



Tottenberry's Times



Tottenberry's Private School & Day Care

May 2025

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 9. 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, don't forget to leave a \$200 deposit before you leave so we can hold a spot for your child. Let us know if you have any questions!



May 5 - 9

Scholastic Book Fair

May 26

Memorial Day

School Closed

May 27

Summer Fun Begins!

June 28

4th of July Parade & Festivities

July 3

School Closes at 5:00

July 4

4th of July Holiday

School Closed

Stranger Danger



Parents, please DO NOT let other parents in the building! Only parents who know the code should enter freely. If you see someone standing at the door and feel like you should help them, let them know that someone will assist them in a moment. Also, please do not share the door code with someone who will not pick up your child/children on a regular basis. Thank you!

School Holiday

Tottenberry's will be closed Monday, May 26, 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 19
- ❖ Monday, June 2 (summer activity fee due)
- ❖ Monday, June 16
- ❖ Monday, July 14

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	\$115
4 days	\$110
3 days	\$105
2 days	\$100



The Book Fair is Coming!

Be sure to visit our book fair during the week of May 5 - 9. 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:

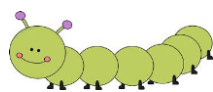
- 5/1 - pizza
- 5/8 - chicken nuggets
- 5/15 - pizza
- 5/22 - chicken nuggets
- 5/29 - chicken nuggets
- 6/5 - pizza
- 6/12 - chicken nuggets
- 6/19 - pizza
- 6/26 - chicken nuggets



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 27 and end August 4. We appreciate you supporting this.





Caterpillars

Ms. Michelle

6 weeks – 6 months

Hello from the Caterpillars! I hope everyone is doing well. The babies are enjoying the curriculum. We recently did "Flying Baby" which helps with body movement. The babies are learning so much from activities like this. I'd also like to thank y'all for the support the babies receive at home. Please be sure to always have extra clothes for your baby here. If your child is starting solids at home, let us know so we can include feedings in his/her schedule. Remember: do not send any food to school that has not been tried at home to avoid any allergic reactions from happening here. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask and thank you for having your baby at Tottenberry's. I appreciate the time I have with each of the babies.

Butterflies

Ms. Grace &

Ms. Rachel

6 – 12 months



My my my, how time does fly! The end of the school year is near, and summer is calling our name! While keeping this in mind, please make sure your child has the best options for extra clothes available. We suggest at least 3 changes of shirts, shorts/pants, and socks. Our butterflies have done a great job of blossoming, and we couldn't be happier for them. We have seen some of them move up and met some friends who have been excited to join our room. Thank you, parents, for your cooperation and help at home! Please remember that breakfast hours are 6:30am to 8:15am. Also, make sure your child's items from home are labeled with his/her name (on everything) and the date (applying to food). This includes, but is not limited to: lunch containers, snacks, clothing, shoes, and bottles/cups (bottles AND bottle caps if necessary). Here's a look at our topics for the upcoming month:

	March
sign language	look, help
story time	I Am a Rainbow
animal	bird
color	red
song	Mr. Golden Sun

The Wild Ones

Ms. Adilene &

Ms. Juliana

12 – 18 months



May is a month of new beginnings and summer is fast approaching. We can't wait for the fun it will bring! Our little ones will be busy reviewing all the letters, shapes, and colors they have learned this year. They will also work on their social skills and will continue to practice sharing and showing kindness to others. May is a fun month to take nature walks and discover all the bright and vibrant colors that can be seen. The children will also complete many crafts that exhibit cool summer vibes. We will have our End of the Year Party in late May. Information will be sent out closer to the date. It has been a great school year, and we have loved watching all our little ones blossom!

The Little Garden

Ms. Angie &

Ms. Jordan

18 – 24 months



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



The Clubhouse

Ms. Julie & Ms. Carla

2 – 2½ years



Hello, Parents! First, we would like to let y'all know our Easter egg hunting was a huge success. The children loved looking for the eggs but enjoyed opening them to see what was inside even more. This is what we will focus on in May:

letters	V, W, & X
colors	review
shape	review
themes	Mother's Day, Transportation, Plants, & Insects

Please remember to label all your child's belongings. This includes but is not limited to food items, nap mats, and cups. Thank you!

The Space Room

Ms. Lizeth

2½ – 3 years



Hello Parents! During this month of May, the curriculum will go over the color purple and the square. The learning theme for May is Honey, Hives, and Flowers. We will learn about the plants and animals that help make honey. We will also be getting ready to make our Mother's Day crafts. Please remember the following things:

1. All personal items, including the items in lunch boxes, need to be labeled with your child's name and dated if they are homemade.
2. All nap time bedding should be taken home on Fridays to be washed for the next week.
3. Please make sure all artwork cubbies are emptied out each week.

If you have any questions or concerns, make sure to let me know. Thank you!

Microwave

News



Please do not send items that need to be heated up for 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!)



The Elephants

Ms. Veronica & Ms. Shara

3 – 3½ years

May is here! You can just feel the freshness of spring all around. I wanted to take the time to thank you all for the support and partnership you have all given us throughout the last few months. We appreciate all the communication and gratitude you have shown. We will continue to educate the kiddos using the Lillio curriculum during the month of May as we approach summer break. Ahead is all the information we will teach during the month of May:

May
Yy & Zz
letter words: yacht, yardstick, yolk, yo-yo, zebra, zigzag, zinnia, & zucchini
19 & 20
purple
square
sign language: book & bee
themes: Book Nook and Honey, Hives, & Flowers

The Farm Room

Ms. Alicia, Ms. Belem, &

Ms. Lauren

3½ – 4 years



The end of the school year has finally arrived! You may have noticed that our little garden is in full bloom. We're hoping to get some veggies at the end of this month. Please note that we'll host Muffins with Mom soon. We will also have our end of the year glow party. Be on the lookout for more details. During the month of May, we'll work on the following...

Letters	Yy & Zz
Numbers	19 - 20
Shapes	square
Colors	purple
Themes	Book Nook & Honey, Hives, and Flowers

We will complete year end evaluations soon as well. After that, we will be ready for some summer fun! Have a safe and happy May!

Pre-K

Ms. Marshonna

& Ms. Rebecca

4-5 years



We're working our way into summer! It has been a great year of fun and learning. This is what we will cover this month:

May
Yy & Zz
19 & 20
themes: Book Nook and Honey, Hives, & Flowers

It's the end of the year! Please turn in time capsule items by Friday May 2. Graduation is ALMOST here! The ceremony will be on Wednesday, May 21 at 10am in the open area near the Pre-K classrooms. Graduation day will be a free dress day. Please have your child at school no later than 8:30am. We hope to have a few practice runs before guests arrive. We are asking that guests do not arrive before 9:45am. Please let all invited family members know this. Even though it's the end of the school year, you still need to send a water bottle/cup daily with your child; we do not have extras to give out. Please take nap bedding home at the end of the week to be washed and return it at the beginning of the next week. Please check your child's extra clothes to make sure they're the correct size and appropriate for the warmer weather. Stay in the know with Pre-K by bringing your child's folder daily and by reading the messages sent through brightwheel. We wish everyone a safe and fun summer.



P.E.

Coach Jayda

3 years and older

Hello parents! Summer is quickly approaching, and I am excited for some summertime fun! We will continue to have activities such as noodle games, bowling, and parachute play. It has been a privilege teaching your kids, and I am excited to witness them continually build their confidence and become great teammates!

Kindergarten

Ms. Ashlie &

Ms. Amber



We bounce right into May discussing technology. Technology is an important part of our lives today. We'll discuss examples as well as the uses for different types of technology in our homes and at school. We'll also talk about how much different our lives would be without technology. The first full week of May will be animal themed! We'll learn to sort animals and plants by color, size, body covering (for animals), and leaf shape (for plants). We'll learn to record data using pictures, numbers, and words. Throughout all of May, we'll 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'll practice counting, forming sets of objects, addition, subtraction, and greater than/less than while using all the numbers from 1 to 20. The second week of May will focus on health and fitness. We'll learn about proper diet, exercise, and proper hygiene. We'll also learn how to organize information using lists, charts, and paragraphs. The third week of May will focus on reviewing and wrapping up our year. Graduation will be on Wednesday, May 21st and our last official day of the school year will be Thursday, May 22nd. After that, our summer fun begins!



Bible Class

Ms. Vanessa

3 years and older

As we come to the end of the school year, we are finishing up learning about Jesus's life adventures. I know the children will go home this summer knowing that Jesus is still alive and loves them! I am so proud of how the kids have learned and grown this year. Thank y'all for a great school year!



Spanish Class

3 years and older

Ms. Angelica

¡Buenos Dias! It has been my absolute pleasure to teach your child not only Spanish but also friendship, kindness, and responsibility. It feels as if the school year is flying by! Just as the weather is growing warmer, the kiddos are also growing. They have shown a vast improvement in memorizing the colors, numbers, letters, and the circle time songs! Soon, we will learn about spring, plants, and insects. We will also enjoy studying nature, animals, and how to have fun while taking turns. I am so blessed to have received a great group of children to teach this school year.

Art Class

Ms. Griselda
1 year and older



The end of another awesome school year is near. It's always fun to create and learn about Art! I am blessed to be able to work with ALL the children at Tottenberry's!! I love to see the excitement and smiles as they enter my room, ready to color, paint, or create their masterpieces! I want to wish all the Pre-K and Kindergarten friends the BEST! as they move onto their new adventure. I really enjoyed watching most of these children grow up. Ms. Grizzly will miss you all! ☺ Have a Super FUN Summer!!

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 much 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.



Noteworthy News

Mrs. Joanna
Everyone



The **Caterpillar, Butterfly, and Wild Ones** rooms will continue to enjoy hearing rhymes and songs with the beat being played on bongos. We have such a great time together during our music time. We will listen to some wonderful, short excerpts of classical music and children's songs while using shakers to play along. Instrument play is probably everyone's favorite part of music class.

The **Little Garden, Mickey Mouse Club House, Space, Elephant, and Farm** rooms will be using gross motor skills doing a lot of movement to music. We will do a fun jungle version of "The Hokey Pokey," play rhythm instruments to music, and continue working on legato and staccato using scarves and a parachute.

Pre-K will prepare for the end of the school year. We will practice a song to perform at graduation, explore playing rhythm instruments, and continue using songs and movement activities about weather while enjoying our time in music class. We will also work on vocal development in a fun way by singing along with the book, "Michael Finnigan".

Kindergarten will also prepare for the end of the school year. We will practice a song to perform at graduation. We will play quarter note and half note patterns with rhythm sticks and triangles, noting that rhythm sticks can be used to play quarter notes and a triangle can be used to play a half note because the sound vibrates. They are showing improvement in inhibitory control by only playing their instrument during a certain part of the song.



No Juice, Please!

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

Crockpot Chicken Tacos



Ingredients

- 2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts or boneless skinless chicken thighs
- 1 tablespoon taco seasoning
- 1 cup mild salsa
- for serving: tortillas, shredded cheese, avocado or guacamole, tomatoes, additional salsa, etc.

Make It

- Place chicken in bottom of slow cooker. Sprinkle with taco seasoning. Spoon salsa on top of chicken and spread to cover chicken.
- Cook on low for 3 to 4 hours, or on high for 2 hours, until chicken is cooked through. Chicken is done when it registers 165° on an instant read thermometer.
- Remove chicken to a plate to cool slightly. Shred chicken with two forks or your fingers and place in a bowl. Stir in some of the liquid from the slow cooker, starting with ¼ cup and adding more as desired.
- Serve chicken in tortillas with toppings as desired.

Courtesy of Kristine's Kitchen

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!

