

Tottenberry's Times

Tottenberry's Private School & Day Care

January/February 2024



January 2-9

Winter Break
Non-Academic

January 9

Chick-fil-A Day

January 15

MLK Day

Non-Academic

February 19

Presidents' Day

Non-Academic

March 11-15

Spring Break

Non-Academic

March 29

Good Friday

School Closed

April 1

Easter Holiday

Non-Academic

April 11

Staff Meeting

School Closes at 6:00

April 10 & 11

Spring Pictures



Always Be Prepared

Please send your child to school prepared and ready to go EACH and EVERY day. This includes but is not limited to diapers, wipes, water cup/bottle, extra clothes, and ice packs in lunches. We cannot care for your child without the proper supplies. Also, the children notice when they don't have something that their friends do; they feel left out. Unfortunately, because many parents do not follow or simply ignore our requests and reminders, we will begin adding fines to accounts if a child is missing an item. These fines will range from \$1 - \$5/day depending on the necessity of the item. Please help us help your child.



Tuition Due Dates

Please make note of the upcoming tuition due dates:

- ❖ Tuesday, January 2
- ❖ Monday, January 29
- ❖ Monday, February 26
- ❖ Monday, March 25

A daily late fee of \$25 will be added to all unpaid invoices after Wednesday.



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 our children safe while they are at Tottenberry's.



School Uniforms

If your child is in the Elephant, Farm, or Pre-K rooms, please remember to send him/her in a uniform shirt or dress Monday - Thursday. Fridays are always free dress. Shirts and dresses are available for purchase at the front.



Out with the Old, In with the New

Let's get organized this year! If you have received a notice that something is missing from your child's file, please take care of this matter by the end of January. Fines may be charged for failure to comply.

Check out our website!
tottenberrys.com



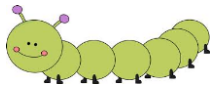
Thursday Lunches

For only \$4, you can order a hot lunch for your child on Thursdays. If you want your child to participate, let us know at the front desk or message us via brightwheel. Payments can be made with cash, check, or through brightwheel. You are welcome to pay for several lunches at one time. Once payment is made, we will take care of the rest. The menu for the next couple of months is as follows:

- 1/4 - pizza
- 1/11 - chicken nuggets
- 1/18 - pizza
- 1/25 - chicken nuggets
- 2/1 - pizza
- 2/8 - chicken nuggets
- 2/15 - pizza
- 2/22 - chicken nuggets
- 2/29 - chicken nuggets



Fridays are always free
dress days!



Caterpillars

Ms. Michelle

6 weeks – 6 months

I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Thanks for the gifts! They are nice. Right now, the Caterpillar room is down to one baby. He is getting some great one-on-one care. New babies are coming soon, however. I'm excited to meet them! I have enjoyed each child that has been in my room. We have started a new curriculum this year. Yay! We are enjoying it so far. I'm here if you have questions or concerns. May you have a wonderful new year.

Butterflies

Ms. Ginnie, Ms. Karyn, & Ms. Shara

6 – 12 months

Hello, Friends! We are saying goodbye to Fall and hello to ❄️ 🌨️ Winter. This is my



favorite time of year! We have seen a few more friends transition to the next room and have welcomed a few new friends this month. Remember that winter brings colder weather. Please make sure to dress your little sweethearts appropriately and ensure we have plenty of extra weather-appropriate clothes. We continue to have music on Tuesday and Wednesday. We all enjoy this class so much! We also expose the babies to different textures and nursery rhymes. We also have story time. If your baby has a favorite story, please send it to share with our friends. As always, please label EVERYTHING preferably in large dark font so it is easy to find and read. We have several babies that have the same type of bottles and or diapers. Small, light colors are hard to see. We want to make sure all the right items go home with the right person at the end of the day! Another reminder, please do not drop off your baby during nap time. This is not fair to the sleeping babies who are enjoying their morning snooze. 😊

As always we are here to help in any way we can to make your child's day the best it can be! If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.



The Wild Ones

Ms. Najet & Ms. Nicole

12 – 18 months

Happy New Year to all! The new year will provide us with many opportunities to grow and learn. In January, we will continue to work on our letters and numbers. We will also have fun learning about dinosaurs, polar animals, and the weather. In February, we will review numbers and letters and will learn about healthy dental practices. We will also be busy learning about the traditions of Valentines Day and Ground Hog Day! Our January and February curriculum covers:

January	February
J & K	L & M
10	review 1-10
shades of blue	red & pink

The Little Garden

Ms. Jordan & Ms. Lizeth

18 – 24 months



Happy New Year! 2024 will find us very busy in The Little Garden Room! In January, we will continue to learn our letters and numbers. We will also have fun learning about dinosaurs, polar animals, and the weather. In February, we will review the letters and numbers and will learn how to practice healthy dental routines. We will also celebrate the traditions of Valentine's Day and Ground Hog Day. Our curriculum for January and February will cover:

January	February
J & K	L & M
10	review 1 - 10
shades of blue	red & pink
dinosaurs & polar animals	Valentine's Day & Ground Hog Day

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



The Clubhouse

Ms. Julie & Ms. Carla

2 – 2.5 years

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had an amazing Christmas break! Thank you for all the wonderful gifts we received. We want you to know the STEAM classes have been a huge success with the kids. They love the classes! February will be the month of friendship and love. We will celebrate Valentine's Day with a party on February 14. Please send \$6 to cover the party expenses before February 12. The children are more than welcome to send valentines for their friends. 15 cards will be enough for everyone.

January	February
F, G, H, & I	L, M, N, & O
pink & purple	black, yellow, & purple
square & triangle	rectangle
7 & 8	10
dinosaurio (dinosaur)	



The Space Room

Ms. Ariel & Ms. Judy

2.5 – 3 years

Happy New Year! 🌟 We have a lot of fun planned for 2024. Starting February 1, we will collect \$7 from our students for our Valentine's Day party. Also, each child is asked to bring valentines cards 📧 to exchange with their friends. Be sure to keep up with your child's behavior charts which will be in the folders every Friday. Work that can go home 🏠 will be in the folder as well. We are excited to see what this year has in store and we hope everyone has a safe and blessed start to their year!

January	February
seasons	Groundhog Day
dinosaurs	Valentine's Day
nursery rhymes	careers/commun ity
MLK Day	dental health



The Elephants

Ms. Veronica
3 – 3½ years

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed the recent holidays. 🎉 I would first like to welcome every one of you back and welcome our new friends who are joining us in the Elephant Room this year. 🙌 I can't wait to kick off the year with all of you! 🎮 There are lots of fun activities in store that we will get to enjoy over the next few months. Our objectives for the upcoming months are...

January	February
O, P, Q, & R	S, T, U, & V
15 - 18	19, 20, 0, & 1
pink & blue	review all colors
review of triangle, rectangle, square, & circle	review all shapes

We will have a Valentine's Day party soon. Please check your child's folders for any information related to this. Make sure to take your child's folders home each Friday and return them to his/her cubby each Monday. Also, please check your child's cubby often and always send extra clothes back if soiled clothes are sent home. I would also like to recommend having an extra pair of shoes here. Sometimes the kiddos get them soiled and we do not have extra shoes they can borrow. 😬 If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me anytime. Hoping this 2024 is full of memorable moments for every one of you! 😊

The Farm Room

Ms. Alicia
3 – 4 years



Here's to a new beginning and making this year one to remember! There are many new things to see and still so much more to learn. January and February will bring many new lessons and tons of hands-on activities that include making slime, dramatic play, use of imagination, and of course our Valentine's Day party. For the next two months, we will focus on the following:

O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, & V
15 – 20 & 0
review all colors
review all shapes
up, down, left, & right

I plan to add some one-on-one time to our schedule to focus with each of my kiddos individually on writing their name, phonics, and recognizing sight words. Our class begins roughly at

8:45 AM. Please make sure students are present so the morning routine is not interrupted, and important lesson introduction is not missed. Also, please remember that folders go home on Fridays and return the next school day. I usually log behavior charts daily and need our folders to do so. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and is ready to begin a wonderful new year.



Pre-K

Ms. Marshonna & Ms. Rebecca
4-5 years

Happy New Year, Pre-K families! We are excited to get started on some fun winter activities. Please remember to send a jacket with your child on cool days. We have outside recess twice a day and go out 99% of the time. Also, make sure your child has extra weather-appropriate clothes (that fit) in his/her cubby. Many of the children have been asking about the Tumblebus and dance class. Information about these is available at the front desk. Our topics of study for January and February were sent through brightwheel. Let us know if you have any questions about them. Thank you!



Bible Class

Ms. Rose
3 years and older

Happy New Year! I hope your Christmas was filled with peace, love and joy shared with family and friends. I'm excited to have all my Bible friends back. In January, we will learn about helping others. Our January Bible verse is: Jesus said, "Go and help others." Luke 10:37. February is all about love and how Jesus loves us unconditionally. If we have Jesus in our heart, we're covered by His grace. Our February Bible verse is: This is my command: Love one another. John 15:17 Here are a few links for songs and videos for January and February. I will also send the links via brightwheel for

your convenience.

January: Good Samaritan video 5:36-23:00
<https://youtu.be/pr1jPialBpc?feature=shared>

Jonah song - :54

<https://youtu.be/6ZKjwhRCG4s>

February:

Jesus loves me remix song

<https://youtu.be/xV7XH2OgOTk?feature=shared>

Zacchaeus was a wee little man song

<https://youtu.be/C8GJXE7e5s0>

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Art Class

Ms. Griselda
1 year and older



Happy New Year!! 🎉

Welcome back!! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and time with family and friends. I would like to thank the parents for the thoughtful gifts. I am excited to get back to work on our fun winter art and Valentine's Day projects. 📧 We will continue to explore and work on fine motor skills by coloring and painting masterpieces with our paintbrushes. 🖌️ We're ready to get messy in Art!!



P.E.

Coach Marcus
3 years and older

Hello parents! I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday season. I'm looking forward to a new year teaching the students, and I'm excited about the new games I'll introduce to them. As the students get older, I like to do activities at a higher pace to continue the development of their gross motor skills. There will be more competition and team building activities to begin the year. The kids participate well individually, so I'd like to begin more activities that require teamwork. The students will also practice good sportsmanship. As always, tennis shoes are recommended for PE on Fridays!



STEAM

Ms. Ashlie
2 years and older

Happy New Year! During the month of January, we'll be exploring engineering, spatial awareness, light & shadow, and some sensory play. We'll use a few different mediums to explore these including cup stacking, flashlights, fake snow, and apple stamping! We cruise right into February to start exploring numbers, shapes, sound, and both animal & body science. Heart building, making instruments, making a bird feeder, and creating our own pizza, are a few of the activities we'll be doing to explore these topics. It's been a great year so far and I can't wait to continue exploring STEAM with the kids.



Spanish Class
3 years and older
Ms. Angelica

Hello! ¡Hola! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays! 2023 just flew by! As we get back from our break, I am happy to start our class again. The children can now sing "Good Morning" in Spanish, recognize shapes and numbers, and even some of the letters. During January, we will learn about polar animals, winter, and Martin Luther King, Jr. In February, we will learn about Valentine's Day, dental health, and dinosaurs. Who doesn't love dinosaurs??!! Here is to a new year of fun learning!

Update Your Child's Shot Records

If your child visits the doctor and receives any shots, please bring us a copy of the new shot record. We are required to keep updated records in each child's file. Thank you!



Noteworthy News

**Mrs. Joanna
Everyone**



The **Caterpillars, Butterflies, and Wild Ones** have been enjoying our time together in music. I get a lot of smiles when I sing old children's folk songs while playing the bongos to help reinforce steady beat. As usual, their favorite part of class is getting the chance to explore the shakers to classical music and fun children's tunes.

The **Bumblebee, Jungle, Space, Elephant, and Farm Rooms** are exploring music with pretend play using different forms of transportation. We are focusing on concepts such as fast and slow and up and down. The children are getting a chance to sing songs imitating sounds, and work on gross and fine motor skills by dancing and doing movements to songs and rhymes.

The **Pre-K classes** will continue enjoying our pretend trips to the toy shop exploring their fine and gross motor skills while singing along and pretending to be different toys. We will also practice vocal skills. I will sing a question to them in a tritonic tone, and they will sing the answer in a bitonic tone.



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



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 houstonsg.com.

No Car Seats, Please!

If possible, please leave all car seats in your car rather than at the school during the day. Unfortunately, we do not have room to store them. We do understand that, if someone different will be picking up your child, you have no choice but to leave a car seat. We can plan to store one or two occasionally. We appreciate your help with this! We need to keep all doorways and hallways clear in case of an emergency.



Microwave News

Please do not send items that need to be heated up longer than 1 minute for lunch. When we warm up things that take 2 or 3 minutes for several children, tummies start rumbling and the kiddos get impatient. Thank you for your help with this. (The kids thank you too!)



No Juice, Please!

Please fill your child's cups or bottles with only water or milk in the mornings.