



Tottenberry's Times



Tottenberry's Private School & Day Care May/June 2021



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 21. 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 17 - 21

Scholastic Book Fair

May 31

Memorial Day

School Closed

June 1

Summer Fun Begins!

July 2

4th of July Parade & Festivities

School Closes at 5:00

July 5

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.



School Holiday

Tottenberry's will be closed Monday, May 31, 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 24 (summer activity fee due)
- ❖ Monday, June 21
- ❖ Monday, July 19

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



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 sno-cone truck, a cowboy clown, a DJ, 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 available soon. Look for it in your child's cubby, at the front desk, or on the Parent Bulletin Board at tottenberrys.com. Please remember to include the summer activity fee to your May 24 tuition payment.

Full-time	\$95
4 days	\$90
3 days	\$85
2 days	\$80



The Book Fair is Coming!

Be sure to visit our book fair the week of May 17 - 21. 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 new books so far. We love our new stuff!



Thursday Lunches

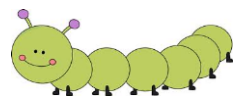
For only \$4, you can order a hot lunch for your child on Thursdays. Look for the "Thursday Lunch" box on the front desk and pull out an empty envelope. Write your child's name and class on it, list the dates you would like for your child to receive a lunch, put the money inside or write "SmartCare",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

- 5/6 - pizza
- 5/13 - chicken nuggets
- 5/20 - pizza
- 5/27 - chicken nuggets
- 6/3 - pizza
- 6/10 - chicken nuggets
- 6/17 - pizza
- 6/24 - chicken nuggets



School Hours

To cut labor costs in response to low summer enrollment, we will reduce our operating hours to 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM during the summer months. This will begin June 1 and end August 9. We appreciate your support of this.



Caterpillars

Ms. Michelle

6 weeks – 6 months

I hope everyone had a Happy Easter. Now it has warmed up a bit, we will be going outside more. We got a new stroller so the babies will be riding in style! Please remember to LABEL your child's bottles and food items. You can order personalized bands to put on the bottles at inchbug.com. The babies who are 5 to 6 months are learning to hold their bottles and how to sit up. PLEASE work on this at home because I will be working on it at school. We can help each other! Remember to look at the SmartCare app daily to learn what is going on each day and of any needs your child may have. Let me know if you are ready to start foods. I'd be happy to help you with this. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you!



Butterflies

Ms. Lupita

6 months – 12 months

Hello parents! I hope all is well with everyone! I'm so glad parents are allowed back into the center. It makes it so much easier to communicate. I'll be sending home all extra change of clothes so you can make sure the outfits still fit and are appropriate for the weather since it's starting to get warm outside. I try to take the children outside twice a day. They really enjoy it! If you would like to send bug spray and/or sunscreen, you are more than welcome to. We are going to start doing some artwork. Don't be alarmed if you see paint on your child's hands or feet. I'll try my hardest to clean it up, but I might miss some! Please note it would be helpful if you could leave a note in your child's lunchbox that tells me when his/her last feeling was each morning. Remember to always label all your child's belongings. Also, please do not send any food to school that your child has not tried at home in case of an allergic reaction. Thank you so much for all your help and support. Let me know if you have any questions.



Circus Room

Ms. Rebecca

12 – 18 months

We finally made it to summer! Yay! First, we'd like to welcome Ms. Rebecca to the Circus room. Ms. Janette is on maternity leave with her new blue bundle of joy so Ms. Rebecca will take over the Circus reins for a bit. Ms. Janette is already missing the Circus kiddos but feels better about leaving them in such good hands. This month, the children will be reviewing all colors, numbers, shapes, letters, and textures. We'd like to thank all the parents who brought in Show-and-Tell items and dressed their child in the color of the week on Fridays. Thank you for helping us teach your children! On May 5, we will have a fiesta! Both snacks and lunch will be provided so you will only need to send your child's cups this day. We will also celebrate the end of the school year by providing PM snack one day toward the end of May. Be on the lookout for the exact date! Please don't forget to label all your child's belongings. Remember, we often post pictures and information via SmartCare so check your phone often! Thank you for all your help! We truly appreciate it!

Bumblebee Room

Ms. Marshonna and

Ms. Jordan

18 – 24 months



Hello, Summer! We finally made it to summer. Yay! Thank you for all your help making Show-and-Tell days and Color days a huge success! During May, we will review all colors, numbers, shapes, letters, and textures. On May 5th, we will have a fiesta. Lunch and both snacks will be provided that day; all you will need to send is your child's cups. Don't forget to dress your child in his/her festive, Cinco de Mayo attire! An end of the year afternoon snack will also be provided on May 28, the last day of school. Another fun day to look forward is Juneteenth. Since it falls on a Saturday this year, we will celebrate on Friday, June 18. Mark your calendars

now! Remember to stay in touch with the SmartCare app! And don't forget to label, label, label everything! Happy Mother's Day and Father's Day to all our wonderful parents! Thank you for all you do!



The Jungle Room

Ms. Carla & Ms. Julie

2 – 2 ½ years

April showers bring May flowers! First, we would like to thank everyone for contributing to the Easter egg hunt. The kids had a ball! We are almost finished with our curriculum now that we are approaching the end of the school year. We will finish the year learning about Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, transportation, and space. We will also study V, W, X, Y, & Z and the Spanish words "el carro" (car) and "mama" (mom). We will review all colors and all shapes. We are looking forward to the fun daily activities that will take place starting in June! We love summer!



The Fish Room

Ms. Sandra and

Ms. Lalandra

2 ½ - 3 years

We would like to inform you of the great progress your children have made this year. We are very proud of them! Many of the children know how to spell their names, know the colors, the numbers 1 – 10, and the shapes. They also know some of these things in Spanish. During the month of May, we will continue to review all shapes, colors, and numbers. We will also study: transportation, Cinco de Mayo, space, Mother's Day, and the Spanish words carro (car) & mama (mom). We are looking forward to having some summer fun soon!

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



The Elephant Room

Ms. Alicia and Ms. Jeanine

3 – 3 ½ years

The end of the school year is near, and we can't wait! These past few months have been a crazy roller coaster ride, but we have pushed through it. As we near the end of the school year, we will continue to shape our minds. We will review the shapes, colors, letters, and numbers. We will focus on learning to be kind, caring, and compassionate. In addition, we will explore the many ways we travel from place to place. Whether it's by train, bus, or even bike, we'll look at the many types of transportation available for us to use. We'll ask ourselves what transportation we use to get to the park, school, and even to the moon! This will lead to exploring the planets and stars. This month will also be full of celebration and cheer because we are celebrating one of the most important people in our lives, our moms! We love you to the moon and back, Moms! Let's end the school year with a bang and welcome the fun summer activities. I cannot wait to see what's in store for us this summer. We're ready for those fun-filled splash days and those lazy movie days as well. Hurry up, summer! My Elephants are "impatiently" waiting to stomp their way to you!

The Farm Room

Ms. Angelica

3 ½ – 4 years



Hello, Farm Room Parents! I still can't believe the school year is almost over! We've come a long way since August. We will spend the rest of the year reviewing everything we have learned this year. The farmers look forward to our circle time routine every day! We continue to go over our colors, days of the week, months of the year, position words, and numbers. Most, if not all the Farmers, are able to recite and remember these topics! Most of them can also spell their names and write them by memory. Some kiddos prefer to still trace their names which is a vast improvement to where we were at the start of the year. The Farmers have also become more responsible by doing their part in the classroom when needed. I added a class job rotation, and the children look forward to doing their jobs each day. We've also added a daily weather report to our routine. The children love telling me about the weather each time they go outside. I know all the

Farmers will be successful when they go to Pre-K. I'm looking forward to continuing to watch them grow.

May Objectives:

- Mother's Day
- Cinco de Mayo
- Space

We will have an end of the year party soon. Closer to the date, I will send out information via SmartCare and your child's backpack. I know some of our Farmers have parents who are teachers and will be taking the summer off. We sure will miss these kiddos! The end of our academic year means our fun summer program starts soon! We can't wait! As always, if anyone has questions about what we are up to in the Farm Room, please ask away!



Pre-K

Ms. Caroline and Ms. Kaitlyn

4-5 years

Hello, Parents! Can you believe we are at the end of the school year? Time sure does fly when you're having fun! At the end of May, we will have a "Pre-K End of the Year Lunch". Please be on the lookout for more information and a confirmed date. Ms. Kaitlyn and I will send out notes via the children's cubbies soon. This is what we will be learning about in May:

Themes: Space and Dinosaurs

Letters: Review of all

Numbers: Review 1-30

For our friends that will be here in the summer, we will continue to learn and have fun! There will be activities daily us to participate in and we are excited to get started!



Do you have the lunch box blues?

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



Kindergarten

Ms. Ashlie

We're hitting the home stretch! We jump into May with two animal themed weeks. We'll be learning to sort animals and plants by color, size, body covering (for animals), and leaf shape (for plants). We'll be learning to record our data using pictures, numbers, and words. Throughout May we'll be reviewing plot and plot development as well as practicing using evidence from a text (or video) to support an appropriate response to a story. These responses will be in pictorial, oral, and written form. Our math lessons in May are going to be all about review! We'll be practicing counting, forming sets of objects, addition, subtraction, and greater than/less than using all numbers from 1 to 20. During the third week of May, we will be focus on health and fitness. We learn about proper diet, exercise, and proper hygiene. Our last few weeks will involve gathering information on a topic from various valid sources (such as interviews, books, charts/graphs, pictures, etc). We'll also learn how to organize this information using lists, charts, and paragraphs. The final week of May will be focused on reviewing and wrapping up our year. Our last official day of the school year will be Thursday, May 27th. After that, our summer fun begins! Throughout the summer we'll be working on our garden, creating fun summer crafts, and doing all sorts of summer themed activities. It's been a fantastic year and I wish you all an amazing summer!



Sign Up for Remind

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



Art Class
Ms. Griselda
1 year and older

The end of the school year is near! We have had amazing and fun times drawing, coloring, painting, and creating works of art. I am enjoying my position as the Art teacher. Seeing all the children have fun coming to my room makes me smile! I am excited to continue to meet with the kids throughout the summer. We will continue to have fun and create more works of art!



Bible Class
Ms. Stephanie
3 years and older

Hello, Parents! Spring is upon us as we enter the last few weeks of the school year. I have seen the children grow so much in their knowledge of the Bible and of who God is. It truly amazes me how much my students understand the word of God and apply it to their daily lives. Over the next couple of weeks, the children will learn about God's church. Some key points will be "why we go to church", "how we worship God in church", "Baptism", and "how we can bring others to church". My prayer and hope as we finish the school year is that all my students embrace their relationship with Christ and utilize the tools they have been taught in my class. "All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16



Spanish Class
Ms. Angelica
3 years and older

Hello and Hola! It has been a pleasure to work with your children. They are enjoying learning Spanish. Since Spring has arrived, we will be talking about the seasons, weather, and what we wear during each season. We will also learn the color green and the letters C & D. We still have a lot to turn and not much time to do it in. We are going to be busy!



P.E.
Coach Marcus
3 years and older

Hello, parents! This spring has been a blast for me, and I'm sure the kids have enjoyed themselves as well. As I continue to build relationships with the children, I've learned that the Owls and Super Stars enjoy any and everything they can throw, kick, skip, or hop to! There is nonstop action with this bunch. I make an effort each week to have this age group partner with another friend during the activities. It's important to me that they learn to share and begin working together while participating in the games; teaching teamwork remains a priority to me. The Pre-K and Elementary students were able to play street hockey for the first time and they loved it. However, I've learned that Flag Tag has become a favorite for them. Several of the games have become competitive, but you would be pleased to see the positive sportsmanship. This is going to be important moving into the summer since we will have our Summer Olympics in August. I'm looking forward to putting it all together and making it an event to remember. Until then, we will continue kicking, throwing, skipping and hopping on Fridays! Thank you all for allowing me to teach your child.

Noteworthy
News
Mrs. Joanna
Everyone



The **Caterpillars, Butterflies, and Circus Room** continue to hear nursery rhymes, children's folk songs, classical music, and sometimes popular music. I play a small set of bongos while singing songs to help reinforce the *steady beat*. The babies love exploring with an age-appropriate rhythm instrument and sometimes try to play the bongos. Some of the older babies have begun to sway or dance to the music.

The **Bumblebee, Jungle, Fish, Elephant, and Farm Rooms** are using fine and gross motor skills while working on concepts such as *up* and *down* and *smooth* and *bumpy*. We are having so much fun with this by pretending to use different forms of transportation. We have pretended to be a train, used our hands and whole bodies to fly like an airplane, and will float down the river in a hula hoop boat. Music class is always more fun when we get to dance with scarves and explore playing different rhythm instruments. I love seeing the smiles and joy that these activities bring to your children!

The **Pre-K** classes have learned a few words in sign language that go with the songs we have been learning and singing. They have enjoyed drawing rain as we use our voices to make the sound of rain. We have really had fun using hula hoops and our imaginations to pretend that we are jumping and splashing in mud puddles as we sing along. We will work more on vocal development in a fun way by singing along with the book, Michael Finnigan. We will also work on some activities that have instrumental and spoken cues and focus on self-controlled action. "*Control of the body is the first kind of the control children have over themselves and is the first step toward the development of internal control or 'self-discipline'.*" Dance for Young Children: Finding the Magic in Movement, by Sue Stinson p. 5

Kindergarten has had a lot of fun practicing playing 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. I feel that it is a wonderful thing for children to be exposed to music in all forms, so we are now beginning to watch the movie musical, *Mary Poppins*.

Check out our website!
tottenberrys.com



Tumblebus

Tuesdays and Wednesdays
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.



Soccer Superstars

Thursday Mornings
3 years and older

GOOOOAAAL!! Soccer Superstars is a professionally designed program that uses a variety of creative games and activities to introduce children to the wonderful game of soccer. The program not only teaches children about the world’s most popular sport, but it also emphasizes and promotes health, fitness, teamwork, and most importantly FUN! All the instructors are extremely passionate about soccer and kids. They hope to pass on their passion to the next generation of Soccer Superstars. More information is available at the front desk or online at soccersuperstars.org.

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!

Hot Dog Pie



Ingredients

- ½ pound ground beef
- 4 hot dogs, cut in half lengthwise and sliced
- 1 can (16 ounces) baked beans
- ½ cup ketchup
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons prepared mustard
- 2 ounces process cheese (Velveeta), cubed
- 1 unbaked deep-dish pastry shell (9 inches)
- 4 slices American cheese

Make It

1. In a large saucepan, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Add the hot dogs, beans, ketchup, brown sugar, mustard, and cheese cubes. Cook and stir until cheese is melted.
2. Meanwhile, prick pastry shell with a fork. Bake at 400° for 10 minutes. Fill with hot beef mixture. Cut each cheese slice into four strips; make a lattice topping over pie. Bake 5-10 minutes longer or until cheese is melted.

(Courtesy of Taste of Home)

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No One Likes To Do It But It Has To Be Done

Both State Licensing and the Health Department require that all food and personal items be labeled with the owner’s first name and last name. All homemade food items must also include the date it will be consumed. Please help us follow these rules by labeling all your child’s things. We don’t like getting written up!



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!)



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.

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



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!