



Tottenberry's Times



Tottenberry's Private School & Day Care

November/December 2025



November 3

Non-Academic

November 17 - 21

Scholastic Book Fair

November 24-26

Thanksgiving Break

Non-Academic

November 26

School Closes at 1:00

November 26

Chick-fil-A Day

November 27 & 28

Thanksgiving Holidays

School Closed

December 11

Staff Meeting

School Closes at 6:00

December 22 – January 6

Winter Break

Non-Academic

December 24

School Closes at 1:00

December 25 & 26

Christmas Holidays

School Closed

December 31

School Closes at 1:00



Holiday Food Drive

We will have a food drive to help support Christian Helping Hands and the Pearland Neighborhood Center November 10 - 21. Please contribute any non-perishable and unexpired canned, boxes, and bottled foods, or money donations. Thank you!



Staff Meeting

Tottenberry's will have a staff meeting

Thursday, December 14. The school will close at 6:00 PM for this meeting. Please make note of this. Thank you!



Tuition Due Dates

Please make note of the upcoming tuition due dates:

- ❖ Monday, November 3
- ❖ Monday, December 1
- ❖ Monday, December 29
- ❖ Monday, January 26

A daily late fee of \$25 will be added to all unpaid invoices after Wednesday.



Always Be Prepared

Please send your child to school prepared and ready to go EACH and EVERY day. This includes but is not limited to diapers, wipes, water cup/bottle, extra clothes, and ice packs in lunches. We cannot care for your child without the proper supplies. Also, the children notice when they don't have something that their friends do; they can feel left out. Unfortunately, because many parents do not follow or simply ignore our requests and reminders, we will begin adding fines to accounts if a child is missing an item. These fines will range from \$1 - \$5/day depending on the necessity of the item. Please help us help your child.

Update Your Information In brightwheel

Please take the time to update your personal information on the brightwheel app. We often turn to brightwheel when needing a phone number or email address in a hurry only to find out the information we need isn't contained in your account. It would be very helpful if all the information we need is in the same place. Thank you!



The Book Fair is Coming!

Be sure to visit our book fair from November 17 – 21. There will be many great books to buy! You can Christmas shop! Each purchase earns Scholastic dollars for Tottenberry's. We have been able to purchase 2 Smart Boards, some Bluetooth radios, and tons of books. We love getting new stuff!

Check out our website!
tottenberrys.com



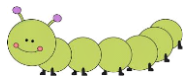
Thursday Lunches

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:

- 11/6 – pizza
- 11/13 – chicken nuggets
- 11/20 – pizza
- 12/4 – chicken nuggets
- 12/11 – pizza
- 12/18 – chicken nuggets



Fridays are always free
dress days!



Caterpillars

Ms. Michelle &

Ms. Perla

6 weeks – 6 months

Happy Fall! 🍁 We are so excited to welcome the beautiful months of October and November in the infant room. The weather is cooling down, the leaves are changing, and our little ones continue to grow, explore, and amaze us every day. We'll celebrate fall with cozy story times, sensory bins with safe fall textures (like fabric leaves and soft pumpkins) and festive classroom decorations. We love seeing how curious and alert the infants become as we model sounds, songs, and facial expressions. They are truly soaking everything in! Reminders:

- Please let us know if your baby has started solids or if there are any changes to feeding or nap routines.
- As the weather cools, please send in labeled jackets, hats, and extra seasonal clothes.

We're so grateful to be a part of your baby's early learning journey. Watching them discover their voices, smiles, and little milestones brings us so much joy. Thank you, families, for your continued support, communication, and trust; it means the world to us.

Butterflies

Ms. Rachel

6 – 12 months



Happy Holidays to our Butterfly Family! I would like to welcome the new students to our class. We also have some babies who are getting ready to walk. If this is the case for your child, please send him/her in shoes so we can help him/her practice. I will also introduce different activities that will help your child prepare for and accomplish some developmental milestones. Please remember we stop serving breakfast at 8:15 a.m. Also, it is required that you label all food, bottles, and 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. This is what I will introduce to the

children over the next two months:

sign language	Mom, eat, more	Dad, cup, all done
reading	Pets You Know, My Happy Pumpkin	Christmas ABC, Your Baby Can Read
animals	fish, turkey	bear, reindeer
colors	orange	red
exploration	seasonal sensory bags and Fall art	Christmas art
songs	I Love My Pet	This Little Light of Mine & Jingle Bells



The Wild Ones

Ms. Daisy & Ms. Juliana

12 – 18 months

Hello, parents! We are so excited to start introducing more exciting fun things to the children. This is what we will be working on during the last two months of the year:

November	December
F & G	H & I
brown	green
star	star
Song & Dance and Fun on the Farm	All Aboard! and Making Memories

Remember to be on the lookout for our Thanksgiving and Christmas activity letters about that will be sent home very soon :) Also, 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. If a new teacher comes into the room who isn't familiar with everyone's belongings, it can sometimes lead to items getting accidentally mixed up. We want to make sure everyone receives and takes home what is sent with him/her each day. Finally, we want to say Happy Holidays to all of you. We hope you all get to enjoy them with loved ones. It has been a great year!!

The Little Garden

Ms. Jacy & Ms. Whitney

18 – 24 months



Welcome to the Little Garden! Our little ones will be busy exploring and learning new things. Each day, the children will have the opportunities for inquiry-based learning that will encourage their natural sense of curiosity. During the month of November, our toddlers will express their love for music by clapping, dancing, bouncing, stomping and jumping to our own beats made by musical instruments and household items. We will also investigate all aspects of farm life, including animals, barns, harvesting crops, farming jobs, and equipment. In December, we will explore different types of trains, pretend we are at the train station, play with toy trains, and make railroad tracks. We will also capture this special time of year by singing, dancing, and playing games to celebrate the season and our time together. As the new teachers of the Little Garden, Ms. Jacy and Ms. Whitney, we are happy to be making memories that will hopefully last a lifetime. We also, want to remind you, parents, to please label all of your child's belongings such as: lunch items, snacks, diapers, wipes, cups and any extra clothing.

The Clubhouse

Ms. Adi & Ms. Julie

2 – 2.5 years



Hello Families! Our little learners have been busy exploring, creating, and celebrating. We had a fun-filled October and are so proud of how much the children are learning and growing each day! During November, we'll talk about things we are thankful for, make fun fall crafts, and practice sharing with and showing kindness to our friends. Our Thanksgiving feast will be November 20th. Please make sure to keep an eye out for more details. In December, we anticipate our classroom will be full of excitement and joy as we talk about winter weather, explore holiday traditions, and learn how we can show kindness to our friends and family this season. Our Christmas party and book exchange will be December 18th. Keep an eye out for more details. Happy Holidays!

November	December
C & D	E & F
brown & green	red & green
circle	star
Thankfulness & Fall	Winter, Holidays, & Kindness



The Space Room

**Ms. Grace &
Ms. Jazzmyni
2.5 – 3 years**

The days are getting cooler and starting later! Fall and winter are upon us! We would like to give recognition to the kiddos! They have made these past few weeks very eventful and memorable. As chaotic as our room gets, the children do learn and experience new and different ways to go about their day! Please make sure you check your child's work cubby weekly to see his/her progress. We've noticed that some of our kids are starting to become potty curious! If you think your child is ready or would like to start a potty-training routine, feel free to ask us for suggestions. Also, PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL FOOD ITEMS ARE BEING LABELED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME!! Homemade items also need to be dated. Unlabeled food found outside of a lunchbox will be thrown away. Here is a peek of what we will cover soon:

November	December
F & G	H & I
star	star
brown	green
10 - 15	10 - 15
Bate Bate Chocolate	Bate Bate Chocolate



The Elephants

**Ms. Shara & Ms. Veronica
3 – 3½ years**

As we leave October, we welcome the month of November and head towards the holidays. It has been a great experience watching the children grow and learn with all of us. We are thankful for every one of them. These next few months will be filled with many learning experiences and activities that we are sure the kiddos will love. We will focus on many themes and will continue to follow our curriculum. These are the objectives for the month of November and December:

November	December
G, H, & I	J, K, & L
7 & 8	9 & 10
brown	green
rectangle	star
Song & Dance and Fun on the Farm	All Aboard!

Please make sure to take your child's folder home. It will be filled with all the crafts he/she created during the week and with information on all the fun activities we have planned for the next two months. I hope you all have a very special Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas! 🎁 🌲

The Farm Room

**Ms. Belem & Ms. Lauren
3 – 4 years**



Happy Fall, Farm family! For the past few months, we've been working on tracing and recognizing our names and letters so the children can eventually start writing them themselves. We've also identified areas where our little ones need assistance and are incorporating these needs into our lessons and small group activities. Here is what we'll focus on in November and December:

letters	G - L
numbers	7 - 10
shapes	rectangle & star
colors	brown & green
themes	Song & Dance, Fun on the Farm, All Aboard!, and Making Memories

Please watch for information regarding crafts and fun festivities that will be held during the upcoming holidays. We'll also be purchasing an Elf on the Shelf and naming it with our friends. We hope everyone has a safe and warm holiday season.



Pre-K

**Ms. Marshonna
& Ms. Rebecca
4-5 years**

Hooray for the Holidays! We have a lot of holiday fun planned for Pre-K. Please make sure you are checking brightwheel for the most current information. We are so proud of the progress the class is already showing academically and how everyone has learned new routines and responsibilities. We look forward to seeing how far the children can go.

November	December
G, H, I	J, K, L
7 & 8	9 & 10
brown	green
rectangle	star
Song & Dance and Fun on the Farm	All Aboard! and Making Memories

We will provide Thanksgiving lunch on Wednesday, November 19 and a Christmas lunch on Wednesday, December 17. More details will be available closer to these dates. Please feel free to reach out via brightwheel if you have any questions. Thank you!

Kindergarten

**Ms. Amber &
Ms. Ashlie**



'Tis the season! The holidays are approaching, and we are in full swing here in the Kindergarten classroom. 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 learn about using our 5 senses. After that, we will jump into a week all about Veterans and the military. We'll continue our study of relative location by creating our very own treasure maps! Also, we'll read about Gabe the hero dog (he's a bomb sniffing dog) and practicing our counting and addition skills using toy soldiers. In 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'll jump right into December with two weeks devoted to space! We'll learn about natural sources of water on Earth, and we'll start to talk about geography. To finish December, we'll have a week devoted to all things Christmas! During this week we'll start learning about money and how much each coin is worth. We've come a long way in our handwriting/spelling but we're still working hard on it each day. We'll be working more on letter blends now that we're getting comfortable with single letter sounds. We're also deep into our lessons covering addition. We're finishing out the year strong and are excited to be learning. Happy holidays!



Art Class Ms. Griselda 1 year and older



It's Fall, Y'all ... my favorite time of the year. Time flies when we're having fun! We have had a great school year so far! We have been painting, coloring, working with clay, and learning about some of the elements of art. Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here soon! I am excited to work with the children on holiday art and keepsakes! Be on the lookout for these fun items!

😊 I want to wish everyone HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

A true artist is not one who is inspired, but one who inspires others. - Salvador Dali



Spanish Class 3 years and older Ms. Angelica

¡Hola! Hello! I love my job! It has been a blessing to be able to teach the children a new language. This year, we have learned "Buenos Días", the months of the year, the days of the week, and much more! We will soon talk about Thanksgiving and Christmas around the world. I wish all of you a safe and fun holiday season!



No Juice, Please!

Please fill your child's cups or bottles with only water or milk in the mornings.



Bible Class Ms. Carla 2 years and older



Here is a little update on what we've been up to in Bible class. I'm also going to give you a sneak peek at the exciting stuff coming next! First, I'd like to give a *huge* round of applause to our amazing students! They've just finished exploring the incredible foundational stories from the Book of Genesis. They dove in with such fantastic energy and curiosity! It has been wonderful to watch the children connect with these foundational narratives, ask thoughtful questions, and really make the stories their own. Their engagement and insights have truly brightened our lessons! Our next big adventure will take us into the Book of Exodus! This unit is packed with incredible stories, from daring escapes to miraculous journeys, and some truly unforgettable heroes and heroines. It's going to be a brilliant way for the children to expand their understanding of biblical history and continue building a strong foundation for their spiritual walk. As we head into November, we're going to shift gears a little and really soak in the spirit of gratitude. We'll dive deep into what it truly means to be thankful. I'll help the children spot all the amazing blessings God constantly sprinkles into our lives. My aim is to encourage them to find fun, heartfelt ways to show their appreciation and grow an even deeper love for God. Then, as December rolls around... guess what?! It's Christmas time! We'll spend the whole month celebrating and learning all about the incredible birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus. It's such a special time to remember *why* we celebrate and the incredible gift of His love.



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P.E. Coach Jayda 2 years and older

Hey Tottenberry's family! Fall is upon us and I couldn't be more excited. Nothing excites me more, however, than watching the students grow from one year to the next! During November and December, we will continue to work on increasing our hand-eye coordination and gross motor skills by participating in activities like throwing and catching frisbees, tossing beanbags, and bowling. As we bring the year to a close, I will remain thankful for the opportunity to work with your children. It's a joy to see them grow more confident each week! Happy Holidays!



Noteworthy News Mr. Phillip

Pre-K, Kindergarten, & After Schoolers

Greetings! My name is Phillip Spiller, and I am honored to have been given the opportunity to teach music to some of the students at Tottenberry's. The students have already started to learn how to identify a quarter rest, quarter note, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes. This is the foundation to playing any instrument. As I continue to teach these note patterns, I will utilize fun activities that will teach the students how to apply those same note patterns to songs. Also, the students will have the opportunity to apply the same note patterns to instruments such as the drums, piano, shakers, handbells, rhythm sticks, and tambourines. I am enjoying working with the students at Tottenberry's and I look forward to creating an awesome and fun musical program for them.





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 Tuesdays at 9:00 AM. More information is available at the front or at the website soccershots.com/Houston.

Crescent Roll Chicken Pot Pie



Ingredients

- 3 T unsalted butter
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 carrots, diced
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 2 t kosher salt
- 1 T black pepper
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- ½ cup milk
- 3 cups shredded cooked chicken
- 2 cans refrigerated crescent roll dough (8 ounces each)
- Cooking spray

Make It

1. In a large skillet, heat the butter over medium-high heat until it starts to shimmer. Add the onion, carrots, celery, salt, and pepper and cook for 10 to 12 minutes until the vegetables start to soften.
2. Add the cream of chicken soup, milk, and cooked chicken and cook until heated throughout and the sauce begins to thicken, about 3 to 4 minutes. Set aside to let cool slightly.
3. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
4. Roll out one can of the crescent rolls over the bottom of a greased 13 x 9 baking dish.
5. Top with pot pie mixture.
6. Unroll the second roll of crescent dough over the top, gently stretching it to the edge of the pan. Spray the top with cooking spray.
7. Bake until the top is golden brown, 25 to 30 minutes. Let rest 5 to 6 minutes before serving.

Courtesy of allthingsmamma

No Car Seats, Please!

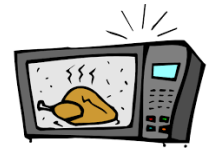
If possible, please leave all car seats in your car rather than at the school during the day. Unfortunately, we do not have room to store them. We do understand that, if someone different will be picking up your child, you have no choice but to leave a car seat. We can plan to store one or two occasionally. We appreciate your help with this! We need to keep all doorways and hallways clear in case of an emergency.



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!)



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!



Activ8

Monday Mornings

Wednesday 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 houstonnsng.com.

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!

