

## TOUR INFORMATION

Visit classrooms and meet our principal!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month**

Please meet and sign in at the Front Office.



# NORMA COOMBS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Respect. Responsibility. Integrity.*



## SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

**PRINCIPAL:** Dr. Jennifer Smith

## FACTS ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

**GRADES SERVED:** TK-5

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS:** 425

**SCHOOL HOURS:**

Mon: 8:45 am - 1:30 pm

Tues-Fri: 8:45 am - 3:10 pm

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Mon-Fri: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

## AWARDS

Gold Ribbon Award in Academics, CBEE Honor Roll, Title 1 Academic Achievement Award, 2018 LA County Spelling Bee Finalist

## AFTER SCHOOL OPTIONS

LEARNs, YMCA, Pasadena After School Adventures, Can-Do Kids

## ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

GATE/STEAM Club, Choir, Innovation Club, Math Field Day, STEAMCoders, RoboGals, Science Olympiad, Spanish classes, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Swimming, Student Government

## PARENT OPTIONS

**PARENT COUNCILS:**

GATE Parent Advisory Committee, Parent Teacher Student Association, African American Parent Council, English Language Advisory Council, Annual Fund, School Site Council,

**FAMILY ENGAGEMENT:**

Welcome Back to School Social, Kinder Social, Back To School Night, Student-Led Parent Teacher Conferences, Open House, GATE Meetings, Coffee with the Principal, Science Literacy Night, Coding Nights

## COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

**School Board Representative:**

Roy Boulghourjian

## MISSION

Norma Coombs is a beautifully diverse community school with amazing students, parent support and outstanding staff.

We discover your child's gifts through collaboration, innovation and literacy.

We ignite the artistic and intellectual creativity of each student with visual and performing arts, music, technology, and engaging academic instruction.

## CORE VALUES

As A Leader In Me school, we cultivate student leaders by integrating *The 7 Habits of Happy Kids*:

1. Be proactive – you're in charge
2. Begin with the end in mind – our kids have a plan
3. Put first things first – work first then play
4. Think win-win – everyone can win
5. Seek first to understand then to be understood - listen before you talk
6. Synergize – together is better
7. Sharpen the saw – balance feels best

## HOW WE DISCOVER YOUR CHILD'S GIFTS

**Enrich Personal Achievement** – We believe that learning is personalized by a variety of criteria. We foster problem solvers who are independent thinkers, self-motivated, and engaged learners in a collaborative environment. *We begin with the end in mind. Be proactive.*

**Develop Effective Communicators** – We are a model school for Reader's Workshop and Writer's Workshop. Through a Balanced Literacy approach, we develop effective communicators who *seek first to understand, then to be understood.*

**Explore Creativity** – We ignite students' artistic passions using different mediums of the creative arts. We offer 2<sup>nd</sup> grade recorder, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade violin, orchestra and band for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade during the school day. Choir is available for all grades after school. We have a signature ceramics program for all students taught by a gifted artist whose desire is to teach children to go below the surface into the Earth element that connects all of us. Through hands on exploration, we nurture brilliance and versatility developing a well-rounded child. This is how we *sharpen the saw.*

**Foster Innovation** – Through scientific exploration, we equip students with the ability to analyze and solve complex problems through interactive instruction with a collaborative approach. We offer coding classes for Kinder and 1<sup>st</sup> grade as well as a Science Lab for weekly instruction for all grades. Before school, we also offer STEAM and GATE Club activities as an additional enrichment opportunity. *Synergize.*

**Landscape for Success** - We are proud to offer a brand new state-of-the-art playground with a climbing wall. Two newly constructed buildings, which will house six classrooms and our front office, will serve as our new entryway onto our campus. These will open December 2018. *Think Win Win.*

**Partnership** - As a collaborative community, students, parents, teachers and staff work together to create exceptional leaders who are capable of understanding multiple perspectives. By working together, we can explore and support each child's unique gifts and leadership potential.