

TOOTLING TOOTLES

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Here are some suggestions to help you enjoy your visit with Mr. Tootles. You can choose whatever activities work best for you:

- Read the Mr. Tootles books.
- The Mr. Tootles character figure can visit classrooms, libraries, a principal's office, or a particular child's desk as the books are read in class. Mr. Tootles' visit can be a fun reward for a class or a competition between classes. Have fun with his visit!
- You can download the Teacher's Guide and have kids carry out the activities.
- Record the visit to your school in the Tootling Tootles journal on our blog at tootlingtootles.blogspot.com and share your learning experience with other Tootle friends across the globe.
- Don't forget to autograph all three of the books in your package for the next kids to see.
- Take a picture of Mr. Tootles with something that represents your community. It could be a sign of your town or your school, a statue or monument in your community, a crop that grows in your area...you get the idea! It's a great teaching tool and what fun for the kids to see pictures of new Tootle friends all over the world!
- Submit your picture of Mr. Tootles in the blog! It will be fun to follow Mr. Tootles' travels across the country and abroad with pictures and postings on our special map!
- Take a picture of your class with Mr. Tootles and post it on the blog!
- The Tootling Tales signature is *RED CHECKERBOARD!*
- You can look for the red checkerboard inside all THREE books in the series! Some red checkerboard, no matter how big or how small, is somewhere on every two-page spread! One school had every teacher display some sort of red checkerboard in the classroom! Teachers wore red checkerboard

scarves or displayed them on their classroom doorknobs or somewhere else in their classrooms. It really spread the excitement about Mr. Tootles' visit!

- Another school had each teacher design a Tootles project for their classroom. It can be as simple or as intricate as you would like! Here are a few ideas that have been successful!
- PE – Boxes (or bags) made with Mr. Tootles and Mrs. Bea heads with holes cut in the box or bag as their mouths. Two lines of children form up. Kids on each team run with a spoon full of noodles and put the noodles in their team's mouths. The team with the most *oodles of noodles* wins!
- Library – A librarian hosted a *tea at three* for her class! She (and wonderful parents) served iced tea and apple strudel (found in the oodles of noodles book). It was a learning experience...and a first for a lot of kids!
- Classroom – As Mr. Tootles travels, you can set up the computer blog so the kids can follow Mr. Tootle's travels across the globe and check out the online map. The map will display all the states and countries that Mr. Tootles has visited; the tootling journal will be interesting and fun to read!
- Community – To increase awareness of others and a sense of community, have the kids start a drive to collect items for the needy in their own community. One school collected bags of noodles and boxes of macaroni & cheese. (Oodles of Noodles!) Why not start a drive to collect food for the animals (like Spot and Kitty Cat) at the local humane society. It's exciting for the kids to make this choice and become involved!