

# Things To Do



**A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD** is about friends, and in the play Frog writes Toad a letter in order to cheer him up. It takes a very long time for it to be delivered!! Have each of your students write a letter to a friend, and decide how to have it delivered. You will probably think of a way that is much more efficient than the one in the play which is truly "Snail Mail."



In **A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD** Frog and Toad bake cookies. It would be great fun to have a cookie baking day at school, OR to have an Amphibian Tea Party for which students make cookies or other snacks. You might decide to create "Bugs on a Log" (aerosol cheese on celery sticks with raisins on top). The fun is in deciding what Frog and Toad might like to eat and in giving the foods we like Froggish or Toadish names.



It was a dark and stormy night...a perfect night for telling scary stories. There's something about being safe with a friend that makes scary stories delicious. Why is that!? Frog tells Toad a story one night just to make him laugh. Do you like telling spooky stories to your friends? Do you like it when they tell their own to you? Which is more fun? Think of a good subject for a Stormy Night Safe at Home Make Me Laugh story and write it.



In **A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD** Frog and Toad love to sing. When Adrienne Lobel was a child her father took her to Broadway musicals. They sang a lot at home, especially songs from the 30's and 40's, jazzy, witty tunes! She says, "Musicals, my father, and his work have always been mushed together in my mind," so it makes sense that Frog and Toad make music. Do you sing with your friends? Think of one of your friend's favorite songs, and think of one of your own. What is a song you sing together? Share songs with your class.



Now that you know a frog and a toad that wear pants and jackets, it might be fun to know a bit more about the amphibian kind. Find out how frogs and toads are different in nature. Here are a few web sites that could help:

<http://cgee.hamline.edu/frogs/science/faq1.html#comparisons>

<http://allaboutfrogs.org/weird/general/frogtoad.html>

<http://www.frogsonice.com/froggy/sciam.shtml>

A question: A group of geese is called a gaggle. What is a group of toads called? A group of frogs?



Are you more like Frog or Toad? That would be an interesting topic to write about, or even draw a picture of. Although Frog and Toad are delightful characters, not everyone would like to be an amphibian, so here are related topics. What sort of an animal would you like to be? Which animal do you think you are most like? Which is one of your friends like? Make masks for yourselves out of paper plates to celebrate the animal side of you!