

Tottenberry's Times



Tottenberry's Private School & Day Care October/November 2026



October 5 & 6
Picture Days
October 9
Non-Academic
Bike Day
October 12
Non-Academic
Chick-fil-A Day
October 30
Costume Parade
Trunk or Treat
November 9
Non-Academic
November 16-20
Book Fair
November 19
Ballons Over Broadway
November 23-25
Thanksgiving Break
Non-Academic
Chick-fil-A Day (11/24)
November 25
School closes at 1:00
November 26 & 27
Thanksgiving Holidays
School Closed
December 10
Staff Meeting
School closes at 6:00
December 21-31
Christmas Break
Non-Academic
December 23
School closes at 1:00
December 24 & 25
Christmas Holidays
School Closed
December 31
School closes at 1:00

(These dates have also been noted on the brightwheel calendar. Check it out!)

Balloons Over Broadway



On Thursday, November 19, we're bringing a little Macy's-style magic to Tottenberry's with our very own Thanksgiving Day Balloon Parade! Our little ones will enjoy festive balloons, music, smiles, and lots of holiday fun! More details available soon!

Say Cheese!



Picture Me Perfect Studios will be here October 5 & 6 to take pictures of ALL students. Yes, even the babies! They will also take sibling pictures for the parents who are interested. Be on the lookout for more details closer to the actual picture dates.

Tuition Due Dates

Please make note of the upcoming tuition due dates:



- Monday, October 5
- Monday, November 2
- Monday, November 30
- Monday, December 28

A $25 late fee will be charged per day if tuition is paid after Wednesday.

The Book Fair is Coming!

Be sure to visit our book fair from November 16 – 20. There will be many great books to buy! You can even Christmas shop! Each purchase earns Scholastic dollars for Tottenberry's. We have been able to purchase so many things because of our book fairs. They're a win-win for all of us!



Referral Bonus



Help us increase our enrollment! Through the rest of the year, if you refer a family to Tottenberry's and they register with us, your family could receive a $500 tuition credit. (Bonuses will be made in five $100 credits every 4 weeks if the new family is in good financial standing and still enrolled with us.) So, talk us up, parents! Your words are powerful! Feel free to display a yard sign as well! We do have some on hand.

Please place an ice pack in your child's lunch box each day.



On Friday, October 30, we will host our annual costume parade and Truck or Treat. We will begin our day at 10:00 in the parking lot with a costume parade. The festivities will continue outside for the Wild Ones – Kindergarten students with a Trunk or Treat. One teacher from each class will decorate the trunk of her car and pass out candy to the children as they walk by. Be sure to send your child's trick or treat bag with him/her on Halloween. PLEASE SEND ONE BAG OF CANDY (no chocolate or gum) OR TREATS PER CHILD TO THE SCHOOL BEFORE THIS EVENT. If you would like to help during the Fall Festival, please sign up at the front desk. Thank you!

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 few weeks is as follows:

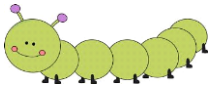
10/1 – pizza
10/8 – chicken nuggets
10/15 – pizza
10/22 – chicken nuggets
10/29 – pizza
11/5 – chicken nuggets
11/12 – pizza
11/19 – chicken nuggets



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!





Caterpillars

Ms. Michelle

6 weeks – 6 months

We are excited for the cooler weather, changing leaves, and all the fun learning experiences these next two months will bring! Our Caterpillars will continue exploring our "On the Go" curriculum while discovering new ways to move, explore, communicate, and interact with the world around them. Our little ones will also continue learning about things that move and go while strengthening their developmental skills through hands-on activities. Throughout October and November, we will be:

- Exploring cars, trucks, and other moving vehicles
- Rolling and reaching for balls to encourage gross-motor development
- Practicing tummy time, reaching, grabbing, and rolling
- Enjoying story time with books about transportation and movement
- Singing songs with motions and simple hand movements
- Practicing simple sign language during songs, routines, and play
- Exploring mirrors and learning about ourselves
- Exploring different textures and safe sensory materials
- Practicing grasping, holding, transferring, and reaching for toys
- Encouraging early communication through talking, sounds, songs, and imitation
- Exploring how different objects move, roll, and travel
- Enjoying age-appropriate fall-themed activities and sensory experiences

A couple of friendly reminders:

- If your baby is beginning solids, please let us know so we can include them in his/her daily feeding routine. Please make sure foods have been introduced and tried at home for at least 2 weeks before sending them to daycare. This helps us avoid introducing a new food at school and makes it easier to identify possible allergic reactions.
- Please bring your baby's sleep sack every Monday for the week. Remember to take home your baby's sheet and/or sleep sack every Friday for washing and return it on Monday.
- As the weather gets cooler, please remember to label jackets, sweaters, hats, and other personal belongings with your child's name.
- Please keep an extra change of clothing in your baby's classroom cubby. Unexpected messes, spills, and accidents do happen, so having an extra outfit available is always helpful.

Butterflies

Ms. Rachel

6 – 12 months



First, I'd like to welcome our new students and families! Welcome! As we move into the fall season, I'll be introducing fun activities to support your child's growth and developmental milestones. For the babies who are getting ready to walk, please send in a pair of shoes so we can practice and help build confidence wearing them. Here's what we'll be working on over the next two months:

	October	November
Sign Language	water, more, book	mom, dad, ball
Reading	My World, My Happy Pumpkin, Spooky Faces	My World, Hello Hands, A Pumpkin Prayer
Colors	orange, yellow	brown
Night Creatures/Animal	bats, spiders	owl, turkey
Explorations	seasonal sensory bags & art	

Please remember we stop serving breakfast at 8:15 AM. Also, it is required that you label food, bottles or anything else you bring for your child with his/her name. Homemade food items also need to be dated. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. We are here to help. Thanks!



The Wild Ones

Ms. Daisy & Ms. Juliana

12 – 18 months

It is time to "fall" into a new adventure! It's everyone's favorite season and time for more fun and exciting crafts. This is what we will be working on with the kids during the next two months:

	October	November
theme	Safety First & Wiggly Wonders	Sweet Dreams & Life On the Farm
shape	triangle	star
letters	C, D, E	F & G
color	orange	brown

We also have Art Class on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and a Stretch 'N Grow class on Thursdays. Please remember it is required by the health department that you label all food, bottles, cups and anything else you bring for your child with his/her name. Homemade food items also need to be dated. Please make sure to take home folders and nap mats on Friday and return them on Monday. ➞

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask!

The Little Garden

Ms. Jacy & Ms. Lizette

18 – 24 months



Welcome to Little Garden, where pumpkins, colorful leaves, and cozy fall days are here! We're ready to enjoy the season with lots of smiles, creativity, and fun! Our little learners will explore all the wonderful things autumn has to offer through playful activities, seasonal crafts, music, and hands-on experiences. Here's a peek at what we have planned for these next two months:

	October	November
letters	C, D, E	F & G
shape	triangle	star
color	orange	brown
theme	Safety First & Wiggly Wonders	Sweet Dreams & Life On the Farm

We will continue to enjoy our daily circle time, music and movement, story time, and both indoor and outdoor play. Please also stay alert on brightwheel for any new information, reminders, and updates. We can't wait to make some sweet fall memories together!

The Clubhouse

Ms. Adi & Ms. Julie

2 – 2.5 years



Welcome, October! We're excited for a fun month full of learning, movement, and fall activities! Our learning themes will be Safety First and Wiggly Wonders. The first theme will teach us about staying safe and making good choices. We will explore movement, bugs, and the little wonders around us in the second. Get ready for a fun day of costumes, treats, and lots of Halloween fun on October 30. November will be a month filled with cozy moments, fun learning, and lots of reasons to be thankful! During this month, our little learners will explore two fun themes: **Sweet Dreams** and **Life on the Farm**. We'll talk about bedtime routines, pajamas, and sweet dreams while also learning about farm animals, sounds, and life on the farm. We'll also talk about **kindness, sharing, gratitude, and saying "thank you"** as we celebrate the month of giving thanks. We can't wait to spend a fun-filled November together!

	October	November
letters	review A - C	review A - C
numbers	review 1 - 5	review 1 - 5
shape	triangle	star
color	orange	brown



The Space Room

Ms. Grace & Ms. Jordan

2½ – 3 years

Hello parents! I'm excited to say that the kids are working so hard! We have had a busy start to the school year but know it'll only get busier. October will be full of lessons about how we can be safe AND who can help us be safe (firefighters, paramedics, police officers, and other emergency workers). We'll also talk about wiggly wonders and where they live (investigating what slithers, weaves webs, floats in the sea). In November, we will talk about the importance of a night-time routine as well as the growth and health it provides. We will also study the different duties on a farm, as well as how a farm benefits the community! REMINDERS:

- Please make sure all snacks/lunch items/containers are labeled with your child's name and date (if the item is a homemade food item). This is a state requirement, and it helps us make sure your child is getting HIS/HER food and not someone else's!
- Your child has a daily work cubby. Please make sure you are picking up your child's crafts and work papers. There is something new in them almost every day!

This is what we will cover in the next 2 months:

	October	November
letters	D, E, & F	G, H, & I
shape	triangle	star
numbers	4, 5, & 6	7, 8, & 9
color	orange	brown
theme	Safety First & Wiggly Wonders	Sweet Dreams & Life on the Farm

Art Class

Ms. Griselda

1 year and older



Fall is here! It is one of my favorite times of year! We have been having so much fun in Art class, and I am excited about all the creative projects coming up. Over the next couple of months, we will continue learning about the Elements of Art including Texture and Form. We will also create some not-so-spooky monsters and complete other fun Fall-inspired crafts. We will also use elements from nature in some of our art projects, giving the children the opportunity to explore and create with materials from the world around them. I can't wait to see where their creativity takes us this fall. WHY ART?? Art builds fine motor skills and increases neural connections.



The Owls

Ms. Veronica

3 – 3½ years

Fall is here, and we are very excited for all the fun and learning we will experience in the Owl Room. This is what we will be focusing on for the months of October and November:

	October	November
themes	Safety First & Wiggly Worms	Sweet Dreams & Life on the Farm
letters	D, E, & F	G, H, & I
colors	orange & black	brown
numbers	4, 5, & 6	7 & 8
shapes	triangle	rectangle

We also encourage the children to practice independence at home like they do at school. Your child can put away toys/clean up after him/herself, wash hands, and assist with simple tasks. Please remember to label all your child's belongings and to take home his/her folder each Friday. Also, keep in mind that the weather will be changing soon. Please replace any summer clothing with a fall-friendly change of clothes. Thank you for being an important part of our Owl Room Family! We can't wait to see what this new season brings for each and every one of us!

The Explorers Club

Ms. Lauren, Ms. Savannah & Ms. Shara

3½ – 4 years



We have two exciting months ahead in Shark School! Our little sharks will continue learning, exploring, creating, and growing together. October and November will be filled with new academic skills, fall fun, special celebrations, and a new classroom friend! This is what we will cover over the next 2 months:

letters	D, E, F, G, H, & I
numbers	4, 5, 6, 7, & 8
shape	triangle, rectangle
color	orange, black, brown

We will practice these skills through hands-on activities, stories, art, science experiments, games, centers, and lots of opportunities to learn through play! Our new classroom friend is a stuffed shark named Buttercup. Each Friday, one student will be chosen at random to take Buttercup home for a weekend adventure. When Buttercup returns to school on Monday, the student who cared for him will get a chance to tell the class about what they did together over the weekend! This is a fun way for our students to practice responsibility, build confidence speaking in front of their friends, and strengthen our classroom community. We can't wait to hear about all of Buttercup's adventures! We will celebrate and learn about Día de los Muertos on Monday, November 2. As part of our celebration, we will watch Coco together. We'll learn about this special tradition and the importance of celebrating and remembering loved ones and family. Our Fall Bash Party will be on Wednesday, November 18. We'll enjoy a special day together celebrating the season with our friends. We are so excited to watch our little sharks swim, grow, and learn this Fall!

Pre-K

Ms. Marshonna & Ms. Rebecca

4 – 5 years



Hello Pre-K Families! ♡ We are off to a wonderful start to the school year, and we are so excited about all the learning, fun, and special events ahead! As we enter the holiday season, we wanted to share what we will be learning and some important dates to remember.

	October	November
themes	Safety First & Wiggly Wonders	Sweet Dreams & Life on the Farm
letters	D, E, & F	G, H, & I
colors	orange & black	brown
numbers	4, 5, & 6	7, 8, & 9
shapes	triangle	rectangle

Important Dates:

- **October 26–30:** Red Ribbon Week
- **October 30:** Trunk-or-Treat & Pre-K Lunch
  More details will be shared soon!
- **November 19:** Balloons Over Broadway & Pre-K Thanksgiving Lunch
  More details will be shared soon!

Thank you for your continued **support, encouragement, and involvement** in your child's Pre-K experience. Your partnership makes such a difference in your child's learning and growth! We are looking forward to a fun-filled fall and a wonderful holiday season together

Kindergarten



Ms. Ashlie

It's Fall, y'all! We're ready to kick this year into high gear! We start October talking about community helpers. We'll also spend some time learning about matter and the various properties that it can have (color, shape, temperature, size, weight, texture, and buoyancy). During the second week, we'll talk about Christopher Columbus. We'll use some color by number history sheets to help us with recognizing our numbers and we'll even create our own little boat using various pieces of different shapes and sizes. In science, we'll learn about heating and cooling and how they can affect different materials. We'll also start talking about chronology (organizing time, days of the week, months of the year) and will continue with that through the end of the month. The last two weeks of October will be all about creepy crawlies and spooky things. We'll focus on fun books and activities that relate to insects, pumpkins, and fun Halloween things. We'll also be learning about magnets! November starts with a trip back to the '50s as we start talking about spatial terms (over/under, near/far, left/right) and relative location. We'll also practice our color words using some rockin' jukeboxes. After that, we jump into a week all about Veterans and the military. We'll read about Gabe the hero dog (he's a bomb sniffing dog) and practice our counting and addition skills using toy soldiers. For science, we'll focus on the way things move (straight line, zigzag, round and round, back and forth, fast and slow) by completing an obstacle course! We'll finish November with a week all about being thankful. We'll talk about family and eating healthily as well as all the things we're grateful for. We'll read short stories and give responses to them. In science, we'll learn how to sort rocks by size, shape, color, and texture, as well as learn why rocks, soil, and water are useful to us. We've come a long way with recognizing our letters and are moving right into focusing on letter sounds. We can recognize our shapes and numbers so now we're working on drawing them and spelling out their names. Our handwriting is coming along great and we make sure to work on it a little bit every day. It's all about practice, practice, practice. We are super excited to see where this year takes us!



P.E.

Friday Mornings

Coach Jayda

2 years and older

Hello Tottenberry's family! Autumn is upon us and I am so excited for the cooler weather and the changing leaves, but one thing that doesn't change is how much fun we have in P.E.! This season we will continue playing favorites like flag tag, parachute activities, and foam frisbee games. I will also encourage teamwork and work on developing hand eye coordination and gross motor skills! I am looking forward to creating new memories in this last quarter of the year! Please remember that tennis shoes are encouraged on Fridays! Thank you!

Bible Class



Ms. Carla

3 years and older

First, I would like to mention that I am very proud that the children are getting to learn and get closer to God by learning the word of God. During these past few weeks, we have been learning about Genesis, the first book of the Bible. We learned about God's creation, His plans for us, and how He always keeps His promises. As we go into the month of October, we will study the second book of the Bible, Exodus. In this book, we will learn how God helps and cares for us and that we can trust God as we listen and obey. During November, we will continue Exodus and then move into Joshua and Judges. We will learn how we can be thankful for everything God has provided us, which includes family, food, home, and friends. Also, during November, we will start practicing for our Nativity Play which will take place on December 22. How incredible will it be to learn about the Birth of Jesus Christ during this play??!! The Pre-K and Kindergarten classes will star in this play.



Noteworthy News

Wednesday AM & PM

Mr. Phillip

Pre-K, Kindergarten, & After Schoolers

Greetings Parents! I am Mr. Phil, a music teacher with On Point Fine Arts & Fitness. I am super excited to return to Tottenberry's for the 2026-2027 school year. The students did begin their music classes in the first week of school, but this is what we will work on in October and November. The Pre-K and Kindergarten students have begun strengthening their letter, phonics, and counting skills through rhythm and movement. The After School students have learned about the grand staff, including notes on the treble and bass clef lines and spaces. As we introduce quarter and eighth notes, I plan to incorporate instruments such as the piano, drums, rhythm sticks, and handbells. I am excited to provide some musical training and experiences for the students.

Spanish Class



3 years and older

Ms. Angelica

Hola to everyone! We have been in school for a month now and it amazes me how much the children have already learned. We are working on following the classroom rules and learning how to say the letters, numbers, colors, and shapes in Spanish. We have a lot on our "To Do" list! Have a happy Fall, Everyone!

Google Review

Parents, please leave us a Google review when you get a chance. You can do that on Google maps on your phone or by searching us through Google on your computer. Your review could help our small business grow. Thank you!

Soccer Shots

Monday Mornings
3 – 5 years

Soccer Shots is an engaging children's soccer program with a focus on character development. Our caring team positively impacts children's lives on and off the field through best-in-class coaching, curriculum, and communication. Classes are held on Mondays at 9:00 AM. More information is available at the front or at the website soccershots.com/Houston.



Activ8

Monday Mornings
Thursday Afternoons
3 years – After Schoolers

The ultimate kid-friendly karate classes are held Monday mornings for the 3-5 year olds and Wednesday afternoons for the after schoolers. Information about receiving a starter pack for 50% off is available at the front. The starter packs include: an activation fee, the first month's tuition, a student uniform, and a belt. What a deal! Email any questions to activ8lifetoday@gmail.com.

All-Star Gymnastics



Thursday Mornings
2½ – 5 years

This educational and developmental class encourages structured physical activity through tumbling while elevating balance and flexibility skills. It will also escalate the development of forward, backward, motor, and cooperative skills and involve the children in challenging core strength, agility, and endurance activities. The class meets every Thursday morning. Tuition is only $60 a month. Register and get more information at houstonsng.com.

Sticky Fingers Cooking
THYME to TURNIP the BEET on WHAT KIDS EAT

Tuesday Afternoons
4 years & up

We would like to introduce you to Sticky Fingers Cooking, which provides enrichment cooking classes that spark curiosity and confidence amongst kids. It's a national **award-winning cooking** program which we offered during Summer as a Cooking Camp and the kids loved participating in it. During these classes, the chefs teach **globally inspired** recipes from all over the world which provide exposure not only to cooking skills but also to the culture and history of the country where the recipe is from. More information is available at the school.

SMART CORE LABS
LEARN. CREATE. BUILD. EXPERIMENT. REPEAT.

Afterschool Program

STEM
Mondays @ 4:30
4 years & up
STEM, Coding, & Robotics



Speaking of Fun! Speech & Language Services

Little Talkers

Tuesdays Mornings
3 – 5 years

Little Talkers is a fun and engaging small group class for 3-5-year-olds, designed to enrich receptive and expressive language skills through stories, structured activities, and play. Targeted skills include sequencing and story retelling, phonological awareness, speech sound production, vocabulary & grammar, social communication skills, listening and answering questions, and following directions. Classes are held on Tuesday mornings. For more information, contact Miss Kristin from Speaking of Fun Speech and Language Services at 832-289-2477 or email kristin@speakingoffun.com. We would love to have your child join our class!

Chick-fil-A Days

Our next Chick-fil-A lunch days will be October 12, November 24, and December 30. These are staff in-service days for Pearland ISD so even our after-schoolers can enjoy Chick-fil-A for lunch! Yay! You can place your order through brightwheel or at the front desk. Let us know if you have any questions!

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!)

Hearing & Vision Test Results



If your child is in our Pre-K or Kindergarten class, please submit the results from his/her vision and hearing screening. Most doctors check both during a child's 4-year-old checkup. I must report our results to day care licensing each year. Thank you for your help with this!