



Tottenberry's Times



Tottenberry's Private School & Day Care

November/December 2019



November 25 – 27
Thanksgiving Break
Non-Academic

November 28 & 29
Thanksgiving Holidays
School Closed

December 2 – 6
Scholastic Book Fair

December 23 – January 8
Winter Break
Non-Academic

December 24
Christmas Eve
School Closes at 1:00

December 25-26
Christmas Holidays
School Closed

December 31
New Year's Eve
School Closes at 1:00

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.



Sign Up for Remind

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

Check out our website!
tottenberrys.com



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 and last names. All homemade food items must also include the date it will be consumed. Please help us follow these rules by labeling all of your child's things. We don't like getting "in trouble"!



Tuition Due Dates

Please make note of the upcoming tuition due dates:

- ❖ Monday, November 11
- ❖ Monday, December 9
- ❖ Monday, January 6

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



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!



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.



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:

- 11/7 - pizza
- 11/14 - chicken nuggets
- 11/21 - hot dogs
- 12/5 - pizza
- 12/12 - chicken nuggets
- 12/19 - hot dogs



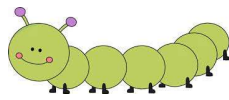
Check Out Inchbug

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!

Fall Food Drive

Now through November 22, we will have a canned food drive to help some of our less-fortunate neighbors right here in Pearland. Let's help them have a nice Thanksgiving! We hope to collect 650 cans. Please help us meet our goal!





Caterpillars

Ms. Michelle & Ms. Evelyn
6 weeks – 6 months

We hope everyone is ready for the holidays! Many of our babies have learned how to hold their bottle. They are also enjoying tummy time and trying new foods. It would be helpful if you could work on these things at home. Also, please pay attention to the Smartcare app each day. This is a great communication tool. Please remember to label ALL of your child's personal belongings including bottles and food. The personalized bands from Inchbug are a wonderful time saver! They can even be used on sippy cups as you child grows. More information is available on the front page of this newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you if you have any questions or concerns. We are always happy to help! Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!



Ms. Lupita, Ms. Judy,
and Ms. Jeanine
6 months – 12 months

Fall is finally here! We'd like to welcome the new babies to the Butterfly Room. We're glad you fluttered over! The Butterflies love playtime and story time. They especially enjoy Music class! Following are a few reminders regarding the Butterfly Room:

1. Please have your child/baby dressed for the day and in a clean diaper upon arrival.
2. Please label all your child's items with his or her first & last name. This includes all food containers, bottles, sippy cups, clothing, & anything else you may leave at school.
3. In order to save time, we ask that all food & bottles be prepared and ready to use.
4. Babies who are 9 months and older should be introduced to finger/table foods at home to help them prepare for the next room.
5. Please keep up with the Smartcare app daily.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to message us. Thank you!



Collect box tops and donate them to Tottenberry's. There is a drop box on the front desk. We want to buy a laminating machine!



Circus Room

Ms. Samantha &
Ms. Grisleda
12 – 18 months

We hope that your children have been enjoying school as much as we have. We are excited to be going into the holiday season! Parents, please check our learning board to see what our students are learning each week. Every Thursday is Show and Tell and on Fridays we wear the color of the week. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to let us know. Thank you, parents, for your support in our daily activities.

Bumblebee Room

Ms. Marshonna & Ms. Kristen
18 – 24 months



The holidays are coming! The holidays are coming! We are looking forward to finishing 2019 with a bang! Be on the lookout for signs about our parties. We will post these on the doors. During November and December, we will study:

Letters: F, G, H, I

Numbers: 6, 7, 8, 9

Colors: purple, brown, blue, red

Shapes: rectangle, diamond, triangle, oval

Textures: kernels, cookies, velvet, presents

Don't forget! We have Show and Tell every Thursday and we wear the color of the week on Fridays. Happy Holidays!

Use Only Blue or Black Ink



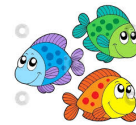
If you write a check to Tottenberry's, please use only blue or black ink. These are the only colors bank scanners can read. Thank you!



The Jungle Room

Ms. Carla & Ms. Julie
2 – 2½ year olds

November is our favorite time of the year. We hope that you get the time to celebrate the many things you are thankful for. We can tell you that we are truly grateful for all of our students. During this month, we will study family literacy, child safety, pumpkins, Thanksgiving, and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We will also review the letters A, B, & C; the colors green and yellow; the numbers 1-5; and the circle and the oval. We will have a Thanksgiving feast on Friday, November 22. More details will be available soon. December brings the most wonderful time of the year. We will learn many things and read many stories about Christmas. We will also experience Christmas around the world. It's exciting to learn how different cultures celebrate Christmas. The themes for December are National Cookie Day, family, and holidays around the world. We will also review the letters A – E; the color red; the number 7; the diamond; and the Spanish word for tree (el arbol); and complete many Christmas crafts. Ho-ho-ho and Merry Christmas!



The Fish Room

Ms. Daisy &
Ms. Sandra

2½ – 3 year olds

The month of November is always a fun month. We will continue working hard in class to learn our letters, numbers, colors, and shapes. The kids are showing a lot of progress in this area. We have also been trying to improve our coloring skills and we have! We have a lot to be thankful for – just look at all of the children in the Fish Room! As the weather changes, please make sure all sweaters, jackets, and hats are labeled. We don't want any belongings getting lost. We will let everyone know when we set a date for our Thanksgiving feast. When December rolls around, we will begin working on recognizing and spelling our entire name. The last month of the year will also bring many fun Christmas activities. We will also let y'all know the details about our Christmas celebration. Thank you for your help in encouraging your child in the many activities that they participate in. The potty training is moving along! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to talk to us. And, remember, we appreciate you!



The Elephants

Ms. Jill & Ms. Jordan

3 – 3½ year olds

With the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays quickly approaching, the Elephant class is looking forward to cooler weather, creative learning opportunities, and meaningful time spent with family and friends. Hopefully cooler temperatures will allow us to enjoy more outdoor time exploring nature and using our outdoor spaces to exercise our large muscle groups with games and activities we are unable to play indoors. Elephants will enjoy a variety of learning experiences from fairytales like Goldilocks and the Three Bears and acquire new learning through themed units discussing nutrition, bears, turkeys, Thanksgiving, and the many multi-cultural holidays celebrated in December, including Christmas. As always, our themed units incorporate math, literacy, language, science, social and emotional learning. Feel free to stop by, see what our Elephants are accomplishing, and say hello!



The Farm Room

Ms. Jahmekia & Ms. Zoe

3½ – 4 year olds

We have had an awesome time interacting with and getting to know each other this school year. As the holidays draw near, we are excited to teach the children all about Thanksgiving and Christmas. All of the children are doing an excellent job learning the letters of the week. Here's a quick update of what we will be covering the rest of the year:

NOVEMBER

child safety, pumpkins and Thanksgiving, Pilgrims, and a review of the letters D-K

DECEMBER

my family, Christmas, sportsmanship, and a review of the letters D-R

We do focus on one specific letter each week. Feel free to send your child to school with an item that begins with the studied letter each Friday. Thank you!



Pre-K

Ms. Shawn & Ms. Caroline

4-5 year olds

Happy Fall to all! This year is flying by! We can't believe it's November. The Pre-K students have started the year off with such success. They have learned the routines and expectations of the day and are excelling in all areas of learning especially in their handwriting skills. A lot of that success is because of you, parents. Thank you for all of your support! In the month of November, the thematic units are focused around Thanksgiving and reasons why we are thankful. We will continue our studies with Native American Indians, Pilgrims, the Mayflower along with the 1st Thanksgiving. We will also learn a few cute Thanksgiving songs and poems.

November Curriculum

Letters: O, Q, G

Numbers: 9, 10 and a review of 1-10

Shapes: rectangle and oval

Patterns: ABB

During December, we will discuss the true meaning of Christmas and Jesus's birth, as well as trains and The Polar Express. We will also be very busy making Christmas crafts and reviewing all that we have learned throughout the year. We hope you all have a blessed Holiday Season.

December Curriculum

Letters: S, J

Numbers: 11, 12

Colors: red and green

Shapes: star and diamond

Patterns: AB and AABB

Special Dates

Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets for these special occasions.

November 21: Thanksgiving Feast

December 18 (Ms. Shawn) or

December 19 (Ms. Caroline): Christmas

Celebration and Book Exchange



Kindergarten

Mrs. Wiles

Happy fall to all, from the Kindergarten room! We sure are enjoying this cool wonderful weather in the afternoons during recess time!

We have had a very successful first couple of months here in Kindergarten. We want to take a moment to thank all the teaching staff and parents at Tottenberry's who have made that success possible. November is always a busy month for our class. We start off the month with Harvest week dedicated to learning about life cycles, reading number words, and making our way into addition. Understanding numbers is a vital step in learning addition and subtraction. Thankful week and Thanksgiving will be talked about next. During these weeks, we focus on what we are thankful for and love the most. The non-Academic days ahead should be fun time since many of our after-schoolers will visit. To kick off December, we will have a Health and Fitness themed week, where we learn all about our bodies and what helps them be great! Don't forget our book fair will be at the beginning of December. "There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all." - Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Also, December will be a little different than our previous months in that we will be "spiraling back" to the things we have learned since the beginning of the year. This is a great time to review and have fun doing it! Polar express week is right before the Christmas break. We are looking forward to this week very much! Lastly, with only a few weeks left in the year, we will complete the Christmas season with remembering what Christmas is really about. Ending 2019 for Kindergarten will be an exciting event. It has been a wonderful couple of months here for all of us and we are excited to see what 2020 will bring! And, finally, don't forget to check out the "KinderGarden" located by the basketball court. Ms. Amber guided our kiddos in the art of winter greens and gardening during the changing seasons. She helps them learn and "grow". We thank her for all the hard work she has put into this little patch of green thumb learning.

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



Art Class

Ms. Shante

1 year and older

Let the holiday season begin! There is so much in store for the kiddos in Art class. There will be pumpkin decorating, turkey building, Christmas tree painting, and more. We will also learn about different things you can paint with and what colors we can mix to make a new color. Be on the lookout for some awesome masterpieces!



Bible Class

Ms. Stephanie

3 years and older

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas, Parents! I'm excited that this month our entire focus will be on the birth of Jesus Christ. The children will be learning from the Gospels which are found in the New Testament. Every day leading up to Christmas, my students will be taught small but important details that led to the birth of Jesus. Many crafts will be made which will be great keepsakes for you and your family.

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!



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!)



Spanish Class

Ms. Susie

3 years and older

Hola amigos! The best time of year is approaching! Because the weather is changing, during November we will learn about:

- the seasons
- weather
 - lluvioso (rainy)
 - soleado (sunny)
 - nublado (cloudy)
- the months of the year
- Dia de Accion de Gracias (Thanksgiving)

During December, we will study:

- los utiles escolares (school supplies)
- la ropa (clothing)
- Navidad (Christmas)



P.E.

Coach Marcus

3 years and older

Hello parents! We've had a great time over the past several weeks during P.E. I've introduced the basics and fundamentals of soccer, basketball, and football to our new students and refreshed the skills and knowledge of others. During November and December, we will participate in more games and activities like playing flag tag, throwing Frisbees, and tossing bean bags. These activities will allow the students to partner up and strengthen teamwork skills. I've noticed that when playing as a team, the students learn to compete and I strongly encourage good sportsmanship. Thank you for allowing me to teach your children and I wish you all a great holiday season. Be blessed!

Fridays are always free dress!

Noteworthy

News

Mrs. Joanna

Everyone



The **Caterpillars, Butterflies, and Circus Room** have been hearing nursery rhymes, folk songs, and classical music focusing on a *steady beat*. They continue to explore playing an age appropriate rhythm instrument. They will get to hear some fun Fall rhymes and songs and, in the month of December, they will hear some Christmas songs.

The **Bumblebee, Jungle, Fish, Elephant, and Farm Rooms** are having so much fun doing pretend household chores to music that they don't even realize they are learning high and low and steady beat. Their favorite activity is to "dust, dust, dust" using washcloths to dust all around the room and sometimes each other. They have also had fun playing one-bell jingles and egg shakers. We will have some fun with a few Fall songs. In December, we'll enjoy Christmas songs.

The **Pre-K** classes have been enjoying our pretend trips to the toy shop each week using fun songs and movement. Each week I sing them a question in a *tritone* tone and they are getting better at answering me back by singing the answer in a *bitone* tone. This helps them learn to sing on pitch. We are still continuing to work on *dynamics* (loud and soft) and keeping a steady beat. We will also enjoy some fun Fall songs and will enjoy Christmas music in December.

Kindergarten has been having fun learning about music through the eyes of Mozart Mouse, Beethoven Bear, and Clara Schumann-Cat. They were briefly introduced to Do, Re, Mi and have learned what a quarter note looks like and that it gets one beat. We have a good time with seasonal music activities. The children will continue to learn about basic music concepts and enjoy Christmas music activities in December.





Dancing Stars

Tuesday Mornings
2.5 – 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 Tuesday at 9:00. Tuition is only \$40 a month. Register and get more information at houstonsng.com.



Wednesday Mornings
3-5 year olds

TOT is a creative and unique way for a student to learn, experience, and master all sorts of ball handling tricks! TOT teachers will model, encourage, & inspire your child to be the very best that they can be! Your child will attain many new skills that will instill a drive and motivation that will carry over into all areas of your child's life. Give your child the TOT advantage! Learn more at teamsoftomorrow.com.



Friendly Reminders

- Please leave ALL toys at home.
- Label all personal belongings including lunch items with first and last names.
- Children 3 years and older need to wear uniforms Monday – Thursday and tennis shoes on Fridays for P.E. class.
- Breakfast is served from 6:30 – 8:00. If you arrive after 8:00, your child can have his/her breakfast at snack time.



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 of 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.

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



Tumblebus

Mon., Tues., Wed., or Thurs.
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 \$40 a month and information is available at the front desk.

Slow-Cooker Creamy Ranch Chicken



Ingredients

- 1 container (8 oz) chive & onion cream cheese spread
- 1 can (10.5 oz) condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup milk
- 1 pkg. (1 oz) ranch dressing & seasoning mix
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 6 boneless skinless chicken breasts (about 2 lb)
- 4 ½ cups cooked long-grain white rice
- ½ cup chopped cooked bacon
- ½ cup sliced green onions

Make It

1. Spray inside of 3½ - 4 quart slow cooker with cooking spray. In medium microwavable bowl, microwave cream cheese spread uncovered on high 25 to 30 seconds or until slightly warm and can be stirred smooth. Add soup, milk, dressing mix, garlic powder, and pepper. Beat well with whisk.
2. Add chicken to bottom of slow cooker; pour soup mixture over chicken. Cover and cook on low 3 ½ to 4 hours. Serve chicken and sauce over rice. Top with bacon and green onions before serving.

Courtesy of Betty Crocker



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!