



Toto's Trouble

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Hooray, it is time for recess!
Toto and his friends love
to play on the playground
during their break from
school.



Many children run to play on the swings, the slide, or the seesaw. Toto lags behind, eating longan fruit and drinking water.



But Toto soon wants to join his friends, so he finds a safe place for his snacks.



When Toto becomes hungry again, he returns to finish his snack. Then he tosses the husks and seeds from the fruit on the ground before running back to play.



Teitei sees Toto littering and calls out, 'Teacher! Toto is littering.'

Toto hides the seeds with his feet. 'No I'm not!' he says to the teacher, then blows a raspberry at Teitei for telling on him.



Soon, Toto finishes his water bottle, and tosses that on the ground too. Teitei catches him again and tries to tell the teacher. But she is too busy helping other students and does not hear her.



Teitei tries to talk to Toto.
'Stop littering! You really
should put those in the
recycling bin.'

But Toto is not interested. 'I
don't have to listen to you!
I'm going to play.'



Toto runs off toward the slide. But he forgets to look out for the longan seeds scattered all over the ground.



Toto trips and falls, right on his bottom! It sounds like an elephant crashing to the ground.



Toto tries to get up but falls down again. He is very embarrassed.



'What is going on here?'
Toto's teacher asks when
she hears the children
laughing.

Teitei explains that Toto
tripped on the seeds he had
thrown on the ground.



After hearing this the teacher walks in to help Toto rise. The teacher tries to help Toto up but he doesn't want to get up. He's sad because he doesn't understand what he did wrong.



Once Toto is back on his feet, Teacher pulls him aside for a talk.

'Toto, it is important that you put all garbage into the the recycling bin. As you learned today, leaving garbage laying on the ground can cause a lot of problems!'



'What about longan seeds? Are they trash too?' Toto asks.

'Yes, they should be put away. But they can also be returned to the earth to grow into new trees.'



Toto gets an idea. 'What if we planted all of my seeds. Then we could have more shade on the playground and more snacks to eat!'

'That sounds fantastic Toto. Let's put the plastic bottle in the the recycling bin. Then we can begin collecting seeds to plant.'



Now Toto always puts his garbage away. Plastic goes in the the recycling bin. And his longan seeds will soon grow into a beautiful garden for the playground!



'I am proud of you Toto.
Thank you for making our
playground a better place to
play!'





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