



Tottenberry's Times



Tottenberry's Private School & Day Care

March/April 2024

Super Spring Break Plans



Our Spring Break is March 11 - 15. We will be open regular business hours but will be taking a break from the curriculum for the week. We are ready for some fun! Below is the schedule of events. Remember, all Spring Break days are free dress days!

Monday – It's going to snow today!

Tuesday – Karaoke Day

Wednesday – The Kyle Kazoo Show

Thursday – Movie & PJ Day

Friday – Wear green & make a St. Patrick's Day craft.

All events begin at 10:00.



Our Doors Are More Secure

We recently hired Scottish Window Tinting to install a security film on our front doors. We had them apply a clear 8mm film designed to slow down someone trying to get in. The film is also anchored to the frame of the door which will keep any broken glass in the frame if it is broken which will further slow down a break in attempt. We are constantly looking for ways to keep the children safe while they are at Tottenberry's.



Do you have the lunch box blues?

Cheer up! Chef Kayla brings hot lunches to Tottenberry's every day. You choose the days you want your child to receive a lunch, leave a payment at the school or pay through Venmo, and viola! Lunch is served! Pick up a menu at the front desk or find a copy on the handouts page of our website (tottenberrys.com).

Say Cheese!



Picture Me Perfect Studios will be here April 10 and 11 to take pictures of ALL students. Yes, even the babies! They will also take sibling pictures for the parents who are interested. Be on the lookout for more details closer to the actual picture dates.

Important Dates

Please make note of the upcoming tuition due dates:

- ❖ Monday, March 25
- ❖ Monday, April 22
- ❖ Monday, May 20
- ❖ Tuesday, June 17



A \$25 late fee will be charged per day if tuition is paid after Wednesday. We can take credit card payments over the phone.

March 11 - 15
Spring Break
Non-Academic & Free Dress

March 29

Good Friday
School Closed

April 10 & 11
Spring Pictures

April 11
Staff Meeting
School Closes at 6:00

May 8 - 12
Scholastic Book Fair

May 27
Memorial Day
School Closed

May 28
Summer Hours Begin
6:30 AM - 6:00 PM



The Book Fair is Coming!

Be sure to visit our book fair the week of May 8 - 12. There will be many great books to buy! Each purchase earns Scholastic dollars for Tottenberry's. We have been able to purchase 2 Smart Boards, some Bluetooth radios, and tons of new books. We love our new stuff!



Easter Egg Hunts

All the classes will have Easter egg hunts the week of March 25. Please send 1 or 2 dozen filled plastic eggs per child to help support these hunts by March 26. PLEASE do not send any chocolate or bubble gum! You will also need to send your child with his/her Easter basket or bucket on the day of the hunt. Also, feel free to dress your child in an Eater or Spring outfit the day of his/her hunt. Happy Easter!

Thursday Lunches

For only \$4, you can order a hot lunch for your child on Thursdays. You are welcome to pay for several lunches at one time. Just let us know which days you would like to order a lunch for your child, and we will charge your brightwheel account. Once payment is made, we will take care of the rest. The menu for the next few weeks is as follows:

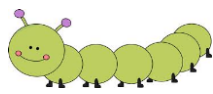
- 3/7 – pizza
- 3/14 – chicken nuggets
- 3/21 – pizza
- 3/28 – chicken nuggets
- 4/4 – pizza
- 4/11 – chicken nuggets
- 4/18 – pizza
- 4/25 – chicken nuggets



Referral Bonus

Help us get our enrollment back up to normal! During March and April, if you refer a family to Tottenberry's and they register with us, your family could receive a \$500 tuition credit. (Bonuses will be made in five \$100 credits every 4 weeks if the new family is in good financial standing and still enrolled with us.) So, talk us up, parents! Your words are powerful! Feel free to display a yard sign as well! We have some on hand. Thank you!





Caterpillars

Ms. Michelle

6 weeks – 6 months

Welcome to the Caterpillar room. I'm glad you're here in my room. I have enjoyed getting to know the babies' personalities. Believe it or not, our babies are easy to care for and have their needs easily met. I'm here for you if you have any questions or concerns. We have music on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings with Ms. Joanna. She does wonderful things with the babies. They respond to different music and instruments. I send pictures most of the time. Once the spring weather arrives, we will go outside in a stroller for 15 - 20 minutes. The stroller has a cover to keep the sun off the babies. We have an open-door policy, so you're always welcome to stop in. Thank you for choosing the Caterpillar room for your child.

Butterflies

Ms. Ginnie &

Ms. Karyn

6 – 12 months



As we finish up winter and roll into spring, we have a few reminders we'd like to point out. Please make sure you are checking brightwheel throughout the day. If we have sent you a message regarding your child, please read and respond if necessary. It is important to make sure your child has plenty of labeled snacks and labeled extra clothes. We currently have a full house, and some kiddos have the same bottles so it's super important to have labels on them, so the right bottles go in the right bag. Most of our babies are standing and everyone is crawling or scooting around quickly. We have a busy room right now! Some babies are even taking steps. There are exciting times ahead! We will reach out when it is time for your child to move to the next class. We continue to have music on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. We also have story time after lunch and are incorporating some new curriculum with touch and feel activities. Just a note to let you know I will be gone much of the month of March on a Medical Externship. There will be someone else here to take my place and help Ms. Ginnie while I'm gone. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. Here's to a great spring!



The Wild Ones

Ms. Najet

12 – 18 months

Happy Spring! I hope everyone enjoyed Valentine's Day! Some new friends joined us recently. We are excited to have them! We do have a new curriculum this year. Yay! We love story time and learning sign language. We also have fun learning colors, shapes, letters, and numbers. This is what we will cover the next two months:

March	April
K & L	M & N
oval	oval
blue	yellow
My Toy Box	Rainy Weather
Bunnies & Chicks	Animals in the Sea

The Little Garden

Ms. Jordan & Ms. Lizeth

18 – 24 months



Spring is in the air, and we are excited to celebrate it with lots of fun learning activities! Our first theme in March, My Toybox, will include the oval shape, the color blue, the letter K, and lessons on how to play with toys and take care of them. Our second theme, Hopping and Hatching, will teach us all about bunnies and chicks. The letter L will be introduced, and we will complete a variety of art projects, sing songs, and listen to rhymes. Our first theme in April, Puddle Play, will include rainy weather activities, the color yellow, and the letter M. Our second theme, Sail Away, will focus on sailboats and the sea. We will experiment to see what floats and learn about different types of boats and water safety. We will end the unit with animals that live in the sea, the letter N, and books about the sea. What a fun time we will have!

Please place an ice pack in your child's lunch box!



The Clubhouse

Ms. Julie & Ms. Carla

2 – 2.5 years

Hello, Parents! First, we would like to say that our kids are enjoying the new curriculum. They love to learn new things! During the months of March and April, we will continue reviewing the letters, shapes, numbers, and colors. In other March lessons, we will focus on literacy, discovery/exploring, and sensory activities. We will also introduce the themes "Toy Box" and "Hopping & Hatching", the oval, blue & yellow, and open/closed (opposites). The children will also practice using gentle hands and learn about the early signs of Spring. We are excited about the Easter egg hunt we will have in March. Be on the lookout for more information about this. In April, we will learn about the weather and rainbows. During an aquatic transportation theme, the children will "sail" little boats across the water. There are many fun lessons in our future! One more thing, please remember to label ALL personal items that your child brings from home. Food items must be labeled with a name and, if homemade, the date the item was made. Your help with this is greatly appreciated!



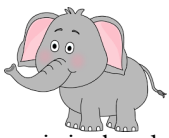
The Space Room

Ms. Ariel &

Ms. Judy

2.5 – 3 years

Spring is here! We are excited to enjoy some beautiful weather and fun activities. This month our focus is on the colors red and blue and the oval shape. Our focus themes for these next two months will be: My Toy Box, Hopping and Hatching, Puddle Play, Sail Away and much more! Be sure to keep up with your child's work by taking home folders to sign and then bringing them back. Your child's clothes cubby needs your attention occasionally, as well; please check it often and make sure your child has enough change of clothes for both hot and cold weather. Thank you!



The Elephants

Ms. Veronica

3 – 3½ years

How is it already March!?! We have learned and enjoyed so much the past two months which made the time fly by so quickly! I'm excited to have you all as part of my class for another few months and want to let you know details on what's coming up during the next few weeks. Here are the themes we will be learning about during the months of March and April:

Themes	Toys, Sharing, Hopping & Hatching, Easter, Spring, Aquatic Transportation
Vocabulary	toys, stuffed animals, trains, bunny, chick, spring, nest, rain, puddle, mud, sailboat, life jacket, & lighthouse
Colors	blue & yellow
Opposites	open/close
Sign Language	play, ball, bunny

I will also send home a curriculum newsletter to give you all better details of what we will be teaching the kiddos. Please make sure to take all blue folders home each Friday and return them each Monday. I will be sending all completed crafts and important information including the behavior charts. Please make sure to send your child wearing a Tottenham's shirt or dress Monday - Thursday. Fridays are free dress, but we do ask you to send your child in tennis shoes for PE. In case any potty accidents happen, please check your child's clothes cubby regularly to make sure he/she has extra clothes. Also, please do not forget to return clothes borrowed from school. There are many fun activities coming up this Spring that we are all looking forward to. Details about these will be sent as we get closer to the date it will take place. Be on the lookout for any information through the brightwheel app as well. We can't wait to make Spring 2024 as exciting as last year!! 🐘 🌸

The Farm Room

Ms. Alicia & Ms. Belem

3 – 4 years



Spring is coming and we are ready for it. There are so many fun activities I have planned that include planting flowers and vegetables in our garden. The new curriculum has us doing all sorts of crafts

and activities that I know the class will love. The themes and activities for the months of March and April are as follows:

Themes	Concepts/Ideas
My Toy Box	blue & yellow
Hopping & Hatching	oval
Puddle Play	K, L, M, & N
Sail Away	caring for animals
	Spring
	weather
	sea animals
	sink or float

Our curriculum also shows students a variety of sign language and introduces character traits we will be going over. To see how much each student knows, I will be looking for a way to 'asses' them. This will allow us to see what areas are easy and which ones are more difficult. Once this is done, we can then focus on the areas that need more attention. I am currently learning different teaching methods that I can implement in the class to help students learn in a fun way. The following is a list of some of the milestone's children aged three would be expected to meet:

- takes turns during a game
- shows concern for a crying friend
- dresses & undresses self
- understands position words
- says first name, age, & gender
- has 2-3 sentence conversations
- strangers can understand speech
- completes 3-4 piece puzzles
- turns book pages 1 at a time
- runs easily
- climbs well

Please remember that all children learn at different paces, so if a student hasn't mastered a milestone, we can work together to get him/her ready for the next steps. I will be sending a more complete list of milestones in the weekly folders soon. In addition to the above-mentioned, we will celebrate some pretty special events soon. Dr. Seuss birthday is the first of these events happening on March 1, followed by St. Patrick's Day on March 17, and Easter on March 31. Please be on the lookout for notices about these events. Please don't forget to reach out to me when needed. I will be more than happy to work with you on anything I can. If we establish good communication and work together to reach the same goal, our kids will one day create a world that is much brighter. I hope to hear from everyone soon. Let spring begin!



Pre-K

Ms. Marshonna & Ms. Rebecca

4-5 years

We're marching into Spring! During the month of March, our themes will be: My Toybox and Hopping and Hatching. We will cover the letters: S, T, and U; the numbers: 15 and 16; the color: blue; and the shape: oval. March 11-15 will be non-academic because of PISD Spring Break. Ms. Bowman has lots of fun activities planned for us! Pre-K will have an Easter egg hunt on Thursday, March 28. Please send 1 dozen filled plastic eggs by March 22. DO NOT stuff the eggs with chocolate or gum please. April's themes are Puddle Play and Sail Away. We will also study the letters: V, W, and X; the numbers: 17 and 18; the shape: diamond; and the color: yellow. Be sure to check your Brightwheel app to stay up to date with us. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Art Class

Ms. Griselda

1 year and older



Spring is here! We will make a Dr. Seuss craft to celebrate his birthday, which is March 2. 🐼 During Spring Break, we'll celebrate St. Patrick's Day with fun crafts and rainbow snacks! I'm looking forward to all the Springtime creations the children will be making!



Spanish Class

3 years and older

Ms. Angelica

¡Hola! ¡Bienvenidos! Welcome to all the new students who have joined Spanish class this year. Spring is right around the corner and with it comes more fun learning. In Spanish class, we will learn about dental health, community helpers, spring, and gardening. I am amazed with how even the youngest students sing the "Buenos Dias" song during circle time. Many of them can even recite the shapes and numbers in Spanish. It has been a pleasure to teach your children this year and last!



STEAM

Ms. Ashlie
2 years and older

Spring is coming! In March, we'll explore using our motor skills for engineering and play. We'll do this using pecans, eggs, and ramps we construct ourselves. We'll also play with sound, color, and chemistry by making our own ice cream and mixing colors with musical shamrocks! We slide right into April where we'll be learning about weather, chemistry, and all the different ways we can create painted art. We're going to create some of our own weather inside using water and containers. We'll also use household products to make our own bouncy balls. We'll close out the month by painting with all kinds of different objects (flowers, sticks, balls, marbles, etc.). I look forward to continuing our STEAM adventure!



Bible Class

Ms. Rose
3 years and older

Spring is almost here! Easter is on March 31st. this year! In March, we will learn all about Easter and Jesus' sacrifice for us. For God so loved the world, He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16) Our March Bible verse is: "Jesus has risen!" (Luke 24:6) Be sure to check these links for songs and videos we will become familiar with soon: Triumphant entry (Palm Sunday video) <https://youtu.be/z-39h0xYqdE?feature=shared> Sing Hosanna <https://youtu.be/i7OmW6PNPNI> Last supper video <https://youtu.be/SigoALSS1R8?feature=shared> Jesus' ascension <https://youtu.be/UcFw8pLBSIo> 0-1:29 Jesus is alive it's a happy day song <https://youtu.be/FzxN0D3voo0> This is a great little book that covers the life of Jesus: The Beginner's Bible Jesus Saves the World: My First (I Can Read!)/The

Beginner's Bible) <https://a.co/d/fxuIXb2> In April, we will learn about Jesus' love for His children. We are all His children, and He is never too busy for us, nor will He ever turn us away. Our April Bible verse is: Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." (Mark 14:40) He's got the whole world in His hands https://youtu.be/hFw6PCP_zt0?feature=shared Jesus loves the little children <https://youtu.be/gWXGubEi8hY?>



P.E.

Coach Marcus
3 years and older

Hello parents! It has been a great start to the new year, and I'm proud of how well the students have picked up where we left off. The participation level has been through the roof! Thank you for having your child wear tennis shoes on Fridays. That has played a huge role in us being accident free this year! Your children, along with the Tottenberry's family, are truly special to me. My children grew up in the same classes yours are growing up in. It's a blessing to give back by being their coach! We're now offering a sports enrichment class on Wednesday mornings. If you'd like your child to participate in the Sports & Play program, feel free to reach out at any time!

Noteworthy News

Mrs. Joanna
Everyone



The **Caterpillars, Butterflies, and Wild Ones** will continue to hear nursery rhymes, folk songs, classical music, children's music, and popular music. I play a small set of bongos while singing songs to help reinforce the steady beat. The babies will continue exploring with an age-appropriate rhythm instrument and even the bongos. The **Little Garden, Clubhouse, Space, Elephant, and Farm Rooms** will be focusing on tempo (fast and slow). Our lessons have a transportation theme. The children are learning to control and coordinate their body's movements by getting faster or slower and stopping and starting. They are also going to focus on the concept of up and down. Music moves up and down and we will explore that with our bodies and voices (speaking, singing, vocalizing, and listening). The **Pre-K**

classes will use their imaginations while moving around to music and singing songs. We build a pretend boat and sail on the sea, keeping a steady beat as we do this. We will have fun dancing like twinkling stars and use active listening skills to determine that the same song was sang by a man and hummed by a woman. The children will also listen to identify some of the instruments they hear in the song. We will continue to work on keeping a steady beat and inhibitory control.



Dancing Stars
Thursday Mornings
2½ – 5 years

This educational and developmental dance class incorporates ballet techniques, skills, and posture; balance; gross and fine motor development; flexibility; grace; and poise. Designed to give our little ones a foundation for dance and ballet, the class includes on-site recital performances twice a year! The class meets every Thursday morning. Tuition is only \$55 a month. Register and get more information at houstonsng.com.



Tumblebus
Monday or Tuesday
After Lunch
18 months – 5 years

Cheerfully decorated inside and out, the Tumblebus provides a unique & fun way for your child to receive the physical fitness that is so important to his/her development. Trained instructors with "special hearts" make the experience memorable as well as educational. Students twist, jump, bounce, and flip while listening to their favorite music. Healthy children are happy children! Tuition is \$45 a month and information is available at the front desk.

Please send your child to school in closed-toe shoes each day. Protect those toes!