

## 10 Tootle Time Tips for a Successful Tots Tea Party

Tea parties are a great way to get kids to communicate and socialize. Even the shy ones seem to come out of their shells. Birthday parties, going back to school, and 'just because' are all occasions for throwing a fun and whimsical tea party for children. Here are some tips for success!

1. Make a whimsical invitation and include a pair of white gloves or faux pearls with the invitation. For boys, include a bowtie a la Mr. Tootles!
2. If your tea party is for younger children, ask them to bring their favorite stuffed animal or doll with them.
3. Keep the guest list to about 10 children around the same age.
4. Decorate with balloons and a tea party piñata.
5. Before serving tea, get everyone in a circle to sing the song "I'm a Little Tea Pot."
6. Fill mini teapots with not-too-hot fruity teas. Have some juice on hand, too.
7. Serve small finger sandwiches, petit fours and cookies. Don't forget the peanut and jelly!
8. Colorful napkins are a must.
9. Have activities like coloring books and blowing bubbles available.
10. And while all the tots are sipping their tea, read a Tootle Time tale!