

Mary Todd Lincoln House Family Fun

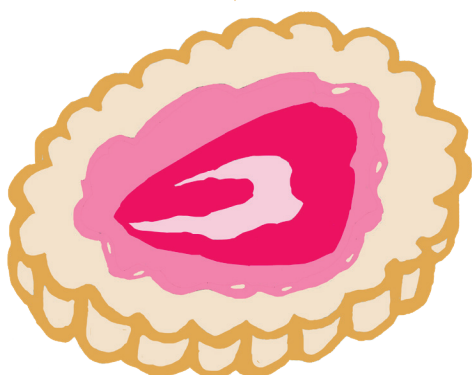
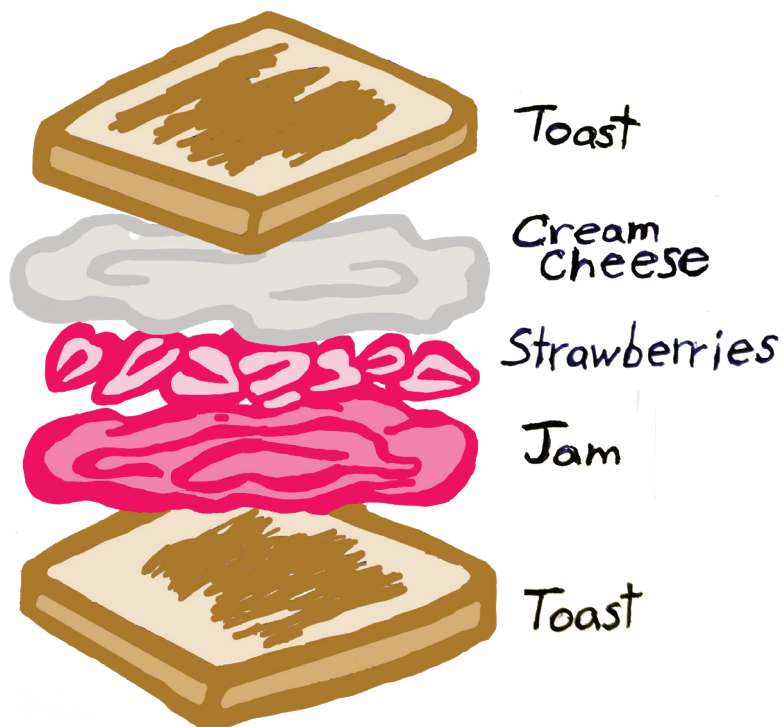
Strawberry Party Treats

When they were living in Illinois, the Lincolns attended strawberry parties in the early summer. Today you can plan a strawberry party year-round.

Strawberry parties in Springfield featured berries and homemade ice cream. If you like to try recipes, consider these, based on ideas in Todd family cookbooks.

Strawberry Jelly Sandwich

Spread strawberry jam on a slice of bread or toast and top with sliced fresh strawberries. Spread cream cheese on another slice and place it cheese-side down on the strawberry slice.



Strawberry Kringles

Spread strawberry jam on a thin sugar or butter cookie and top with a fresh strawberry slice.



Strawberries and Cream

Cut strawberries into quarters and mix with a little sugar in a bowl. When the berries get juicy, use to top ice cream or vanilla pudding. For extra strawberry flavor, melt jam in the microwave and drizzle it on top!

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Strawberry Party Games

What's a party without entertainment? Try these old-fashioned games with a strawberry twist.

Strawberry Compliments

Write the word STRAWBERRY so all the players can see it.

The first player says, "I like strawberries because they are sweet."

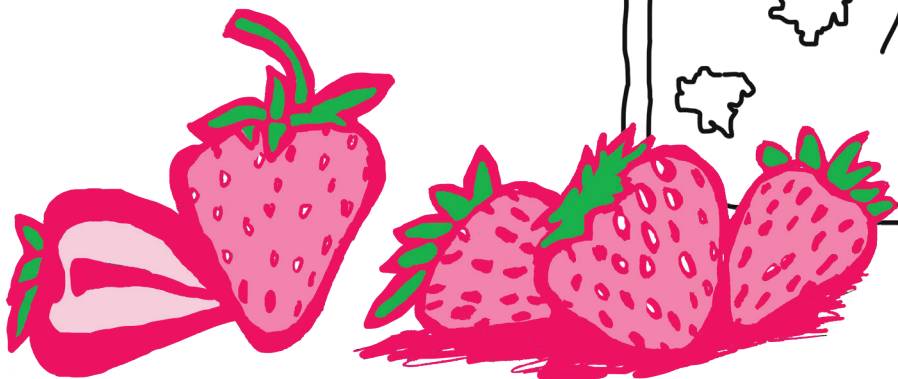
The second player repeats the sentence and adds a word that begins with T. For example, "I like strawberries because they are sweet and tender." The third player adds a word that begins with R, and so on.

Pass the Strawberry

All player but one sit in a circle. The last player sits in the middle and closes his or her eyes for 10 seconds, so the other players can start passing a strawberry behind their backs. The object of the game is to pass the strawberry around the circle before the player in the middle can guess who has it. To avoid a mess, use a red button, checker, or ball for the strawberry!

Photographer Matthew Brady took a picture of Mrs. Lincoln in this black dress decorated with purple strawberries and green leaves. Maybe she wore it to a strawberry party!

Color Mary's dress



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