence, learn routines, and build important early learning skills. We see their curiosity when they explore a new material, their pride when they recognize a letter or count a set of objects independently, and their kindness when they help a friend. These moments—big and small—are made possible because of the strong partnership between families and our classroom community.

As we move into the holiday season, we want you to know how truly grateful we are to have your child with us. Thank you for entrusting us with their care, their growth, and their joyful spirit. Thank you for your patience during transitions, your willingness to participate in school activities, and your consistent support of classroom expectations and learning.

We hope this month brings your family peace, warmth, and time together. We look forward to continuing this wonderful journey with your child in the new year, celebrating their progress and nurturing their love of learning every step of the way.

With heartfelt appreciation,  
The Pre-K Team

Janavette Urena  
Co-Principal  
Gidney Avenue Memorial School

## UPCOMING EVENTS

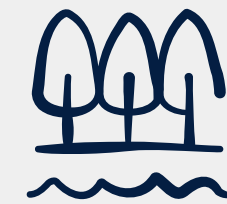


### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

12/4/2025

5:00 PM-7:45 PM

Please follow your scheduled time.  
Contact your child's teacher for  
additional information.



### 1/2 DAY FOR STUDENTS

12/23/25

Dismissal for pick ups begins at  
11:30am and buses at 12pm.



### WINTER RECESS

12/24/25-1/4/26

District Closed

WE WISH YOU A WONDERFUL  
HOLIDAY SEASON.





# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE CONTINUED

## What We're Learning

### Literacy:

- New vocabulary
- Letter recognition and beginning sounds
- Rhyming and listening comprehension

### Math:

- Counting to 20
- Comparing sizes (big/small, tall/short)
- Simple patterns (AB, AAB)

### Science & Exploration:

- Observing winter weather
- Learning about animals in winter (hibernation, migration)

### Social-Emotional:

- Practicing kindness and sharing
- Talking about holiday traditions
- Working cooperatively during centers

## Special Events

Spirit Week- December 15, 2025- December 19, 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wear Red or Green	Holiday Hat	Grinch Day	Favorite Holiday Character	Ugly Sweater

## Reminders

Please send a warm jacket, hat, and gloves each day—we go outside if weather permits.

Label all clothing items to avoid mix-ups.

Check your child's folder daily for artwork and important papers.

## 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.