

THE
ENTERTAINING TALES
OF TABBY, PRissy & PEACHES[®]

You are invited to a
GET READY
FOR SUMMER
PARTY!!!

Monday, June 20

8:00 Pancake Breakfast
8:30 Clean out closets
10:00 Apple & banana snack
10:30 Clean out drawers
Noon Grilled Cheese Lunch
12:30 Sort the Bedroom Toys
3:00 Cupcake Snack
3:30 Sort the Playroom Toys
5:30 Pizza and watch a new
movie on the DVD player

A PEACHES TALE
FOR JUNE

Kindergarten was out and Peaches knew that she needed to get some of the twins' things cleared up - there were clothes that were outgrown and toys that were outgrown. She needed their help and knew that they would not want to do it, so she decided to make an all day party out of this chore.

She decided to hand write invitations to the twins so that they would know in advance what was coming. She includ-

ed food breaks with their favorite foods and added a fun activity at the end of the day: she would let them watch a new movie on DVD while they sat in front of the television and had pizza. Eating in front of the television was a treat in their house.

Two days before the event she placed the invitations on their breakfast plates. Needless to say Pumpkin and Peter were at first excited about a party, and then not so excited when they saw that they would have to do some work. After a

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little moaning and groaning, Peaches convinced them that it would be fun and they had the movie and pizza to look forward to. She also warned them if the work was not done, there would be no movie and pizza at the end of the day.

The day arrived and the twins dragged themselves downstairs to breakfast saying that they really didn't think today was the right day to clean. But Peaches fixed their favorite pancakes and soon had them laughing. After breakfast they went into their rooms and Peaches started by taking all the clothes out of their closets and laying them on the bed. She had much to do with running back and forth between the two rooms but she started by telling the twins to pick out clothes which they knew didn't fit anymore, and then she had them try some on to see how they fit. With that task completed, it was time for their morning snack and Peaches took them outside to sit under a tree in the yard to eat their apple & banana slices. Everyone was refreshed from the time outside and they went back into their rooms and tackled the drawers to sort out what did and didn't fit.

Everyone was grateful for the lunch break and Peaches prepared grilled cheese sandwiches and served them with grapes. Rufus came home from work to eat lunch with his family and to see how the great clean-up was progressing. But he wondered if he should have stayed at work to eat, since all he heard was moaning and groaning about how much work it was.

In the afternoon Peaches started the twins sorting through the toys in their rooms and making a pile of those toys that they had outgrown. There were a few tears over not wanting to give up something even though it was never played with anymore. Peaches sorted the discards into two piles - those items to save for future children or grandchildren and those items to give away.

Snack time came and Peaches had made cupcakes the night before. They sat on the front porch and enjoyed their cupcakes and milk. After snack time it was on to the playroom to sort through the toys there. All three of them

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worked very hard and organized the toys they were keeping. When all the work was done there was a special surprise for each of the twins. Peter received a new Lego set and Pumpkin received some new furniture for her doll house.

Just before 5 o'clock Rufus called to see how everything went and asked if he should pick up pizza for dinner. Peaches said that despite some rough spots in the day, things went as well as she could have hoped. But the job was done and yes, it would be pizza for everyone!

Rufus arrived home and he set the twins up with the new movie in the family room and their pizza. Rufus and Peaches went out onto the screened-in porch to eat in quiet. He served some wine to Peaches as he figured she needed it after her long day. Peaches was quite exhausted and while she knew they had accomplished very much that day and were now ready for the summer to begin she wondered if she could go through this again next summer or if she would have to devise another plan to get the twins toys and clothes organized.