



Tottenberry's Times



Tottenberry's Private School & Day Care May 2024

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 13. 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 6 - 10**
Scholastic Book Fair
- May 27**
Memorial Day
School Closed
- May 28**
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 27, 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 20
- ❖ Monday, June 3 (summer activity fee due)
- ❖ Monday, June 17
- ❖ Monday, July 15

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 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 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 3 if your child is in a 2-year-old room or older.

Full-time	\$110
4 days	\$105
3 days	\$100
2 days	\$95



The Book Fair is Coming!

Be sure to visit our book fair during the week of May 6 - 10. 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. You are welcome to pay for several lunches at one time. Just let us know which days you would like to order a lunch for your child, and we will charge your brightwheel account. Once payment is made, we will take care of the rest. The menu for the next few weeks is as follows:

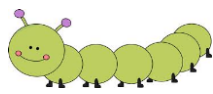
- 5/2 - pizza
- 5/9 - chicken nuggets
- 5/16 - pizza
- 5/23 - chicken nuggets
- 5/30 - chicken nuggets
- 6/6 - pizza
- 6/13 - chicken nuggets
- 6/20 - pizza
- 6/27 - chicken nuggets



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 28 and end August 5. We appreciate you supporting this.





Caterpillars

Ms. Michelle

6 weeks – 6 months

Hello everyone! I hope you are enjoying our spring weather. I also hope everyone had a happy Easter. Since the weather is getting nice, we will be going outside. I take the babies out for 15 minutes in a stroller. They enjoy the time out in the sunshine. Don't worry, the stroller has a visor to block the sun from their eyes and if it is too hot, we come in early. We have a new curriculum for the babies. They have enjoyed it so much. I read a story, play with a toy, and do sign language with them.

We also have tummy time and practice holding our heads up, rolling over, and sitting up. We have music on Tuesdays at 11:10 and Wednesdays at 10:45. The babies really enjoy music. I do my best to capture their excitement in pictures and send them to y'all. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and talk to me. I will do my best to answer all questions.

Butterflies

Ms. Karyn

6 – 12 months



Happy Spring,

Everyone! The temperature is getting warmer, and seasonal allergies are kicking in! Oh, what fun! Please dress your child for the weather and make sure we always have an appropriate extra set of clothes on hand. We have had numerous friends graduate to the next class in the past month because they started walking! How exciting! We still have a few that are close to taking steps. This is always fun to watch. With a smaller group of kiddos, I've extended story time. The babies seem to really enjoy it. We are also learning about zoo animals and the noises they make. It's so cute! Another activity the babies enjoy is rolling the ball back and forth to me. I'm trying to get them to say "ball" while doing this. They are so smart. As always, please send all personal items labeled with your child's name. We also encourage you to send a water cup to have during lunch and snack times. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. I'm here to help!



The Wild Ones

Ms. Judy & Ms. Najet

12 – 18 months

Bye-bye winter and hello spring! We are so excited to continue our curriculum in May. We will participate in several activities and taste some yummy things (fruits, vegetables, cookies, muffins, milk, and more). We will introduce more shapes, colors, letters, and numbers. We continue to have music and art classes every Tuesday and Wednesday morning. We do have a few reminders we'd like to point out.

1. We ask you to label everything your child brings to school with his/her name. This includes snacks, cups, bottles, lunch kits, bags, and nap mats.
2. Don't forget to put an ice pack in your child's lunch box.
3. Finally, some of our kiddos will be ready to move to the next room soon. We will notify you if your child is one of these.

Thank you and happy summer!

The Little Garden

Ms. Daesha & Ms. Jordan

18 – 24 months



Hip, Hip, Hooray! Let's give a cheer - the month of May is finally here! We will be busy reviewing our letters, numbers, shapes, and colors this month. Our End of the Year party will be on May 21st. Please be on the lookout for party details that will be posted closer to the party day. We are looking forward to the fun summer activities, including splash day, planned for our little ones. Let the summer fun begin!!

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 inform y'all that our Easter egg hunt was a total success. The children loved hunting the eggs specifically to see what was inside. Thank you for your help with this! During May, we will cover the following topics:

Letters	V, W, & X
Shapes	review all
Colors	review all
Themes	Mother's Day, Transportation, Parts of a Plant, & Insects

We will also continue to learn some new sign language. Please remember to ALWAYS label all your child's belongings. Thank you!



The Space Room

Ms. Ariel &

Ms. Lizeth

2½ – 3 years

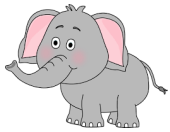
Rain, rain, go away!!! We have lots of fun on the way this May! Only one month until summer! Some of the things we will focus on this month are the colors purple & black and the square. We will also learn about space and our solar system as well as being kind to our things and classmates. Remember to check your child's work and clothes cubbies at the end of each week. Also, if you're worried about sunburns or mosquitoes, please make sure to apply sunscreen and insect repellent before drop-off each day. With summer approaching, we will start having splash days soon. Please remember to label ALL items you bring for these fun days. ALSO, ALL LUNCHES NEED TO BE PACKED WITH AN ICE PACK! We can't wait for all the fun we have in store!

Thank You
We Appreciate Your Business

The Elephants & Farm Room

The children in the Elephant and Farm Rooms will cover the following topics during May:

Themes	Flower Shop & Animals All Around
Alphabet Letters	Y & Z
Alphabet Words	yams, yawn, yoga, yogurt, zebra, zero, zipper, zucchini
Numbers	19 & 20
Color	purple
Shape	square
Sign Language	flower & elephant



The Elephants

Ms. Veronica
3 – 3½ years

I can't believe the school year is almost over! We have had so much fun learning over the past few months! We will continue to implement our new curriculum for the month of May but this time it will be on a Pre-K level to get the children ready for next year. All the activities and crafts that are created throughout the week will be sent home each Friday in the weekly folder. Please make sure to bring this folder back after the weekend. Water cups must be sent to school every day. Please make sure it is filled with water and not juice or milk. If you do bring a second cup for milk, you can place it inside the Elephant room fridge. Please make sure to dress your child in a Tottenham's shirt Mondays-Thursdays. If your child wears a dress or a skirt, please make sure to put some shorts underneath. Also, it's recommended that your child wears tennis shoes every day and especially on Fridays when PE takes place. We don't want the kids to hurt themselves by being stepped on or tripping. Finally, please make sure to label ALL items brought from home. Homemade food items must also include the date made. If you have any questions, please feel free to send me a message or stop me anytime you see me. Have a great summer!



The Farm Room

Ms. Alicia & Ms. Belem
3½ – 4 years

Only one more month and the school year will be over. I know by now everyone is exhausted and ready to enjoy a fun-filled summer, but we do still have some learning to do. I am happy to say that our flower and vegetable gardens seem to be doing great! It was a fun way to see the plant life cycle and learn how to care for and grow plants from seeds. Hopefully, we get to enjoy the fruits of our labor soon. May will come with more challenges, learning opportunities, and celebrations. Among these celebrations will be the end of the school year and Mother's Day. For the end of the school year, we will have a picnic. In addition, we will host a special breakfast called 'Muffins with Mom' to celebrate our special moms. Keep a look out for the notes regarding these events. We will work on a variety of crafts and practice recognizing and tracing all letters, shapes, colors, numbers, and our names. We will also focus on writing our names, cutting with scissors, and coloring to better prepare us for the next school year. If anyone has any suggestion of something else that can be reviewed or practiced, please let us know. We will be more than happy to help. Let's SPRING into action and continue working together to prepare our students for what is yet to come.



P.E.
Coach Marcus
3 years and older

Hello parents! We're on the final stretch of the school year and summer is around the corner! It has been great seeing the kids grow as we go. Everyone participates in the activities and I'm excited to switch things up heading into May. As we move into the summer, our activities will include more running, skipping, and hopping. So, this is a friendly reminder to have your child wear tennis shoes on Fridays and on Wednesdays for those who are signed up for Sports and Play. If you haven't heard by now, Coach Jayda is joining me in teaching the students. She is an awesome coach, and the kids are going to love her. As always, thank you for letting me teach your children!



Pre-K

Ms. Marshonna & Ms. Rebecca
4-5 years

We did it - hooray for May! As we wrap up this school year, we will cover the following items:

Themes	Flower Shop & Animals All Around
Letters	Y & Z
Numbers	19 & 20
Shape	square
Color	purple

We will have a graduation ceremony on Wednesday May 22 at 10:00 AM for our students who will be leaving us for Kindergarten next school year. Family members are welcome to attend. If you could let us know an approximate head count for your family by Monday May 5, we'd greatly appreciate it. Our end of the year pizza party for everyone will be held during lunch on May 22. If you could, please send \$5 to help us cover the cost of the lunch goodies. Be sure to stay informed by checking the brightwheel. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Thank you!

Art Class

Ms. Griselda
1 year and older



The end of the school year is fast approaching! It has been an awesome year but it's not over yet! We will soon celebrate Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, and the end of the school year with some fun Art and crafts! I am very thankful for an amazing school year and a bunch of amazing kids. I will surely miss all my Pre-K students! 🥹 I wish you all the best as you move on to kindergarten. Have a great summer! I can't wait for another exciting new school year!

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



STEAM

Ms. Ashlie

2 years and older

We are sliding into the home stretch of the school year! To kick off May, we'll learn about simple physics while practicing our motor skills by playing a series of Superhero themed games. The second week will be spent learning about color absorption and engineering while we put together some gifts for Mother's Day. We'll round out our school year by exploring engineering and air pressure when we build rocket straw shooters with irregular objects. It has been a fabulous year and I hope your summer is just as fantastic!



Bible Class

3 years and older

We are in the process of hiring a new Bible teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Please let us know if you know of anyone who might be interested. Thank you!



Spanish Class

3 years and older

Ms. Angelica

¡Hola! Hello! As the last month of school begins, I feel nothing but joy when I reminisce about the year. We have learned how to say the colors, numbers, shapes, and the letters of the alphabet. We have also discussed kindness, compassion, and friendship using the Spanish language. During May, we will learn about Spring, gardening, and space. I'd like to say "Good luck!" to all of the children who are leaving us to attend a public school. I'd also like to wish all our mothers a Happy Mother's Day. Happy summer, everyone! ¡Hasta luego! Until later!

Noteworthy News

**Mrs. Joanna
Everyone**



The Caterpillars, Butterflies, and Wild Ones continue to enjoy our time together on Tuesdays and Wednesdays! I love that every week they are happy to see me and ready to hear what songs and rhymes we will be listening to. I use a lot of repetition which is very important for learning at this age. I can tell when they have started to remember hearing a song or rhyme and which ones they prefer. This makes me smile! The **Little Garden, Clubhouse, Space, Elephant, and Farm Rooms** are using fine and gross motor skills while working on concepts such as up and down. We will also explore 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; will use our hands and whole bodies to fly like an airplane; and will move our bodies like we are floating down the river in a 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 are going to continue to practice their singing voices and learn the difference between using words to sing a song and humming a song. We will practice singing while dancing to specific movements. We will also work on inhibitory control using rhythm instruments while singing a song in a foreign language. I have been the music teacher for some of your children since they started at Tottenberry's in the Caterpillar room. I have really loved helping them explore music in different ways and I hope they have enjoyed it, too!



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 for some thirsty kids!



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 houstonnsng.com.



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.

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 brightwheel, or send an email. 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!

