

THE
ENTERTAINING TALES
OF TABBY, PRISY & PEACHES®

You and your parents
are invited to a
**Fifth Birthday
Party**
for
Pumpkin & Peter
Saturday August 16
2 to 4 p.m.
Cherry Hill Farm House
Green Valley
Mr. & Mrs. Rufus McPurr
Please bring a book
which will be donated to
the Kindergarten Library.

A PEACHES TALE

FOR AUGUST

Peaches was having a birthday party for the twins. Two parties actually. She would have one on Saturday for the children's friends and one on Sunday for the family. For this age she thought it best to invite parents along to help supervise their children. She did not want gifts brought for her children as she felt they had enough toys, so she thought it would be very good to have everyone bring a book which,

after Pumpkin & Peter read them, could be donated to the Kindergarten Library. Planning activities for boys and girls at a birthday party was going to be a challenge, but Rufus said he would help out.

Peaches planned to have cupcakes and ice cream cones for the children since they require no forks or spoons. When the children (or parents) replied she would ask them if they had a milk allergy (if so she would have Tofutti cones for them) and if they liked chocolate (if not she would have vanilla cupcakes for them). For the parents they would have their choice of her famous home-baked peach pie ala mode or pound cake with peaches & whipped cream. The party would be in the back yard and she could set up the food for the children

on the big picnic table and for the parents on a table on the patio. Decorations would be lots of brightly colored balloons tied around everywhere.

The day of the party arrived and (fortunately) it was bright and sunny and not too hot. Everyone arrived right on time and the party began. The parents sat on the patio and were happy for a relaxing afternoon chatting among themselves while keeping an eye on their children. Peaches started the party with a game of musical box. All the children sat in a circle and a box with a little prize in it was passed around the circle and when the music stopped (this game was much like musical chairs) the child holding the box got to open it and keep the prize in it. Rufus was controlling the music so he was able to make sure that every child received a prize. Then the boys went off with Rufus and a couple of the dads to play volleyball. Peaches took the girls and with the help of a couple of the moms they all decorated straw hats with flowers and ribbons and then had a make-believe tea party. It was then time to serve the refreshments. Peaches made sure that everyone got what they wanted as far as ice cream or Tofutti and chocolate or vanilla cupcakes. They all sat on the ground eating and talking about kindergarten which was to start very soon. The parents were enjoying their choice of the peach desserts. Then it was time for opening the presents. Pumpkin & Peter opened the books and read the titles (they needed a little help from their mom in reading the words). They said they would read the books and then give them to the library. The party was soon over and every child was given their choice of two balloons (one from each twin) to take home with them. Peaches had kept a record of the books given and who they were from. She had already told her children that on Monday they would be sitting down to write thank you notes for the books. (Actually Peaches would write the note but Pumpkin & Peter would print their names on them.)



GRANDMOTHER TABBY'S ETIQUETTE TIP #7

When you are having a party for children always ask if anyone has any food allergies or food preferences. And always instill in your children from an early age on that you promptly write a thank you note for gifts you've received.

A TABBY & PRISSY TALE

FOR AUGUST

*Antoinette Angora
invites you to join her for
High Tea
Tuesday, the sixteenth
of September
at six o'clock
250 Fifth Avenue
New Oak City*

Prissy had been invited to high tea at Antoinette Angora's New Oak condo. Antoinette was a world traveler and took much pleasure in showing off her knowledge of customs of different countries. Prissy had hand-written her reply accepting the invitation. Only now, Grandmother Tabby was coming on the same day to the city as

her husband had village business he needed to take care of and she was coming along to visit Prissy. Prissy phoned Antoinette to tell her she was going to have to decline her invitation since her Grandmother Tabby was going to be in town for only overnight. But Antoinette insisted that she bring Tabby along to High Tea.

Antoinette was delighted that Prissy was bringing Tabby along. She liked nothing better than a new audience to be able to show off her vast knowledge of etiquette. She had ordered a large beautiful arrangement for her dining room table and had written up a dinner meal for her chef to serve and would love to show Tabby, who was from a small village, how high tea was really done by someone who knew how to do it.

The ladies all arrived and after a short time of talking were called to High Tea in Antoinette's beautiful dining room. As they were sitting down, Antoinette explained to Tabby that most people did not know that High Tea was actually a heavier early evening meal served at the "high" dining room table. She went on to explain that most thought high tea was just tea served in the late afternoon, but actually that is called low tea as it is served on low tables such as coffee tables. (Antoinette was very smug about this as she 'knew' that Grandmother Tabby, who was from a small village, would not know this as so many people were wrong about this). Grandmother Tabby complimented

Antoinette on how beautifully she had set her table for high tea and said it looked much like the table that had been set when Tabby & Tobias had high tea with the Queen. Antoinette was rather shocked that this guest, who was from a small village, actually had tea with the Queen (Antoinette had never been invited to tea with the queen).

The high tea was enjoyed by all and many of the ladies were enthralled by stories of the village where Grandmother Tabby lives. The ladies said they were going to visit one day for a shopping trip to some of the small village shops that featured many local crafts.



GRANDMOTHER TABBY'S ETIQUETTE TIP #8

Never assume that you know more about etiquette and proper entertaining than anyone else.
There will always be somebody who will know more.



*Coming up in the September issue of **Entertaining Tales:***

Peaches attends the first meeting of the Quilting Society, and Prissy entertains a King and a Queen.