

**TRY THIS
AT HOME!**

Imagine if your mom or dad was the president of the United States. What would that be like? **FILL IN THE BLANKS TO MAKE UP A FUN FIRST KID STORY!**

FIRST KIDS OF THE WHITE HOUSE

Dear _____ ,
(name of best friend)

I still can't believe _____ is the new
(mom or dad)
president of the United States! Can you? This is going
to be very _____
(adjective)

Yesterday we moved into the White House. Boy, it sure is
different from my home back in _____
(name of your town)

First of all, I think I've counted _____ rooms and _____
(number) (number)
bathrooms! There's also a _____ room
(a favorite activity)
and a _____ room.
(another favorite activity)

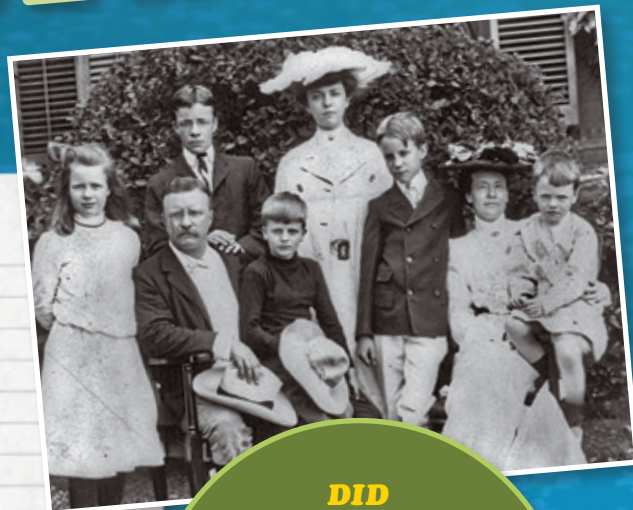
It looks like we're going to be having a lot of parties around
here. I think we should have a sleepover in the _____
(color)
room. We can eat all the _____ we want
(food)
and then watch _____ in the private
(movie)
White House movie theater.

Write back soon, and tell me what's happening back in

(name of your town)

Your friend,

(your name)


**DID
YOU KNOW?**

THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S BROOD OF SIX KIDS WERE A ROWDY BUNCH WHO KNEW HOW TO HAVE FUN IN THE WHITE HOUSE. THEY WERE KNOWN FOR HAVING MAJOR PILLOW FIGHTS, TICKLING MATCHES, AND RACES ALL AROUND THE HOUSE. SOMETIMES THEIR FATHER, THE PRESIDENT, JOINED IN! SOUNDS LIKE FUN!

THE WHITE HOUSE HAS:

- 6 levels
- 135 rooms
- 35 bathrooms
- its own flower shop
- a library
- a basketball court and a tennis court
- a swimming pool
- a jogging track
- a bowling alley
- a rose garden, a vegetable garden, and a flower and herb garden
- a beehive with about 70,000 bees
- a dining room with space for 140 guests
- a concert hall called the East Room;
- a private movie theater

FIRST PETS OF THE WHITE HOUSE

Since the very beginning, there have been pets living at the White House—all kinds of pets!



The Obama family dog, Bo, is a fluffy Portuguese water dog.



Theodore Roosevelt's son, Quentin, had a pet macaw named Eli Yale. The Roosevelts also had cats, dogs, snakes, raccoons, and a pony. They practically had a zoo living on the grounds of the White House!



Jimmy Carter's daughter, Amy, had a Siamese cat that she called Misty Malarky Ying Yang. She also was given an elephant that now lives at the National Zoo in Washington, DC.

CHECK ALL OF THE ANIMALS BELOW THAT YOU THINK HAVE LIVED AT THE WHITE HOUSE OVER THE YEARS:

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| ☐ cat | ☐ wallaby | ☐ bald eagle |
| ☐ dog | ☐ pygmy hippo | ☐ coyote |
| ☐ bird | ☐ bear | ☐ parrot |
| ☐ hamster | ☐ ram | ☐ zebra |
| ☐ rat | ☐ goose | ☐ barn owl |
| ☐ snake | ☐ macaw | ☐ lizard |
| ☐ cow | ☐ badger | ☐ rooster |
| ☐ horse | ☐ guinea pig | ☐ raccoon |
| ☐ pony | ☐ elephant | ☐ billy goat |
| ☐ donkey | ☐ hyena | ☐ pig |
| ☐ bobcat | | ☐ turkey |
| ☐ lion cub | | |
| ☐ antelope | | |

Did you check them all? You should have, because they all were pets in the White House.



Calvin Coolidge's wife, Grace, regularly walked her pet raccoon on a leash!

CHECK IT OUT!

FIND OUT WHICH PRESIDENTIAL FAMILIES HAD WHICH PETS AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PET MUSEUM!

