FIRST KIDS/FIRST PETS

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 NUUTE NOU

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

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

room. We can eat all the we want (food)

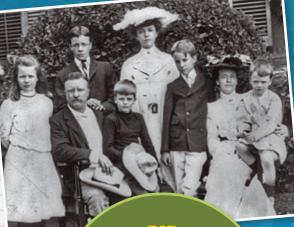
and then watch in the private (movie)

White House movie theater.

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

_____ (name of your town)

Your friend,



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

(your name)

For more activities like these, check out Awesome Adventures at the Smithsonian: The Official Kids Guide the Smithsonian Institution at SmithsonianEducation.org/OfficialKidsGuide

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY

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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