

Providers' Playground



What's for Snack?

Bagel Critters



Let kids turn bagels, cream cheese, and assorted toppings into an edible zoo. This playful recipe also works well as an activity and quick lunch at a birthday party.

party.

Ingredients :

- Bagels sliced
- Cream Cheese softened
- Assorted toppings, such as baby carrots (grated or whole), cherry tomato halves, sliced black olives, sliced bell peppers (red, green, or yellow), poppy seeds, cucumber rounds, minced chives, and crunchy Chinese noodles.

Instructions:

1. Spread the cream cheese on the cut bagels (going gently over the hole).
2. Set out bowls of vegetables and crunchy noodles and let the kids turn the bagels into animal or monster faces, like this royal lion with olive nose and eyes, a crunchy noodle mane and whiskers, poppy seed freckles, and a pepper crown.

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Serve this not that!

Each month, Provider's Playground will offer some helpful advice, yummy recipes, and interesting food facts from the popular books "Eat This Not That!" by David Zinczenko.

Navigating the supermarket takes some clever thinking and a bit of insider knowledge—keep the following rule in mind:

Serve This!	Not That!
Campbell's chunky grilled steak chili with beans: 200 cal, 3g fat, 870 mg sodium	Bush's Best Home style Chili: 250 cal, 17 g fat, 4 g trans fat, 810 mg sodium
Campbell's healthy request chicken tortilla: 130 cal, 2.5 g fat, 480 mg sodium	Wolfgang Puck organic tortilla soup: 160 cal, 3.5 g fat, 980 mg sodium
Quaker high fiber cinnamon swirl <i>1 packet has only 160 cal, 2 g fat, 6 g sugars, and packs 10 g of fiber!</i>	Quaker cinnamon & spice <i>1 packet has 170 cal, 2 g fat, 15 g sugars, and has only 3 g fiber.</i>

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Down to Business!

Monthly Direct Deposit date change:

Due to changes in our online banking direct deposits will be paid on the second business day of each claiming month.

School Updates for Kindergarteners :

Please notify the office if any of your daycare kids are in kindergarten and if any of your kids are on a track schedule. This will help prevent any disallowances on your monthly reim-

bursement. Also when your child turns 6 years of age and does not attend school yet, please notify the office. Minute Menu automatically shows them as full day school and disallows AM snack and Lunch.

Please Remember:

• Sign in/Sign out forms:

Don't forget that all providers (INCLUDING WEBKIDS CLAIMERS) must complete sign-in/out forms. **Parents** must initial by each child's name. Providers must sign their own children in and

out. Providers should keep these records in their homes. Please **do**

not turn this paperwork in with monthly claims. **Remember, all claim records must be recorded daily!**

Please do not mix your renewal paper work with your monthly claim, To avoid late renewals. All paper work other than claims are due on the first of each month.

Upcoming Training:

Thursday
June 14,2012
@ Murray Library
from 6pm to 8pm.

Activity Time:

This challenge may sound simple, but it's a tricky test of grace and speed.

What you need:

- Bowl of pennies
- Large spoons



Penny Spoon Race

1. **Setup:** Mark the start and finish lines. Count the number of pennies it takes to fill a spoon, and place that many pennies per player in a bowl.
2. **Playing the Game:** Each player gets a spoon and fills it with the specified amount of pennies. Af-

ter the referee calls "Ready, Set, Go!" players race toward the finish line. If a penny falls from a spoon, the player has to stop, pick up the coin, and put it back onto the spoon before continuing. The first player to cross the finish line with a full spoon wins.

If there are a lot of racers, divide them into heats and have a race between the winners to determine the champion.

Claim Due Dates:

Last Day for May Claims:

Wednesday, June 6th

Last Day for April Claims:

Friday, June 29th

Last Day for March Claims:

Wednesday, May 30th



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