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Dear Tooth Tally Participants,

Reports of lost teeth – already!

Our first week of counting is almost over and already we have some reports of lost teeth! Thank you to those of you who have logged in to the wiki and posted introductions. Remember - if you run into any problems with the wiki, please let me know. It is important that you are able to access it. Here is the link: <https://toothtally.wikispaces.com>

Tooth Fairy Description

Here's a good project to kick off the tally, what does the tooth fairy look like? This year's description of the Tooth Fairy is attached and also on the web to download. Read it to your students and have them draw her from the description. You might want to choose one or more pictures from your class, scan and upload them to the Fairy Page on the wiki site. I'll add some of them to the Tooth Tally website for everyone to see. Let's see how similar, yet different these pictures can be!

New Friends

This year we welcome classes from USA, Australia, Saudi Arabia, Hungary, Guatemala & Canada and hope that you will enjoy sharing and comparing with us. We have many first time friends from Australia where a new school year has just started. When you are in the wiki, make sure to have a look at what other groups are doing. You are welcome to leave them a message and use their posts in your lessons if you would like to.

Lesson Ideas

Any time you come up with a good Tooth Tally bulletin board, lesson plan or idea that others might enjoy please post it in the Resources section of the wiki to share it with everyone! If you haven't checked out the Tooth Tally web site yet, there are lesson ideas for integrating the project into your regular curriculum. For some February is Dental Health month, so use this as well!

IWB Users

If you are an Interactive Whiteboard user (Smartboard or Promethean), you can download the Notebook10 file. There are interactive pages in here to help keep count of the teeth. The file is ready made – you don't need to create anything new – just use the resources and games in it. Download it here: <http://www.toothtally.com/educators/educators.htm> or <https://toothtally.wikispaces.com/2010>

Friends & Fans

You can now follow the Tooth Tally on Facebook and Twitter. This isn't necessary as part of the Tooth Tally Project, just for those who are interested.

Twitter <http://twitter.com/toothtally>

Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/toothtally/299260725319>

As always, pick and choose the ideas you'd like to incorporate into your classroom and send me an email if you have any questions.

Looking forward to seeing those fantastic fairy pictures!

Cheryl