

Tottenberry's Times

Tottenberry's Private School & Day Care

May/June 2020



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, the Johnson Space Center, a cowboy clown, a Star Wars show, and even a bubble party 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 available soon. Look for it in your email, child's cubby, at the front desk, or on the Parent Bulletin Board at tottenberrys.com. Please remember to add the summer activity fee (for children 2 years and older) to your May 26 tuition payment.

Full-time	\$90
4 days	\$85
3 days	\$80
2 days	\$75

Tuition Due Dates

Please make note of the upcoming tuition due dates:

- ❖ Tuesday, May 26
- ❖ Monday, June 22
- ❖ Monday, July 20



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



How Does Your Garden Grow?

Mrs. Wiles, Miss Amber, and the Kindergarten students have quite the green thumb. They have planted garlic, tomatoes, cucumbers, corn, potatoes, and peanuts in our parking lot! Watermelons are coming soon! It's a pretty great garden. Stop by and take a peek when you get a chance!



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 in writing before May 15. 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 your child a spot. Let us know if you have any questions.



May 21

The Last Day of School!

May 25

Memorial Day
School Closed

June 1

Summer Fun Begins!

July 2

4th of July Parade & Festivities
School Closes at 5:00

July 3

4th of July Holiday
School Closed

August 13

Tottenberry's Olympics

August 19

First Day of School for Pearland

August 24

First Day of School for Tottenberry's



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.



Thursday Lunches

For only \$4, you can order a hot lunch for your child on Thursdays. Look for the "Thursday Lunch" box on the front desk and pull out an empty envelope. Write your child's name and class on it, list the dates you would like for your child to receive a lunch, put the money inside, and place the envelope back inside the "Thursday Lunch" box. 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 few weeks is as follows:

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



Check Out Inchbug

Are you tired of labeling your child's items all the time? Visit inchbug.com or namebubbles.com to view some permanent options. From personalized cup bands to dishwasher safe stickers, these two websites have all sorts of items that will make keeping track of your child's items a breeze!

Check out our website!
tottenberrys.com



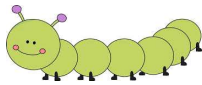
Sign Up for Remind

Text "@tottenb" to 81010 to receive important alerts, notifications, and reminders from Tottenberry's. Always stay in the know!



Caterpillars

Ms. Michelle &
Ms. Evelyn



6 weeks – 6 months

We miss our babies! We can't wait until everyone comes back! For the babies who are here, we are doing our best to keep the room and toys sanitized. We don't want anyone to get sick! We are also working on having the babies fall asleep in their cribs rather than the swing or feeding chairs. Please help us by also doing this at home. Please also help us by sending all bottles with a nipple attached and ready to feed. All bottles also must be labeled with your child's name. Also know that we welcome any advice from our parents and want them to express any concerns that may arise. We want everyone to be happy. Enjoy your summer! Stay cool!

Butterflies

Ms. Lupita,
Ms. Jeanine,
& Ms. Judy



6 months – 12 months

Hello, Parents! We hope everyone is doing well through all of the craziness going on! We hope to see everyone soon! This is not the spring we were hoping for, but we are trying to make the best of it. For the health of the children and us, we are doing our best to keep the room as clean as possible. Even though we can't see each other right now, we can still communicate with each other. Don't hesitate to call the center (281-997-8333) with any questions or concerns you may have. If your child is eating finger foods at home, feel free to send some to school. We will work with your child on his/her self-feeding skills. We aren't afraid of messes! We deal with them all the time. Please always remember to label ALL of your child's belongings, including food items. Thank you for all of your support!

**Fridays are always free
dress!**



Circus Room

Ms. Samantha &
Ms. Grisleda
12 – 18 months

May is the last month of the school year. Can you believe it? It has been our pleasure to learn and grow with your little ones. During May, we'll be able to enjoy the warmer days and watch the raindrops on the rainy ones. We will review all shapes, colors, letters, and numbers. We will also learn about transportation. Thank you for helping us keep a wonderful dynamic here at Tottenberry's! Please make note of the following dates:

May 5 – Cinco de Mayo (The teachers will provide lunch.)

May 4-8 – Teacher Appreciation Week

May 10 – Mother's Day

Bumblebee Room

Ms. Marshonna
18 – 24 months



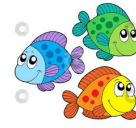
Hello! I hope all is well with you! I miss seeing all of the Bumblebee parents! Hopefully, y'all are staying safe. At Tottenberry's, we are still playing and learning daily. During May, we will review all shapes, colors, numbers, letters, and textures. We will also cover Mother's Day, transportation, space, and the character traits kindness, caring, and compassion. On Cinco de Mayo, I will provide both snacks and also lunch for the children. It's going to be a fun day! #winning Be sure to stay in touch with the SmartCare app for more details. Remember to stay home and stay safe! Luv ya!



The Jungle Room

Ms. Carla & Ms. Julie
2 – 2 ½

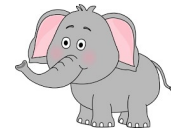
During the month of May, we will review all shapes, numbers, and letters. We will also complete a Mother's Day craft. This is a great time to start potty-training your child! The low enrollment will allow us to spend more time with new potty users. We miss all of our students and parents. We hope to see everyone soon! Stay safe!



The Fish Room

Ms. Daisy &
Ms. Sandra
2 ½ – 3

First and foremost, we pray that all of our Fish friends who aren't here at Tottenberry's with us are doing well. We miss you and will be so happy when we can get back to our normal routine of swimming in our ocean of adventures. During the month of May, we will review our numbers, letters, colors, and shapes. We will also practice recognizing and spelling our names. We will enjoy many stories and action songs too. Since you probably aren't going out much and our enrollment is low, this would be an excellent time to start potty training. If you start working on it at home, we will work on it here. It's a process but, if we work together, we'll get it done. Thank you for all of your help, parents. Stay safe!



The Elephants
Ms. Jill & Ms. Jordan
3 – 3 ½

In spite of the unusual circumstances during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Elephant class has continued to meet three times each week via a Zoom call since the middle of March. We have been fortunate to have about half of our class participate on a regular basis. While we are all missing each other, we have enjoyed being able to connect in this unique way. At Home Kits featuring ten days of lessons and manipulatives have been delivered to each Elephant family. We will periodically review their work during our Zoom Morning Meetings. Hopefully, we will all be back together in our physical classroom at some point in May. Either way, we will continue to work on letter recognition, number recognition, one-to-one correspondence, fine motor skills, and positional words. Themes for May will include learning a bit about Farms, working with math and literacy when discussing The Itsy Bitsy Spider, and reviewing shapes and patterns. Ms. Jill and Ms. Jordan miss our Elephants and are looking forward to getting back to our normal routine.

The Farm Room

Ms. Jahmekia &

Ms. Angelica

3 ½ - 4



Let me start out by saying this school year has been wonderful for me. I was in the Elephant room last year and I have enjoyed my time in the Farm room. We have come a long way! It's hard to believe the year is about to end. I hope everyone is washing their hands and staying safe during this COVID-19 pandemic. We've only had a few Farm friends come each day and we are missing everyone else. We continue to have circle time and review colors, days of the week, months of the year, letters, shapes, and numbers every day. The Farmers know this material very well! I've also seen some improvement in name-writing skills. Great job, little Farmers!

- Transportation
- Mother's Day
- Space
- Cinco de Mayo
- Sight words: and, away, big, can, come, find, for, funny, go, help

Parents, please go over these sight words at home. We will have an End of Year party on May 22. Join us if you can! After our academic year is over, our fun summer program begins. We are looking forward to all of the fun events. I know that all of the Farmers are ready to come back to school. When most of them do, they will be ready for Pre-K. How exciting! I can't wait to watch them continue to grow next year. Thanks for everything, parents! We'll see you soon!

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!



Pre-K

Ms. Shawn & Ms. Caroline

4-5 year olds

We are missing all of our students' bright smiling faces! Unfortunately, this school year came to an end unexpectedly and very quickly. Hopefully, we can all rise and find a silver lining in this awful situation. Ms. Shawn and I have been putting packets of curriculum together so all of our Pre-K students can still be productive at home. The curriculum for May will cover all that we have learned this school year along with a few new concepts.

May

Letters: Y, Z

Numbers: Review 1-20 and counting by 10s

Lessons: Planets, Dinosaurs

If you have any further questions please let us know what we can do to help.



Collect box tops and donate them to Tottenberry's. There is a drop box on the front desk. We use the funds to buy new materials and equipment for the school.



When Your Child Is Sick

When a child begins to run a fever or exhibits other unhealthy symptoms at school, we must send him/her home. We are also not allowed to let sick children return until they are symptom free for 24 hours without the help of medicine. Please help us follow this state mandate so we can keep everyone healthy. Also, do not send your child back to school until he/she is able to follow the regular classroom schedule along with the rest of the class, including going outside. We cannot keep a teacher inside for only one student; this affects our teacher/student ratios. Thank you!



Kindergarten

Mrs. Wiles

April showers bring May flowers! Or maybe tomatoes or cucumbers. The month of April brought some showers to Tottenberry's but also to the garden! Miss Amber has worked very hard this month working in the garden getting it ready for the spring and summer harvest. We have lots of different things growing and blooming! Make sure you check it out!! The Kindergarten classroom changed quite a bit during the weeks after Spring Break. Adjusting to the effects of COVID-19 was a challenge for not only the teachers, but also the kiddos. I can say with great confidence that we rocked it. These kids are such troopers and have adjusted well after being displaced from their school homes. We have worked hard to welcome them here with open arms and a new classroom schedule! It can be challenging at times, but when we look back over these weeks, we can confidently say we did our best and gave our 110% every day. I am so overwhelmed with pride how our team of teachers, Ms. Susy, Miss Amber, and myself have banded together to create a rich environment so the kids can learn and continue to grow. Our new schedule will continue until May 21, which will be our official last day of the year. We will do something special to celebrate the moment and then get ready for our summer program.

I am proud to be a member and teacher at Tottenberry's Private School. With our captain at the helm, Mrs. Bowman, we have navigated these waters confidently. I would also like to thank Ms. Larissa and all the staff that have stepped up and helped us make this time the best for these kiddos. Tottenberry's, you are awesome!!! Thank you for allowing me to call this home.

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



Tumblebus

**Thursday Mornings
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 \$40 a month and information is available at the front desk.



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 kids thirsty!



Pick-Up List Changes

If you need someone to pick up your child and he/she is not on your pick-up list, we will need written documentation. You can leave a note at the front desk, send a message via Remind, or send an email to tottenberrys@sbcglobal.net. If this person is only going to pick up once or twice, please do not tell them the code; we prefer to just let them in. The fewer people who know the code, the better. Thank you!



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!)



Do you have the lunch box blues?

Cheer up! Chef Gary brings hot lunches to Tottenberry's every day. You choose the lunches you think your child would eat, leave him a payment, and viola! Lunch is served! Pick up a menu at the front desk.



Put the Chef Hats & Aprons Away

If you provide your child's class with a treat, please remember, per state regulations, we are not allowed to serve the children homemade food items.

Car Seat Safety



Car crashes are a leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 13. That's why it's so important to choose and use the right car seat correctly every time your child is in the car. Get some helpful tips that will help you choose and install the right seat for your child at safecar.gov. This site will also tell you where you can take your car to have your car seat inspected once it is installed. You can never be too careful!

Use Only Blue or Black Ink



If you write a check to Tottenberry's, please use only blue or black ink. These are the only colors bank scanners can read. Thank you!

Honey-Garlic Slow Cooker Chicken Thighs



Ingredients

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken thighs
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1/3 cup honey
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon dried basil

Make It

1. Lay chicken thighs into the bottom of a 4-quart slow cooker.
2. Whisk soy sauce, ketchup, honey, garlic, and basil together in a bowl. Pour over the chicken.
3. Cook on low for 6 hours.

Courtesy of allrecipes



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