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HELP ME BE HEALTHY



I AM 3

I like to be
with you.

PLEASE SIT AND EAT WITH ME.

My name is _____.

I weigh _____ pounds and _____ ounces.

I am _____ inches tall.

My Hemoglobin is _____.

A special note for me _____

I will learn to like **most foods**

- You decide what healthy foods to offer me. I decide which of these to eat, and how much.
- I know how much I want. I might ask for more.
- Please let me decide when I have had enough. Do not force me to eat or make me “clean my plate.”
- Offer me foods I like along with a new food. I might need to see the new food 10 times before I try it. I change my mind a lot. I may like a food one day and not the next. This is how I learn about new foods.



Offer me safe foods

- Give me foods that are bite sized and soft enough for me to chew easily.
- Do not give me foods that I can choke on: hard raw vegetables like carrots, spoonfuls of peanut butter, chips, nuts, popcorn, dried fruits, chunks of meat, or hard candy.
- Please cut grapes and hot dogs the long way, and spread peanut butter thinly on bread.




Make our family meals relaxed

- Do not use food to reward or punish me. If you say I will get ice cream if I am good, I will want a treat all the time. These words are the best rewards: "I am proud of you!" "You did a good job!"
- I am learning every day! Teach me the names of foods. Talk about their shapes, colors, and tastes. I can learn where different foods come from.
- I need to sit down while I eat or drink. Let me sit in my booster seat at the table. I can eat most foods you do.
- Give me a small spoon or fork and a small plate and cup.
- Let's wash our hands together before and after we eat.



Every day offer me:




Fruits

- 1/2 cup chopped or mashed fruit
- 4 ounces 100% fruit juice

Offer me a vitamin C fruit every day—
oranges, strawberries, or WIC juice.

No more than 4 ounces of juice a day.



Protein


- 2 tablespoons meat, chicken, turkey, or fish
- 1/2 egg
- 2 tablespoons beans or tofu
- 1/2 tablespoon peanut butter

Beans, meat, chicken, turkey, and fish give
me lots of iron to keep my blood strong.

Vegetables

- 1/2 cup vegetables
- 1/2 cup vegetable or tomato soup
- 4 ounces vegetable or tomato juice


Offer me a dark green or orange
vegetable every day.




Dairy

- 4 ounces nonfat or 1% milk
- 1/2 cup lowfat yogurt
- 1 slice lowfat cheese

No more than 16 ounces of milk a day.
WIC gives me lowfat milk. It is what I need.



If I drink
breastmilk,
it counts in
my daily
servings.



Grains

- 1 slice bread or tortilla
- 1/2 cup cooked cereal, rice, or noodles
- 1 cup cold cereal
- 5 or 7 small crackers

Half the grains I eat should be whole grains.

Fats, Oils & Sweets

Only a little bit



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Let's eat

Breakfast

1 pancake
Fresh strawberries
4 ounces nonfat or 1% milk

Morning Snack

1 tablespoon peanut butter
thinly spread on 6 whole
grain crackers
4 ounces water

Lunch

Grilled cheese sandwich:
1 slice lowfat cheese
1 slice whole grain bread
1/2 tomato, sliced
6 to 8 grapes, cut in half the
long way
4 ounces water

Afternoon Snack

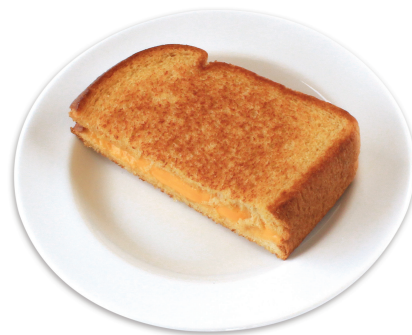
1 cup whole grain, cold cereal
4 ounces nonfat or 1% milk

Dinner

Spaghetti with meat sauce:
1/2 cup cooked pasta
1/4 cup meat sauce
1/2 cup green beans
1 slice whole grain bread
4 ounces nonfat or 1% milk

Evening Snack

1/2 cup yogurt



I can help in the kitchen

When I help you, I feel good. I will probably eat better too!

- Let's fix a meal or snack. We can use pieces of fruits and vegetables to make a funny face pizza.
- Let me rinse lettuce and tear it for a salad.
- I can put forks, spoons, and napkins on the table.
- I like to put things in the trash.

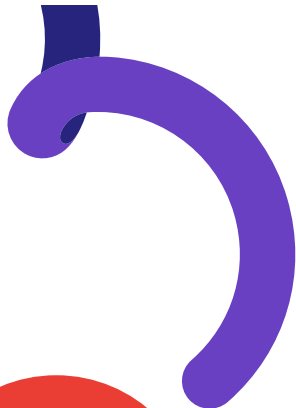


Let's play

- I like to play with other children.
- Let's go find some children to play with.
- I can string large beads together.
- I can draw a circle if you show me how.
- I like to run across the playground.

Look what I can do

- I can say my first name.
- Show me a picture. I will tell you what is happening.
- I can put on some clothes by myself.
- I can use my fork.



Can we play
"Simon Says"?



Keep me safe and healthy

- Take me to the doctor for my checkup. Ask how I am growing, and if I need a lead test.
- Keep me away from smoke, matches, lighters, and vaping tools. I can be poisoned by swallowing, breathing, or absorbing e-cigarette liquid through my skin or eyes.
- If there is marijuana in the house, especially edibles, please store it where I cannot get it. It can make me dizzy and fall down, sleep so I cannot wake up, and even stop breathing. Take me to the Emergency Room if this happens.
- If you own a gun, please keep it locked in a safe place.
- Put sunscreen on me when I play outside.
- Buckle me into my child safety seat when I ride in a car.

Help me have healthy teeth

- Do not give me sugary drinks and food. They can give me cavities.
- Help me brush my teeth in the morning and before I go to bed at night.
- Use a toothbrush with soft bristles and a thin smear of fluoride toothpaste. Make sure I spit out the toothpaste.
- Please floss my teeth once a day to clean between them.
- Take me to the dentist twice a year to make sure my teeth are healthy.

