

## Eat a Rainbow Every Day

Did you know that different color fruits and vegetables have different vitamins and minerals that help keep you healthy? That's why eating lots of different colors is so important. Remember, eat a rainbow every day!

| Blue \& Purple | Green | White + BRoWn | Yellow o ORange | Red |
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| Blackberries | Asparagus | Bananas | Apricots | Apples |
| Black Currents | Avocados | Beans | Butternut Squash | Beets |
| Blueberries | Broccoli | Brown Pears | Cantaloupe | Cherries |
| Dried Plums (Prunes) | Brussels Sprouts | Cauliflower | Carrots | Cranberries |
| Eggplant | Celery | Dates | Corn | Radishes |
| Purple Figs | Cucumbers | Garlic | Mangoes | Raspberries |
| Plums | Edamame | Ginger | Nectarines | Red Beans |
| Purple Grapes | Green Beans | Jicama | Oranges | Red Cabbage |
| Purple Peppers | Green Cabbage | Lentils | Papayas | Red Grapes |
| Purple Potatoes | Green Grapes | Mushrooms | Peaches | Red Pears |
|  | Green Pears | Onions | Yellow Pears | Red Peppers |
|  | Green Pepper | Parsnips | Pineapple | Red Potatoes |
|  | Kiwifruit | White Potatoes | Sweet Potatoes/Yams | Rhubarb |
|  | Lettuce | Raisins | Tangerines | Strawberries |
|  | Peas | Turnips | Yellow Peppers | Tomatoes |
|  | Spinach <br> Zucchini | White Nectarines | Grapefruit | Watermelon |

Fresh, Frozen, Canned, Dried, and 100\% Juice ALL COUNT?

- Most children need to be offered (and see their parents eating) a new
food over and over again (up to a dozen times) before it becomes familiar.
- New foods are best served first, while children are still hungry.
- Encourage "a taste" and let your child decide if they want more
- Don't reward or punish based on what kids eat or don't eat.
- A reasonable portion for most kids is about the size of their own fist
- Strive for 5 fist-sized portions a day-the more colorful the better!
- See choosemyplate.gov for more ideas on feeding preschoolers.


## Eat a RainboW Ideas

## Breakfast

- Add raisins, bananas, or berries to your cereal
- Easy smoothie: mix 100\% fruit juice, sliced banana, and some berries
- Grab a glass of 100\% fruit juice


## Snacks

- Dip veggies in ranch dressing, or fruit chunks into yogurt.
- Make freezer pops using 100\% fruit juice.
- Make fruit kabobs out of pineapple, grapes, strawberries, and melon.
- Keep apples, pears, bunch of grapes, or box of raisins ready to go.


## Lunch \& Dinner

- Green salads (with tomatoes, strawberries,
or orange slices) \& veggie soups are great.
- Add lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, \& cucumbers to your sandwich or wrap
- Add peppers, broccoli, \& carrots to pasta or potato salad.
- Add apples, pineapple, raisins, or celery to chicken or tuna salad.


## Dessert

- Top angel food cake with fresh berries.
- Cut up fruit such as melon, grapes, and citrus for a tasty fruit salad.
- Flip the Dish: top berries with a scoop of yogurt or ice cream.


## Tips for <br> Parents

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