



Tottenberry's Times



Tottenberry's Private School & Day Care May/June 2026

What Are Your Plans for the Summer?



Parents, if you are planning to change your child's schedule or pull him/her out for the summer, please let us know via brightwheel before May 8. This will give us plenty of time to look at our summer staffing situation. Keep in mind that we do offer some part-time options; you are more than welcome to switch your child from full-time to part-time if you don't want to pull him/her out completely. If you do decide to take the summer off, you can leave a \$200 deposit to hold a spot for your child. Let us know if you have any questions!



- May 4 - 8**
Scholastic Book Fair
- May 25**
Memorial Day
School Closed
- May 26**
Summer Fun Begins!
Summer Hours Begin
6:30 AM – 6:00 PM
- June 26**
4th of July Parade & Festivities
- July 2**
School Closes at 5:00
- July 3**
4th of July Holiday
School Closed
- August 10**
Regular Hours Resume
6:30 AM – 6:30PM

School Holiday



Tottenberry's will be closed Monday, May 25, in honor of Memorial Day. Enjoy your holiday! God bless our fallen soldiers and their families.

Tuition Due Dates

Please make note of the upcoming tuition due dates:



- ❖ Monday, May 18
- ❖ Monday, June 1 (summer activity fee due)
- ❖ Monday, June 15
- ❖ Monday, July 13

A \$25 late fee will be charged per day if tuition is paid after Wednesday. Remember, all payments made through brightwheel will incur a 2.9% service fee. ACH payments are charged a smaller fee. Payments made in person (via check or cash) will not be charged any service fees.



Don't Let Your Summer Be a Bummer!

We have planned a fun-filled summer for our Tottenberry's students. The Houston Museum of Natural Science, a magician, a petting zoo, a fire truck, a cowboy clown, a musician, and even a yoga teacher are scheduled to come see us! We also have some fun dress-up days and other fun visits planned! And, of course, we will have Splash Day once a week! What is a summer at Tottenberry's without Splash Day?! The event calendar will be posted on the main doors, sent out via brightwheel, and available to view on the handouts page at tottenberrys.com. Be sure to check it out! Please remember to pay the summer activity fee on or before June 2 if your child is in a 2-year-old room or older.

Full-time	\$120
4 days	\$115
3 days	\$110
2 days	\$105



The Book Fair is Coming!

Be sure to visit our book fair during the week of May 4 - 8. 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, several Bluetooth radios, and some great books in the past. We love our new stuff!



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:

- 5/7 – chicken nuggets
- 5/14 – pizza
- 5/21 – chicken nuggets
- 5/28 – pizza
- 6/4 – chicken nuggets
- 6/11 – pizza
- 6/18 – chicken nuggets
- 6/25 – pizza



Google Review

Parents, please leave us a Google review when you get a chance. You can do that on Google maps on your phone or by searching us through Google on your computer. Your review could help our small business grow. Thank you!



School Hours

To cut labor costs in response to low summer enrollment, we will reduce our operating hours to 6:30 AM – 6:00 PM during the summer months. This will begin May 26 and end August 10. We appreciate you supporting this.





Caterpillars

Ms. Michelle &
Ms. Perla

6 weeks – 6 months

As we welcome months of May and June, we are excited to wrap up our “On the Go” curriculum with our Caterpillars class! Over the past few weeks, your little ones have been busy exploring, learning, and growing in so many wonderful ways. From discovering different modes of transportation to engaging in hands-on activities, it has truly been a joy to watch their curiosity shine. With the school year coming to an end and summer right around the corner, we have some fun events and activities planned to celebrate all our hard work! We’ll enjoy outdoor play, themed days, bubbles, sensory play, music and movement, and special end-of-year moments that we know the children will love. It’s a perfect way to close out such a meaningful and exciting year together. We also want to take a moment to say how much of a blast it has been working with each and every one of your little ones. It’s amazing to see how much they are growing and developing each day whether it’s smiling, babbling, exploring with their senses, or becoming more comfortable in their routines. The babies have grown so much, and we are so proud of all their progress as they get ready to move up to the next stage! Friendly Reminders:

- Please label all your child’s belongings.
- As some of our little ones begin exploring solid foods, we kindly ask that all new foods be introduced at home for at least two weeks before sending them to school. This allows time to monitor any possible allergies and keeps everyone safe.
- Check daily reports and communication in the app for updates.
- As the weather warms up, please dress infants in lightweight, breathable clothing (onesies, rompers, short sleeves) during the warmer months to keep them cool and comfortable.
- Sleep sacs will be sent home every Friday to be washed and should be returned on Monday for the new week.

Thank you for your support & for allowing us to be a part of your child’s journey.

Butterflies

Ms. Rachel, Ms. Perla,
& Ms. Savannah

6 – 12 months



May has arrived! Time certainly flies! As the school year draws to a close and summer approaches, please ensure your child has adequate extra clothing options available. We recommend at least three changes of shirts and shorts/pants. Our butterflies have made tremendous progress and blossomed beautifully, and we couldn’t be more delighted for them. It has also been fun to welcome new friends who are thrilled to join our classroom. Thank you, parents, for your cooperation and support from home. Please note that breakfast hours are from 6:30 AM to 8:15 AM. Additionally, be sure that your child’s personal items, including lunch containers, snacks, clothing, shoes, and bottles/cups, are labeled with his/her name. Homemade food items also need to be dated. Here’s an overview of our topics for the next few months.

	May	June
Sign Language	Mom, more, play	Dad, ball, water
Reading	I Love My Mommy Because	Welcome Summer
animals	bird	cow
colors	red	yellow

The Wild Ones

Ms. Daisy &
Ms. Juliana

12 – 18 months



The end of the school year has finally arrived! As summer begins, we are excited to see our new friends grow and hopefully start walking! This is what we will be working on with the children during the next two months:

	May	June
Theme	Pet Friends, Gardening & Growing	Summer Days, Super Sports
Letters	S, T	U, V
Shape	square	square
Color	purple	black

Please remember it is required by the health department that you label all food, bottles, cups and anything else you bring for your child with his/her name. Homemade food items also need to be dated. Thank you for helping us stay organized and keeping everyone safe! Be on the lookout for any information through the brightwheel app and if you have any questions, please feel free to ask!

The Little Garden

Ms. Jacy &
Ms. Whitney

18 – 24 months



We are excited to share what your little ones will be learning during the months of May and June! In May, our theme will be “Growing & Exploring”. The children will engage in activities focused on nature, including plants, bugs, and weather. Through hands-on experiences like sensory play, art, and outdoor exploration, we will support their curiosity and early language development. In June, we will transition into “Summer Fun & Senses”. Our classroom will explore the five senses, water play, food, and transportation. These activities are designed to strengthen fine and gross motor skills while encouraging communication and social interaction. We will continue to follow a consistent daily routine that includes circle time, music and movement, story time, and both indoor and outdoor play. This structure helps children feel safe, confident, and ready to learn.

The Clubhouse

Ms. Adi & Ms. Julie

2 – 2½ years



We are so excited to welcome the end of spring and the beginning of summer in our classroom! The months of May and June will be full of fun, growth, and lots of hands-on learning for our little ones. In May, we will explore spring themes like flowers, bugs, and weather. The children will enjoy sensory activities, simple crafts, and outdoor play while learning new words and practicing sharing with friends. In June, we’ll begin our summer fun! We will focus on sunshine, water play, and outdoor exploration. We love seeing the children build friendships, explore their environment, and learn through play. We will continue working on important skills like taking turns, using kind words, and following simple routines. Our independence is growing, and we are so proud of the progress! Please label all your child’s belongings – clothing, food items, lunch box, water cup, nap mat, etc. Also, send a change of clothes daily. Apply sunscreen before arrival if needed. Splash Day News: Please remember to bring your child dressed and ready to splash. Don’t forget a towel and a plastic bag for wet items. A swim diaper should be worn over the regular diaper. Please do not send your child wearing Crocs.



The Space Room

**Ms. Grace &
Ms. Jazzmyni**
2½ – 3 years

Happy end of the school year! The year is passing by so quickly and the kids are ready for our summer activities. During the month of May, we're going to talk about Pet Friends and Gardening & Growing. We'll also review some of our favorite topics of the year and look back at how much fun we had working through them. The kids will recreate some of the crafts and activities we completed earlier in the year and think of ways to make them even more fun! June will be the beginning of our summer calendar which is full of fun activities and special days. Make sure you keep an eye out for that fun calendar. I'm so glad our friends are getting more familiar with the potty and/or more comfortable going potty! With this being said, we'd love to hear feedback on any schedules and routines followed at home. Please remember that ALL food and personal items must be labeled with your child's name and all homemade food items must be dated. With our weather always changing and the kids loving a good mess, please make sure you're sending a good amount of options for extra clothes.



The Owls

**Ms. Savannah, Ms. Shara, &
Ms. Veronica**
3 – 3½ years

Hello everyone! We had an incredible spring where we grew and learned all about our beautiful Earth and the importance of taking care of it. This new season brings exploration, new opportunities, and outdoor adventures that we can't wait to experience with all our kiddos. 🌻 🌿 🍄 This is what we will work on to finish the year:

MAY

Letters: Y & Z

Numbers: 19 & 20

Colors: Purple

Shape: Square

Themes: Pet Friends & Gardening & Growing

JUNE

Review all letters, numbers, colors, shapes and themes. During the month of June, we will also have several of fun activities at Tottenberrys including splash day! An activity calendar with all the activities planned for each day will be sent out soon.

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Please make sure to look over it so your child doesn't miss any fun activities! These next few months are filled with many exciting activities we can't wait to share and experience with all our kiddos. We also wanted to take the time to thank every one of you for the support and teamwork you have shown us. We are very grateful to have you all in our Owl family. We can't wait to see what the new school year brings for our little owls; we are so proud of them and wish them the best year! We hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing summer! ☺

The Farm Room

Ms. Belem & Ms. Lauren
3½ – 4 years



We can't believe it's already May! This month is full of exciting learning, special celebrations, and reflections as we begin to wrap up a wonderful school year. Summer is just around the corner, and we are so proud of how much the children have grown! This is what we will work on this month:

Letters	Yy & Zz
Numbers	19 - 20
Colors	orange
Special Days & Celebrations	Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Memorial Day

As we approach the end of the school year, we will also spend time reviewing all that we've learned, from letters and numbers to social skills and routines. It has been such a joy watching the children grow more confident, curious, and independent! We'll also talk about summer and what comes next, in hopes of helping the students feel excited and prepared for the transition.

Reminders

- Please continue to check cubbies and Brightwheel for updates.
- Make sure your child is dressed comfortably for warmer weather and outdoor play and in a Tottenberry's shirt or dress Monday - Thursday.
- Stay tuned for information about end-of-year activities and celebrations!

Thank you for your continued support this school year. We are so grateful to be part of your child's learning journey!

Pre-K

**Ms. Marshonna
& Ms. Rebecca**
4-5 years



And just like that we're wrapping up our school year. We're so proud of all the great accomplishments made this school year.

May Curriculum: Pet Friends and Gardening & Growing

Letters: Y and Z

Numbers: 19 and 20

Color/Shape: Purple Square

Here are a few reminders: Please make sure your child has a water bottle every day. It's a great time to check the extra clothes in your child's cubby. All items should be labeled with your child's first and last name. Splash Days specific reminders: Splash time occurs during our 11am recess time. Please send your child to school wearing his/her swimsuit. Also, please make sure your child will be able to use the restroom while wearing his/her swimsuit. Sunblock should be applied prior to morning drop off. Please make sure boys wear t-shirts to school and girls have clothes over their swimsuits. Please do not send water toys. Children will need a plastic bag to place all their wet items in.

Kindergarten

**Ms. Ashlie, Ms. Jordan,
& Ms. Sarah**



We bounce into May with an animal and plant units! We will learn to sort animals and plants by color, size, body covering (for animals), and leaf shape (for plants). We will learn to record data using pictures, numbers, and words. Throughout all of May, we will also review plot and plot development as well as practice using evidence from the text (or video) to support an appropriate response to a story. Our math lessons in May are going to be all about review! We will practice counting, forming sets of objects, addition, subtraction, and greater than/less than using all numbers from 1 to 20. The second week of May will be a focus on health and fitness. We will learn about proper diet, exercise, and proper hygiene. We will also learn how to organize information using lists, charts, and paragraphs. The third week of May will be focused on reviewing and wrapping up our year. Graduation will be on Tuesday, May 19, and our last official day of the school year will be Thursday, May 21. After that our summer fun begins!

Art Class

Ms. Griselda
1 year and older



The end of the school year is near. It has been an amazing year of learning and creating! We made some fun crafts and learned about some of the elements of Art. We also made some art inspired by famous artists. I really enjoyed watching my Tottenberry's friends grow and enjoy Art class! Summer will be here soon, and we have some pretty FUN activities planned! I want to wish all our friends going to public school, "Good luck!" I'll miss you!

"If you hear a voice within you say, 'you cannot paint', then by all means paint and that voice will be silenced." -Vincent Van Gogh

Bible Class

Ms. Carla
2 years and older



Our faith is in full bloom this spring! As we approach the end of the school year, I want to share a quick update and express how much I have truly loved teaching your little ones the Word of God. It has been such a joy to see them learn the true meaning of Easter and discover that they can always count on Jesus whenever they need help. Their growth has truly amazed me! In May, we will spend time reviewing the incredible stories we've covered this year. We'll look back at our favorite moments from **Genesis, Exodus, Joshua, and Samuel**, as well as the teachings of **Matthew, Luke, and John**. We will also continue our journey through the **Book of Acts**, learning together how we can share Jesus' love with the world and celebrate the truth that Jesus is our Savior. June is going to be a blast! We have some very fun crafts planned and a special theme for each week:

- Week 1: Summer Roots – staying grounded in our faith!
- Weeks 2-4: We will continue our Bible studies by exploring the **Fruit of the Spirit** and the **Armor of God**.

Thank you for letting me be a part of your child's journey. I can't wait to see what these next two months have in store for us!



No Juice, Please!

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

P.E.

Coach Jayda
2 years and older



Hey, Tottenberry's family! We have already completed a quarter of the year, and we have had so much fun! The kids have participated in several games and activities like beanbags, bowling, parachute, and frisbees. We have worked on building motor skills and hand eye coordination, while having fun at the same time! I am super excited for the upcoming summer season - especially the summer Olympics! Please remember tennis shoes are encouraged on all PE days.



Noteworthy News

Mr. Phillip

Pre-K, Kindergarten, & After Schoolers

Greetings Parents! This is Mr. Phil with On Point Fine Arts Fitness. It has been an honor to provide music instruction to the students at the Tottenberry's Private School. I am excited to say that the students are now able to recognize the quarter note and eighth note rhythms. I have recently introduced to them a new note called the half note. I have implemented different rhythmic combinations that encompass quarter notes, eighth notes, and half notes. During the month of May, my goal is to give each student the opportunity to play instruments such as the piano, drums, hand bells, and rhythm sticks utilizing the note combinations mentioned above. Once the students have shown mastery of these rhythmic combinations, they will be ready to learn songs. I am enjoying working with the students at Tottenberry's Private School and I look forward to creating an awesome and fun musical program for them.

Spanish Class

Ms. Angelica
3 years and older



¡Hola! Hello! This year has gone by so quickly! All the students have done so well. It has been an absolute joy teaching Spanish this year! During the last few weeks of school, we will learn W – Z which will compete our learning of the Spanish alphabet. Woohoo! We will also learn the numbers 17 -20 and review the shapes and seasons. Have a great summer!



Summer Schoolers

Ms. Jordan & Ms. Sarah
Kindergarten and Older

Happy summertime, everybody! We survived another school year! This summer, I (Ms. Sarah) will

once again be leading the summer curriculum, and I have been working hard crafting an exciting summer for the kids! In June, we will begin with a focus on Space and our Solar System. We will begin by learning about the rotation and revolution of our planet around the Sun. Then, we will learn about the phases of the moon and do an Oreo moon phases activity! The week after, we will learn about our Solar System. I will teach the children about the other planets and teach them the mnemonic device to remember their order. I will also teach them about Pluto. It may not be a full-fledged planet, but it will always be a planet in my heart. The following week, we will look at other objects in the Solar System and then learn about constellations. We will even make our own! During the last week of June, we will focus on Big Things in Space. I will introduce the children to star formation, galaxies, and even Black Holes! In July, we will switch gears to film. The children will create their very own movie! We will start by looking at the structure of a story, thinking about characters and locations in movies, and crafting a story the children want to tell. The second week, we will learn how to make props and decide what props the children want to make for their movie. After that, we will learn about backgrounds and some movie magic called "miniatures". The children will have the opportunity to make their own movie backdrops, backgrounds, and miniature buildings. The following week, we will decide what kind of costumes we want to wear in the movie. We will not be making costumes, instead we will collect costumes and clothing items from home that we can mix and match to use as costumes in the movie. After that, all that's left to do is film! I will send out a Film Permission Form in May for parents to review. This form will let me know whether you consent to have your child be in the movie. Every child will have a chance to work behind the scenes. Look out, Hollywood!

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



Activ8

**Monday Mornings
Wednesday
Afternoons**

3 years – After Schoolers

The ultimate kid-friendly karate classes are held Monday mornings for the 3-5 year olds and Wednesday afternoons for the after schoolers. Information about receiving a starter pack for 50% off is available at the front. The starter packs include: an activation fee, the first month's tuition, a student uniform, and a belt. What a deal! Email any questions to

activ8lifetoday@gmail.com.



Soccer Shots Monday Mornings 3 – 5 years

Soccer Shots is an engaging children's soccer program with a focus on character development. Our caring team positively impacts children's lives on and off the field through best-in-class coaching, curriculum, and communication. Classes are held on Mondays at 9:00 AM. More information is available at the front or at the website soccershots.com/Houston.



All-Star Gymnastics Thursday Mornings 2½ – 5 years

This educational and developmental class encourages structured physical activity through tumbling while elevating balance and flexibility skills. It will also escalate the development of forward, backward, motor, and cooperative skills and involve the children in challenging core strength, agility, and endurance activities. The class meets every Thursday morning. Tuition is only \$60 a month. Register and get more information at houstonsng.com.



SMART CORE LABS Afterschool Program

The world is changing faster than schools can keep up. By the time your child enters the workforce, AI fluency won't be a "bonus skill" - it will be a requirement. SmartCore Labs bridges the gap between traditional education and the future economy.

Classes are \$30 per week. Information about registering is available at the front desk.

STEM

**Mondays @ 4:30
4 years & up**

The students will make hands-on STEM projects with cool monthly themes.

STEM, Coding, & Robotics

**Tuesdays @ 4:30
5 years & up**

The students will have a rotation of all 3 subjects to experience the world of technology and science.



Little Talkers Tuesdays Mornings 3 – 5 years

Little Talkers is a fun and engaging small group class for 3-5-year-olds, designed to enrich receptive and expressive language skills through stories, structured activities, and play. Targeted skills include sequencing and story retelling, phonological awareness, speech sound production, vocabulary & grammar, social communication skills, listening and answering questions, and following directions. Classes are held on Tuesday mornings. For more information, contact Miss Kristin from Speaking of Fun Speech and Language Services at 832-289-2477 or email kristin@speakingoffun.com We would love to have your child join our class!

Chili Mac



Ingredients

- 1 T canola oil
- 1 large white onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 can fire-roasted diced tomatoes
- 1 can kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 T chili powder
- 2 t cumin
- ¼ t cayenne pepper
- 3 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 12 oz. pasta, such as orecchiette or shells
- 2 cups cheddar cheese
- Kosher salt
- Freshly chopped chives, for garnish

Make It

- In a large pot over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion and cook until tender, then add garlic and stir until fragrant, 1 minute. Add ground beef and cook until no longer pink, about 5 minutes. Drain fat.
- Return pot to heat and add diced tomatoes, kidney beans, chili powder, cumin, cayenne, chicken broth, and pasta and bring to a simmer. Simmer until pasta is al dente, 10 to 15 minutes.
- Remove from heat and stir in cheddar until just melted. Taste and season with salt to taste.
- Garnish with chives and serve.

Courtesy of delish

Wanted: Water!

Please send your child with a water bottle,



thermos, or cup each day. The children keep these handy during the day so they can quickly get a drink if they are thirsty. This is especially true when they are at recess. Playing and working hard makes thirsty kids!