



POWER CENTER ACADEMY ELEMENTARY

LOCATION

Memphis, Tennessee

SERVICES

Architecture, Interior Design,
Construction Administration

SIZE

75,000 SF

CONSTRUCTION COST

\$9,805,000

COMPLETED

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CLIENT REFERENCE

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Gestalt Community Schools purchased this building that formerly housed a grocery store and a department store for their new elementary school. The challenges of this repurposing and renovation included altering the building for current school seismic codes and adding several windows to include daylighting in most classrooms and corridors. The former grocery entry opens in to the new entry and library which includes a learning tree and a Parent Room to allow access to computers and work space. Classrooms for grades kindergarten through fifth grades are included, as well as a reception/office area and a multi-purpose room for all-school gatherings that also serves as the cafeteria. The school is divided by lower and upper grade levels, which each half having its own collaborative learning spaces that include built-in benches for small groups, readings, etc. The art room has northern light and a garage door with access to the playground as well as cabinets, sinks and various size cubbies for storage of art materials. The lower and upper grades are separated by a Play Area that features a garage door on either end opening to the exterior to extend the space to an outdoor play area. Each grade has a corridor portal marked with a large numeral signifying the grade level. Each grade has their own distinct color which is reflected on their portal, on the classroom accent walls and in their flooring. Common spaces include all 6 colors in fun patterns.