

## Providers Playground

### What's for snack?

### Lovin' Spoonfuls



#### What you'll need:

- \* White Chocolate
- \* Small Candies
- \* Plastic spoons
- \* Lollipop bags

\* Present the spoons in lollipop bags sealed with twist ties or ribbon. If you like, include a note explaining that the spoons make great hot cocoa stirrers.

#### How To make it:

1. Arrange plastic spoons so that their bowls are level (we set ours with the handles resting on the edge of a cookie sheet).
2. For every eight spoons, melt 6 ounces of white chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl according to the package

3. Pipe the chocolate into each spoon and gently tap the spoons on your work surface to level the chocolate. Sprinkle small candies, such as conversation hearts, red hots, and nonpareils, on top. Let the chocolate cool completely.

*These whimsical white chocolate confections -- perfect for Valentine's Day gifts or party favors\* -- can be eaten right off the spoon or stirred into cups of hot cocoa.*

*Happy Valentine's Day*

<http://spoonful.com/recipes/lovin-spoonfuls>

### Fun Food Fact!

- Examples of popular vegetables include lettuce, carrots, asparagus, cauliflower, broccoli, spinach, potatoes and onions.
- The average apple contains around 130 calories.
- **corn** always has an even number of ears.
- **eggplants** are actually fruits, and classified botanically as berries.
- **honey** is the only edible food for humans that will never go bad.
- **lemons** contain more sugar than strawberries.
- **orange** does not rhyme with any other word.
- **strawberries** are the only fruit which has its seeds on its outer skin.



Have the kids help wash the fruits and vegetables.

Pick a new fruit to try this week.

Make fruits and vegetables fun. Cut them up into fun shapes.

**Steps to Success**

# Down to Business!

"Don't Be Late..!"

Please make a reminder to yourself to double check all paper work before turning it into our office. Make sure claim forms are bubbled in with #2 pencils, if claims or enrollments are sent into the office completed in pen, they will get mailed back to you to be corrected.

Also please make sure all paperwork other than claims are turned in on the first business day of each month to prevent any inconveniences.

## Upcoming Trainings:

### Murray Library Training:

♦ Tuesday, February 19, 2013

## Drop Box:

Just a reminder CMA has a drop box! Please use our convenient drop box if you would like to drop off a claim or other paperwork outside of the business hours.



## "Who's Claim is this?"

Sadly, we are forced to utter this phrase each month as claim forms come into our office with no provider number or name written on them. It is very important that all forms submitted to CMA have BOTH the provider number written/bubbled in AND the provider's name is neatly

## Steal My Heart Game:



### What you'll need:

- Bowl of candy hearts
- chopsticks

### How to play:

1. To set up, place a bowl of candy hearts on a flat surface within easy reach of the players and hand each person a pair of chopsticks.
2. Set a timer for about 2 to 5 minutes, depending on the ages of your players.
3. At "Go," contestants start removing hearts from the bowl using only their chopsticks, placing the candies in front of them. When time is up, the player with the most hearts wins.

## Claim Due Dates:

**Last Day for November Claims:**

**Tuesday, January  
29th**

**Last Day for December Claims:**

**Friday, February  
1st**

**Last Day for January Claims:**

**Wednesday, February  
6th**

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