

### Make our family meals relaxed.

- I like to be with you. Let's enjoy eating together. Please turn off the TV. phone, and mobile devices.
- I need to always sit when I eat or drink. Put me in my high chair or booster seat at the table with our family. I can eat most of our family foods.
- I'm learning to eat with my hands and my spoon. I need lots of practice! Let me touch and play with my food. I'll be messy as I learn to feed myself!

# Give me safe foods.

- Give me foods that are bite-sized and soft enough for me to chew easily.
- Don't give me foods that I can choke on: raw hard vegetables, whole grapes, spoonfuls of peanut butter, chips, nuts, popcorn, dried fruits, hot dogs, chunks of meat, and hard candy.
- Cut grapes in half, spread peanut butter thinly, cut hot dogs the long way.
- I can try these foods now, unless our family has food allergies: cow's milk, whole eggs, peanut butter. Watch me for allergies.



### Look what I can do!

• Dance

Roll a ball

Take a walk

Climb stairs

- I love to jump and climb. safe.
- I can say a few words. Talk, learn more.
- I have teeth! Clean them toothbrush with a tiny dot of fluoride toothpaste.





### **Healthy Snack Recipe:**

### Quesadilla

- Heat whole wheat tortilla in frying pan.
- Place grated cheese on tortilla: fold and cook until cheese is melted and tortilla is lightly browned.
- Cut into small pieces.
- Let cool a little before serving.



Wash my hands before and after I eat

### Snacks are important!

Healthy snacks help me grow. Plan my snacks, and don't let me fill up on snacks all day long.



### Help me love my cup!

- I drink from a cup now, not a baby bottle. This helps protect my nice new teeth from cavities!
- Ask WIC for ideas if I need help to change from the bottle to the cup.
- Offer me water to drink between meals and snacks, not sweet drinks, like juice.

### Ask WIC if you have any questions about what I'm eating.

# Breastfeeding

- I love this special time. Keep it up as long as we both want!
- You can count breastfeeding as a milk serving for me.



# Let's play!

Plaving with me helps me grow smarter, stronger, healthier, and happier! These are things I like to do with you:

• Play follow-the-leader • Play hide-and-seek

Chase each other

 Make houses with pillows, couch cushions, and blankets

Please watch me to keep me

sing, and read to me so I can

twice a day. Use a small soft



I love to play every day.

### Keep me safe and healthy.

- Always put me in my car seat when we drive.
- Take me to my doctor and dentist.
- Help me brush and floss my teeth.
- Keep things that can hurt me out of my reach.
- Always watch me around water.
- Keep me away from cigarette, tobacco, and all other smoke.
- No TV. tablet, phone, or computer time is better for me!
- Put me down for my nap every day. I need some quiet time. Will you read me a story?
- Put sunscreen on me when I plav outside.





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# I'm 1

Let's have fun!

# Explore with me fun ways to eat healthy and be active!

### Now I'm a toddler. I'm ready to try new foods!

Over the next year, I'll change a lot. Now I'm eating more like a baby, but soon I'll eat more like you.

- I like to copy you. If you eat healthy foods. I'll want to try them too.
- If I try a lot of different foods when I'm little. I'll learn to like them.
- I'm growing, but not as fast as before. I might eat less.
- My tummy is still little.
- I know if I'm hungry or not.



### Trust me to eat the right amount.

- You decide what healthy foods to offer me. I decide which of these foods to eat, and how much to eat.
- Start with small amounts, about 1 tablespoon of each food. Let me ask for more.
- Let me decide when I have had enough. Don't force me to eat or make me "clean my plate".
- Don't worry if I don't eat a meal or a snack. I'll eat more on some days than others.
- Serve me foods I like along with a new food. You may need to offer me a new food 10 times before I'll like it. This is normal. I'm learning about foods.





#### 5 or 6 of these choices:

- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> to <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> slice bread or tortilla
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> to <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup dry cereal
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup cooked noodles, rice, oatmeal
- 2 or 3 small crackers

Half the grains I eat should be whole grains!

Protein



#### 3 or 4 of these choices:

- 1 tablespoon chopped meat, chicken, turkey, or fish
- ½ egg
- 2 tablespoons cooked, mashed beans
- 1/2 tablespoon peanut butter
- 2 tablespoons tofu

Meat and beans give me the most iron to keep my blood strong!

### Vegetables



#### 3 or more of these choices:

- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup cooked chopped vegetables
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup cooked mashed vegetables
- 2 ounces vegetable juice

Offer me a dark green or orange vegetable every day!



### 4 of these choices:

- 4 ounces milk
- 4 ounces yogurt
- 1 slice cheese

No more than 16 ounces of milk per day! WIC gives me whole milk until I'm 2. Foods in the Dairy Group give me calcium for stronger bones and teeth.

### Fats, oils, and sweets

Only a little bit





#### 3 or more of these choices:

- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup soft fresh fruit
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup soft canned or frozen fruit
- 4 ounces 100% fruit juice (no more!)

Offer me a vitamin C food every day (oranges, strawberries, melons, mangos, papayas, WIC juices).



### Meal and snack plans for me

Offer me 3 meals and 2 or 3 snacks every day. I like to eat around the same times every day.

Here are meal and snack plans to give you ideas. Pick a variety of foods to help me grow and be strong.



Meal and Snack Plan A (1000 calories per day)		Meal an (1000	Meal and Snack Plan B (1000 calories per day)	
Breakfast	1 ounce Grains	Breakfast	1 ounce Grains	
	½ cup Fruit		½ cup Dairy	
	½ cup Dairy		1 ounce Protein Foods	
Snack	½ ounce Grains	Snack	½ cup Fruit	
	½ cup Fruit		½ cup Dairy	
Lunch	1 ounce Grains	Lunch	1 ounce Grains	
	¼ cup Vegetables		<sup>1</sup> ⁄ <sub>4</sub> cup Vegetables	
	½ cup Dairy		½ cup Dairy	
	1 ounce Protein Foods			
Snack	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cup Vegetables	Snack	<sup>1</sup> ⁄ <sub>4</sub> cup Vegetables	
	½ cup Dairy		½ cup Fruit	
Dinner	½ ounce Grains	Dinner	1 ounce Grains	
	½ cup Vegetables		½ cup Vegetables	
	½ cup Dairy		½ cup Dairy	
	1 ounce Protein Foods		1 ounce Protein Foods	

#### 1 ounce Grain =

1 slice bread or

1 ounce ready-to-eat cereal or

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup cooked rice, pasta, or cereal