Adventures in Cooking: A Collection of Recipes for Use in Nursery Schools, Day Care Centers, Head Start Programs, Kindergartens, and Primary Classrooms.

This is a collection of recipes which children involved in early childhood education centers can prepare for their own consumption. The recipes were contributed by teachers in such schools based on their own successful experiences in using cooking as a learning experience for children to incorporate and integrate a number of intellectual tasks, language stimulation, sensory perceptual awareness, motor skills, social living and gratification into the school program. It includes recipes for soups, vegetables, meats, cheese and egg dishes, salads, relishes, dips and spreads, breads and butter, cookies, cake, pie, puddings and fruit desserts, beverage, and candy. The appendix includes an article on cooking in an early childhood curriculum, a bibliography of picture books to coordinate with cooking experiences, and a selected bibliography of recipe books. (DG)
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INTRODUCTION

Teachers of young children know that they love to cook, with and without the application of heat. In many schools, especially around the holidays, cooking is one of those fun activities in which everyone wants a turn and a taste.

But cooking is more than enjoyment. It is probably one of the best examples of a learning experience that incorporates and integrates a number of intellectual tasks, language stimulation, sensory-perceptual awareness, motor skills, social living and gratification.

Members of Kenyon Chapter, NJAEYC, eager to share a favorite recipe or two and interested in acquiring "child-tested" recipes of friends and colleagues, responded enthusiastically to our request. Many added illustrations, anecdotes, or suggestions which personalize their contributions. Names of respondents appear on pages 99-101.

To each contributor to Adventures in Cooking, we extend sincere appreciation. To users of the Kenyon Chapter recipe collection, we offer the wish that each cooking experience will also be an adventure in learning for the young children whom you teach.

Florence P. Foster
Project Chairman

June 1971
VEGETABLE-BEEF SOUP

1 lb. can tomatoes
1/2 lb. ground beef
1 envelope onion soup
1 lb. can tomato sauce
or Vegetable Beef soup mix
2 cups water
1 tsp. sugar

Ask each child to bring from home a vegetable—canned, frozen, or fresh—to add to the soup.

In electric Dutch oven, lightly brown ground beef; drain off excess fat. Stir in tomatoes, tomato sauce, water, soup mix, and cut-up vegetables. Bring to a boil; add sugar. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer until vegetables are tender. Add water if mixture is too thick. Ladle into clean baby food jars to take home, or save for snack time the following day.

Jane Sherman—Director
Morris Plains Co-operative Playschool—ages 3-5.
VEGETABLE SOUP

1 pound beef chuck
2 cans beef broth
8 carrots
4 stalks celery
2 onions
2 turnips
1 bay leaf
1 teaspoon salt
parsley

Put beef in a heavy saucepan with enough water to cover the meat.

Add salt and the bay leaf.

Bring to a hard boil, then turn down slightly.

Peel carrots, celery, onions and turnips.

Cut in 1 inch pieces.

Wash parsley.

Add all the vegetables and the soup to the meat pot. (Only add more water if needed.)

Cook about 30 minutes or until vegetables are soft.

Cut meat into smaller pieces.

Serve.

Made by your class at Madison Nursery School. Mrs. H. Swartz, teacher.
Vegetable Soup

Tear 5 or 6 sprigs of parsley into bite.
Shell 20 pods of green peas.
Snap 20 green beans into pieces.
Cut 6 celery stalks into pieces.
Cut 6 carrots (pre-halved lengthwise).
Dice 1 pre-sliced onion.
Cut up 2 tomatoes (pre-halved).
Dice 4 pre-sliced potatoes. (Children may peelskin from slices easily.)
Teacher may help scrape corn from 2 cobs.

Heat 2 cans of beef bouillon & 2 cans of water.
Add vegetables and simmer 30-40 minutes.
Serves 20-22 children.

Suggestion
Divide children into 3 groups of about 7. Each group, aided by a teacher, may work at a separate table, preparing 3 vegetables. Switch tables to insure each child a chance to help with each vegetable.

Adele Ruppert, Director
Community Nursery School
Roselle Park, N.J.
Children - Age - 4 to 5.
GLAZED CARROTS

You need:

2 bunches of small carrots
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/3 cup honey
1/2 cup orange juice
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons butter or margarine

Directions: Wash and scrape carrots; cut in fourths, lengthwise; place in a shallow baking pan. Cover with lemon juice, orange juice, salt and butter or margarine. Put honey on top of all. Have oven set at 350°. Heat for 15 minutes and turn carrots over with long handled fork. Allow them to remain in oven until tender and glazed; about 20-25 minutes more.

A Sauerkraut Hint

Add 1/2 cup of applesauce (can or jar), to 1 pound if drained sauerkraut and heat to desired temperature. This can be used with a hot frank and roll and is easier for children to eat.

From:
Egenolf Day Nursery
Elizabeth, N. J.

Eleanor Fitzgerald, Dir.
Children: 3 to 5 years
TURNIP GREENS

In spring, about May, buy a package of turnip green seeds. Plant with the children. By early July the plants will be mature. Pick and wash. Break up and place in a pot with 1 cup of water, salt, pepper, and 1 strip of bacon. Cook with pot covered for about 1 hour on medium heat.

June Strickland
Follow Through Program
Huntsville, Alabama

Contributed by Florence Foster
Head Start/Follow Through
Bank Street College of Education

I like to set the table for lunch.

"LUNCHTIME" by a Follow Through Child
Elmira, New York Follow Through Program

Bank Street College of Education, Model Sponsor
PIGS IN BLANKETS

Use prepared biscuits from cylindrical cans.

Roll thin enough to make two or four "pigs" from each piece.

Use canned Vienna sausages or party franks and wrap pieces of biscuit around frank. Skewer with toothpick through the middle and bake on cookie sheets 8-10 minutes at 400° F. Use a rotisserie or similar oven and watch them color and rise as they bake.

Dorothy Burns
New Brunswick

Baby Meat Loaves

1 lb. ground beef
1 cup quick oats
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 medium onion
1/2 cup milk

COMBINE all ingredients. MIX well. SHAPE into small loaves.

PLACE on a greased baking pan. BAKE at 350° F. for about one hour.

(OR turn into a well-greased loaf pan and bake at 350° F. for one hour.)

Florence P. Foster
Bank Street College of Education
MULLIGAN STEW

In small amount of hot fat in heavy frying pan, brown 1 pound stew meat, cut in small pieces.
Add 1 teaspoon salt.
Stir in one can condensed tomato soup and one can water.
Cover tightly and let cook slowly until tender (about 1 1/2 hrs.).
When meat is tender, add three carrots, cut in thick slices;
three potatoes, quartered;
three onions, halved.
Continue cooking slowly about 30 minutes. If there is not enough juice, add water during cooking. If too thin take off lid and cook sauce until thickened.
PIZZA

Put pizza flour mix in 🍳.

Add ½ 🍹 water.

Stir well.

Cover bowl 🍳.

Let stand for 5 minutes.

Spread dough in 🍕.

Pour 🍕 pizza sauce over it.

Put 🧀 cheese on.

Bake 16 - 20 minutes.
Easy Cheese and Noodle Omelet

8 Eggs
1 Teaspoon salt
1/2 Teaspoon pepper
2 Cups Cooked Noodles
1 Cup Shredded Cheese
2 Tablespoons Chopped Green pepper
1 Tablespoon pimientos
2 Tablespoons margarine - melted

Beat eggs in a bowl with salt and pepper. Stir in noodles, cheese, green peppers and pimentos. In a skillet - melt margarine and pour in egg mixture. Cover and cook over medium heat about 20 minutes. Do not stir. Cut in wedges and remove from skillet and serve immediately. Serves 12 children.

Ruth Horbatuck
Wee Folks Nursery School
Short Hills
SCRAMBLED EGGGS

4 Eggs
Salt and Pepper (alittle)
4 Tablespoons Milk
1 Tablespoon Butter

1. Break eggs into a small mixing bowl and beat with a fork.
2. Add salt, pepper and milk and stir.
3. Heat butter in frying pan until bubbling and pour in egg mixture.
4. Cook slowly over low flame, stirring until eggs hold together.

"This recipe has been prepared at home by Keith Mason (age 3 yrs) and Karen Mason (age 5 yrs). Keith reads the directions to Karen, and both children share in the making and cooking of it. A favorite Supper to make for Daddy."

Joan Mason
MATZOH FREI

6 Eggs
6 Matzohs

Scramble eggs. Dip matzohs in a bowl of water until they are soft. Then break matzohs into the scrambled eggs. Fry them in a pan in the same manner that you would regular scrambled eggs. This can be served plain or topped with salt, sugar, or jelly.

Serves approximately 12.

Ruth Burkhoff, Teacher-Director
Busy Bee Nursery School
3-5 Year Old Children

SCRAMBLED EGGS

Break eggs into mixing bowl. (Allow 1 egg per child.)
Add 1 tablespoon milk and dash of salt for each egg.
Beat eggs.
Have butter melted in a skillet over low heat. (1/2 tablespoon per egg)
Pour egg mixture into the skillet and cook slowly.
Begin stirring mixture as it hardens.
Stir until desired firmness is reached.

Jackie Brown
State Department of Education
WALKING SALAD FOR ONE.

1 Apple
2 tablespoons of cottage or cream cheese.
5 or 6 raisins
2 or 3 nuts, chopped
1 teaspoon mayonnaise.

Directions.

1. Cut the top off the apple.
2. Core it almost all the way through.
3. Scoop out the pulp of apple and chop it up with cheese, raisins and nuts.
4. Mix with mayonnaise.
5. Stuff the mixture into the apple shell and put the top on it.

submitted by Colchie School

Jacqueline S. Spitz
Director.
**Tossed Vegetable Salad**

1 Head lettuce
2 or 3 Carrots
1 Cucumber
2 or 3 Tomatoes
1 Pepper
3 or 4 pieces of celery
1 or 2 Small white onions

Let children wash all vegetables in cold water and dry with paper towels.

Scrape Carrots, Cucumber, and Pepper with vegetable scraper or bottle tops with teacher helping, cut Carrots, Cucumber, Tomatoes, Pepper, Celery into small pieces. Remove skin and cut onion into small pieces. Pull lettuce leaves apart, break into small pieces and combine all vegetables in large salad bowl. (Above preparation should take place on table covered with oilcloth or foil paper) let children mix the combined vegetables with their hands. Place small portions in paper cups and let children add French dressing, Oil and vinegar or mayonnaise. Serve with saltines or Ritz Crackers.

Flora Lally Boylan  KDQH 5 and 6yrs olds  New Brunswick N.J.
GIRL SCOUT CABBAGE SALAD

You need:

3 tart apples ♨️
4 cups of shredded cabbage (use large cut on grater)
2/3 cups salad dressing 🥪
1 teaspoon salt ⏺
1 pinch cayenne pepper 🌶
1/2 cup small raisins 🍇

Directions: Wash, peel (introduce peeler), cube apples and mix these immediately with a little of the dressing to prevent the apples from turning brown. Add remaining salad dressing, salt and pepper to the cabbage mixture, then add the raisins that have been soaking in water (put raisins in a strainer to remove water). Place the salad in a bowl and put in the refrigerator until ready to serve. This makes 6 generous portions or 12 portions for little children.

The apples can be felt, smelled and talked about before using.

A solid head of cabbage should be chosen and the outer dark green leaves removed. This can be touched before washing.

From:
The Egenolf Day Nursery Eleanor Fitzgerald, Dir.
Elizabeth, N. J. Children: 3 to 5 years
A Recipe for Good Nutrition

With our class of fifteen four-year-olds, which meets three times a week, we plan and prepare three mini-meals to eat at snack time...mid-morning during our school days one week. The children enjoy learning a few facts about good nutrition, and love to help prepare and to eat their pretend "breakfast," "lunch" and "dinner." Portions served, of course, are small.

For example:

**Breakfast:**
- Orange sections
- Scrambled eggs
- Toast quarters
- Milk

**Lunch:**
- Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches
- Celery and carrot carts*
- Milk

**Dinner:**
- Pigs in blankets*
- Fresh cucumber slices
- Fruit jello
- Milk

* **Celery and carrot carts**
  
  Slice carrots in coin-shaped pieces. Cut pieces from larger stalks of celery about two to three inches long. Let the children construct carts by attaching carrot pieces to celery with toothpicks--the cart really goes! (Thanks to Janet Boone, Somerset County Day Care Center, for this suggestion).

* **Pigs in blankets**

  Roll refrigerator biscuits flat, wrap around cocktail-size frankfurters and bake as directed on biscuit package.

Submitted by: Barbara Davies  
Nancy Whitehouse  
North Branch Reformed Church Nursery School
CRANBERRY RELISH

4 cups cranberries
2 oranges (seedless)
2 apples
1-3/4 cups sugar

Wash cranberries, oranges and apples.
Cut apples in quarters.
Take out core carefully.
Cut oranges in quarters.
Put cranberries, oranges and apples in food grinder.
Add sugar to ground fruits and mix well.
Fill clean jars and store in refrigerator.

Pumpkin Seeds

Our four-year-olds love to help to carve our Halloween jack-o-lantern. We first draw his face with a marking pen, then carve. All seeds are removed from the pumpkin, and then washed by the children. The seeds are spread on paper towels to dry. After they are thoroughly dry, place on a cookie sheet and dot with margarine. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 10-15 minutes. Stir often with a wooden spoon. Salt to taste. If an oven is not available, an electric frying pan may be substituted.

Lois Horn, Director
Village Nursery School
Brookside, New Jersey
Celery Stuffed With Peanut Butter Carrot Sticks

Wash celery, cut into small pieces, stuff with peanut butter.

Clean carrot strips by scraping with the edge of soda bottle caps. Cut into small pieces, wash and soak in cold water.

Janice Glenfield, teacher of four year olds, Second Reformed Church Nursery School, Somerville, New Jersey.

Cranberry Orange Relish

1 cup cranberries

½ orange

½ cup + 1 tablespoon sugar

Wash cranberries and orange.
Quarter orange.
Put ½ orange (including rind) and cranberries through meat grinder.
Add sugar and mix thoroughly.

Alice Moore, Director
Wesley Hall Nursery School
Westfield, New Jersey
**Pumpkin Seeds**

To be used in conjunction with Jack-o-Lantern project...

- Rinse pulp from seeds in a colander.
- Spread on aluminum-foil-lined cookie sheet.
- Salt heavily (or soak in heavily salted water for 20 minutes)

Bake in 400° oven for 8-10 minutes.

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**Cranberry and Orange Relish**

2 cups raw cranberries
1 orange
3/4 cup sugar

Wash cranberries. Cut orange into quarters. Put through a food mill. Add sugar. (We send this home in baby-food jars with each child at Thanksgiving time.)

Myrna Klein - Teacher
Morris Plains Cooperative Playschool - Ages 3-5.
CRANBERRY RELISH

2 cups cranberries
1 pared cored apple
1 orange
½ lemon
1/2 cups granulated sugar

Put cranberries through food chopper.
Put pared cored apple, quartered orange, lemon through food chopper.
Add granulated sugar.
Stir.
Chill.
Put cranberry relish in baby food jars.

Holy Cross Nursery School
North Plainfield, N.J.

Children: 3-4-5 years.
Cheese Dip

1 cup creamed cottage cheese
3/4 cup commercial sour cream
2 envelopes George Washington's Rich Brown Seasoning

Stir cottage cheese with sour cream.
Stir in seasoning. Mix well. Chill.

Let children spread on all types of crackers and bread. Use rye, pumpernickel, challah, etc.

Shirley Levine
Teacher
Plainfield Preschool Program
age of children - 4
Blender Tuna Spread

1 cup cut-up celery
2 tbsp. parsley clusters
1 7 oz. can tuna, drained
1 tbsp. lemon juice
dash pepper
½ cup mayonnaise
2 hard cooked eggs, quartered

Combine all ingredients except eggs in Blender jar. Cover. Blend at "LO" one minute until finely chopped, stopping Blender 2 or 3 times to scrape down sides of jar. Add eggs and blend 10 seconds until chopped.

Yield: 2 cups

Put out crackers of various shapes and let the children have a grand time spreading and eating to their heart's content. Make this recipe twice if your group is large and hungry. Shirley Levine
Peanut Butter

1 Package of peanuts in shells

The children will have a good time shelling the peanuts. Put nuts into the blender and liquefy, stirring as necessary, until spreading consistency. Notice that the oil in the nuts is all that is needed to make it soft. Spread on crackers for a snack.

Jane Rodinier
Teacher-Director
Florham Park Coop
4 year old class
Grape Jelly

3 ¼ c. sugar
3/4 c. (6 oz. can) frozen concentrated grape juice

1/2 c. water
½ bottle certo fruit pectin

Measure sugar & water into a large saucepan. Mix well. Place over high heat; bring to a full rolling boil & boil hard 1 minute stirring constantly. Remove from heat & stir in thawed juice. Add certo, mix well and pour quickly into glasses. Paraffin at once or for short storage, cover and keep in refrigerator.

Yield: 6 medium glasses.
Peanut Butter

1 Bag peanuts

1 teaspoon oil

Shell peanuts.
Remove red skins.
Put in blender with oil.
Blend until desired consistency.

P.S. Save peanut shells for collage and stringing.

Mrs. Jaclyn Spinner
Head Teacher - P.M. Class
Temple Beth El Nursery School
3 and 4 year olds.
Passover Treat
Haro set

3 medium apples

dee l and grate

sugar 


cup

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cinamon 


teaspoon

Mix + serve

Matzah

Ruth Bickhardt
Raritan Valley
Pre-School Center
BUTTER MAKING

MATERIAL NEEDED:

1. Heavy cream
2. Baby food jars
3. Rubber scraper
4. Fine sieve
5. Bowl
6. Plastic knives

PROCEDURE:

1. Pour cream into containers; close tightly.
2. Children shake container, taking turns of 10 shakes apiece, if not enough jars.

When butter forms, separate from whey by pouring through sieve. Use rubber scraper to pat butter in sieve together. Children may want to taste remaining buttermilk. When small containers are used, the procedure takes about 10 minutes. Larger containers take longer. An electric mixer could be used with one group and a rotary beater with another. Compare length of time required.

We make butter at Passover time, and allow the children to spread their butter on matzos, using plastic knives.

THE STORY OF PASSOVER

Many years ago in a land called Egypt there lived a mean king, named Pharoh. He had slaves working for him, and he was very mean and cruel to them. One of the slaves was Moses, and he was the leader of the people of Israel, called Hebrews. He tried to free his people from the mean Pharoh.

Moses went with his brother Aaron to the Pharoh this many times (hold up 10 fingers) and asked him to let the Hebrews go free. But 10 times he said, "NO." Each time the king said no, something very bad happened to the king's people. Everyone in Egypt was harmed by the bad things, except the slaves from Israel. The bad plagues would pass over their houses, and they were not harmed.

After he asked 10 times, Moses was sad. He thought that the Pharoh would never let his people go. And then one day he was surprised. The bad king sent for Moses and Aaron. He told them to take the people of Israel away before more bad things happened to the Egyptians.

Moses and Aaron joyfully told the Hebrews to pack their things very quickly. They all took just a few belongings and happily marched out of Egypt. They sang as they marched because they were so happy. But suddenly they saw a cloud of dust, and heard the soldiers coming after them. The mean Pharoh had changed his mind. He told his men to bring the Hebrews back to Egypt.

Moses and his people hurried on, but the soldiers were getting very close. Then they came to water, and they could go no further. The soldiers would catch them. But no...something wonderful happened.
As they went into the low waves, the water did not get deep. A great wind blew the water to the right and to the left. In the middle was a path of dry land. Moses led the people down the path to safety. Then the wind stopped blowing, and the soldiers were caught in the water. Moses and his people were free. They would never have to be slaves for the Pharoh again. How happy they were, and what lovely songs they sang. They all remembered to say a prayer of thanks for their safe journey out of Egypt.

Each year at this time Jewish people remember when Moses led the people away from the mean Pharoh. The Feast of Passover lasts for eight days, beginning with the Seser, a dinner when the story of Passover is read and special foods are eaten.

One of the special foods is matzos. Before the Hebrews left Egypt, they all started to make bread for the long trip. But they had to leave in such a hurry that there was no time to bake real bread. (You may show a loaf of unsliced bakery bread.) They took the bread dough with them, and they shaped it into flat cakes as they were marching. They baked the flat cakes in the hot sun, and it looked something like this. (Show matzos.) Today we are going to make some delicious butter to eat with our matzos at juice time.

****Our pre-kindergarten children enjoy the story very much. It was written when one of our Jewish mothers brought in some matzos for her son's class, and I could not find a suitable story of Passover to tell to four year olds. Mothers and teachers enjoyed doing the research, and the story is the result of our combined efforts.

Lois Horn, Director
Village Nursery School
Brookside, New Jersey

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THE CREAM THAT WOULDN'T

Have you ever tried to whip cream that wouldn't? It can happen to a teacher too, you know.

One afternoon the teachers at Harrington School had planned to make butter with the children. They dutifully put the cream in an old-fashioned butter churn and were ready to begin. Children took turns turning the handle for at least 40 minutes without success and began thinking, "To be, or not to be, that is the question." The next day the experiment was set up again. This time the cream was refrigerated right up until it was used, and it turned to butter quite rapidly. Crackers were served with the homemade butter, and the children enjoyed the snack tremendously.

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MUFFINS

½ cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 tablespoon sugar
1 egg
6 tablespoons milk
3 tablespoons oil

Bake 15 to 20 minutes at 425°
BISCUITS 'N BUTTER

2 cups flour
2 tbs. butter
2/3 cup milk (and 2 tbs. if needed)

Rub butter into flour, baking powder, and salt mixture with finger tips, giving each child a turn. Add milk; stir; mixture will be stiff. Divide dough so each child can roll some into a ball. Flatten on a cookie sheet. Bake at 425° for 8-10 minutes.

BUTTER

Shake ½ pint of heavy cream in a jar tightly capped. Add salt if desired. Sample buttermilk in paper cups. Spread on hot biscuits when thick enough.

Lois Roberts - Teacher
Morris Plains Cooperative Preschool Ages 3-5
PUMPKIN BREAD

This is the favorite recipe of Joan Leach's kindergarteners in Lafayette, Colorado, as it appeared in the "Follow Through News Release", February 1971. Bank Street College of Education is the Model Sponsor.

Cream:

1 \(\text{cup}\) shortening

2-3/4 \(\text{cups}\) sugar

3 eggs

2 \(\text{cups}\) pumpkin

Let stand while sifting:

3-1/2 \(\text{cups}\) flour

1/2 (teaspoon) baking powder

1 (teaspoon) each of soda, cloves, nutmeg, allspice, cinnamon, and salt

Mix well and add 3/4 \(\text{cup}\) nuts, chopped.

Put in 2 bread pans.

Bake at 325° F. for 1 hour.

Contributed by Florence Foster
Head Start/ Follow Through Program
Bank Street College of Education
GOLDEN CORN BREAD

1 cup yellow corn meal  
1/4 cup shortening, soft  
1 cup sifted all-purpose flour  
4 teaspoons baking powder  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup milk  
1 egg  

Sift together corn meal, flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in a bowl. Add egg, milk and shortening. Beat with a rotary beater until smooth, about 1 minute. Bake in greased 8-inch square baking pan in pre-heated hot oven (425° F) for 20-25 minutes.  

I use this recipe in November when we are talking about the harvest.  

Janice Glenfield, Teacher of Four Year Olds  
Second Reformed Church Nursery School, Somerville

SWEET MILK WAFFLES

2 cups flour  
1-1/4 cups sweet milk  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/3 cup melted shortening  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoons sugar  
3 eggs (separated)  


Jackie Brown  
State Department of Education
A Recipe for Teachers and the 3 and 4 year old children

Temple Nursery School
Highland Park, N.J.
Mrs. H. Blaine director
Mrs. H. Julius
Head Teacher

Matzo Meal Pancakes for Passover

3 eggs
3 cup Matzoh Meal
3 cup Cold Water
3 tsp. salt
1 stick margerine to grease the griddle

In a mixing bowl
Separate egg yolks from the white of egg
Beat the egg yolks very lightly
Add the Matzoh Meal and water and salt alternately—mix well
Beat Eggs White stiffly
Fold stiff whites into mixtures
Drop by Teaspoonful on a Hot greased griddle.
Turn when golden brown
Serves about 15 children

Serve with Sour Cream or Sugar or Jelly or Applesauce
Farmer's Wheat Pancakes

Children learn about the wheat the farmer grows, but see little relationship between it and the bread or pancakes that we tell them are made from wheat. This recipe helps make that relationship real.

Math is used as they measure the ingredients.

Safety is demonstrated in the use of the frypan.

Science is incorporated as they see a liquid changed into a solid.

Equipment - Blender, 2 cups of unmilled wheat grain purchased at a health food store, electric frypan or hotplate and griddle.

**RECIPE**

| 2 cups flour | 1 egg well beaten |
| 3 tsp baking powder | 1 1/2 cups milk |
| 1/2 tsp salt | 2 Tbs salad oil |
| 1 Tbs sugar |


From the Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School, Cranford Used with four year olds by Mrs E.L. Wells
POTATO PANCAKES

WHY POTATO PANCAKES? This activity is one which affords us the opportunity to involve mothers in the program, because they are really needed to make the project go smoothly. It is also a nice follow-up to a trip to a nearby vegetable farm or an appropriate project at Channukah time.

A brief discussion could be held on our visit to the farm (where and how potatoes grow and what can be made from them) and/or the custom of Jewish people making potato pancakes or latkes as they are often called at holiday time. We asked six mothers to come and help for the day.

WHAT WE NEED: The Recipe, based on a class of 16 children, requires each child to bring a medium-sized potato which they have peeled and rinsed and kept refrigerated in water overnight.

Call two mothers and ask them if they would each bring a large bowl, fine grater and large mixing spoon and stay to use them. If they are hesitant, reassure them that you will help. Ask two others to come in with electric frying pans, pancake turners and cooking oil - Wesson or Crisco - to help fry the pancakes.

Applesauce is a nice substitute for juice and is good accompaniment for potato pancakes. Call two mothers and ask them to bring two chilled jars and enough plastic spoons for all.

NOW WE GET READY: Assemble the following at each of two work areas:

1 Mother with her bowl, grater, spoon and any eager pancake makers
8 Medium potatoes
2 Peeled medium onions
2 Slightly beaten eggs
4 Tablespoons fine bread crumbs
2 Teaspoons salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper

The school will supply the last four items.

Now we help the children grate potatoes with fine grater and when they are all done, drain off the liquid that collects in the bowl and explain that it is juice from the potatoes which will make the pancakes too wet to fry. Next grate onions into the potatoes and mix in the eggs, crumbs, salt and pepper.

MEANWHILE: Two mothers are heating the oil for the pancakes. Two others are portioning out applesauce and setting the table with the help of some children.

NOW WE COOK: The cooks spoon the mixture into the waiting frying pans and fry gently, turning after one side browns. Add additional fat and continue frying until all the mixture is used. Serve and watch the faces as they discover a new taste. There should be ample to sample and some to take home to daddy. (these reheat nicely in the oven at 350° for about seven minutes)

Now don't tell us that we could have used the mix! It wouldn't be half the fun and you know it.

Ess Ess Kinder!

Valerie Gale (Mrs. Roger S.)
Director
Kent Place Nursery School
Summit, New Jersey
IRISH SODA BREAD

simple — delicious — delights children

4 cups flour
1 cup raisins
1 tbl. caraway seeds
1 cup sugar
1 egg
5 tsp. baking powder
pinch baking soda
milk

Mix all ingredients together.
Add enough milk to make dough malleable.
Lightly butter 9 inch heavy skillet.
Pour in dough.
Bake at 325° for 1 hr. 15 min.
Brush top of bread with melted butter after 45 min.

Submitted by BLANCHE DORSKY
Teacher-Director
Unitarian Co-op Nursery
Summit, New Jersey
FRENCH TOAST

2 eggs

1/4 cup milk

3 slices bread

1/4 cup oil

Beat eggs and milk together.

Dip bread into milk, egg mixture.

Fry in oil until brown on both sides.

Serve with cinnamon and sugar or butter.

Barbara Shulas
Pre-Kindergarten Aide
Washington School
New Brunswick
Cinnamon Toast Originals

1 large loaf sliced white bread for 5 - 10 children
cookie cutters
1/4 lb. butter melted
cinnamon and sugar mixed in shakers

Allow boys and girls to cut bread slices into shapes with cookie cutters.
Place on lightly greased cookie sheets.
Brown bread lightly in broiler or oven.
With pastry brushes have boys and girls brush each shape with melted butter.
Immediately have them shake on cinnamon and sugar.
A delightful snack for Juice and Cookie Time is the result.

Cheese Toast Snacks

If the majority of the boys and girls in a class like cheese the above idea can be used with the addition of grated cheese before placing shapes in the oven.
Given large enough pieces of cheese four year olds are able to use a grater carefully. They then place the cheese on the bread shapes and enjoy watching it melt and bubble in the oven.
Be sure to cool thoroughly before eating.

ELIZABETH MAY NURSERY SCHOOL,
three and four year olds
Dorothy Clark
Virginia Case
Betty Nelson
MUFFIN PIZZAS

English muffins—cut in half
Tomato sauce
Mozzarella or American Cheese
Parmesan Cheese

Top each half muffin with approximately 2 teaspoons tomato sauce, ½ slice of cheese, and sprinkle with parmesan. Bake in oven for 15 to 20 minutes, or until cheese melts. Oven should be preheated to 350°.

CINNAMON TOAST

Spread butter on a white bread slice. Top with sugar and cinnamon. Bake in a 300° oven about 15 minutes.

Ruth Burkhoff, Teacher-Director
Busy Bee Nursery School
3-5 year old children
FOR PASSOVER... TRY

CHAROSES
A Passover Seder Symbol.

1 cup chopped apples
1/4 cup chopped nuts
1 tsp. cinnamon
about 2 tbls. grape juice (in lieu of wine)

Mix all ingredients after chopping. Add enough grape juice to bind the mixture and serve on top of matzoh.

MACAROONS

4 egg whites
3/4 cup sugar
2 tsp. flour (for Passover, use 1 1/2 tsp. matzoh meal and 1 1/2 tsp. potato starch)

Beat egg whites and sugar. Add remaining ingredients. Put in cupcake papers and bake until brown (about 20 minutes.)

— Myrna Klein- Teacher
Morris Plains Cooperative Playschool
Ages 3-5.
PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

Oven temperature: 350°

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\frac{1}{2} \text{ cup butter} & \quad \frac{1}{2} \text{ cup white sugar} \\
\frac{1}{2} \text{ cup crunchy or} & \quad \frac{1}{2} \text{ cup brown sugar} \\
\text{regular peanut butter.} & \quad \frac{1}{2} \text{ tsp. vanilla} \\
1 \text{ egg} & \quad \frac{1}{2} \text{ tsp. soda} \\
1 \text{ cup flour} & \quad \frac{1}{2} \text{ tsp. salt}
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Cream butters using electric mixer. Beat in sugars, add other ingredients and more flour if needed to make mixture stiff enough for drop cookies. Divide dough so children can roll into balls. Place on cookie sheet and press flat with fork like •

Jane Sherman- Director
Morris Plains Cooperative Playschool, N.J.
Ages 3-5.
Peanut Blossoms

1 3/4 cups flour
1 teaspoon soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 cup shortening
1/2 cup peanut butter
1 egg
2 tablespoons milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
48 milk chocolate candy kisses

Combine all ingredients except candy kisses in large mixer bowl. Mix on lowest speed of mixer until dough forms. Shape dough into balls, using a rounded teaspoonful for each. Roll balls in sugar. Place on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake at 375° for 10 to 12 minutes. Top each cookie immediately with a candy kiss; press down firmly so cookie cracks around edge. Yield: 48 cookies.

The children especially enjoy rolling the balls, dipping the balls in sugar, and putting the candy kisses in place.

A Pillsbury Bake-off prizewinner that is a favorite at North Branch Reformed Church Nursery School (ages 3-5).

Blenne B. McKnight
Director
CAKE MIX COOKIES

Christian Nursery School
Scotch Plains Baptist Church

To

1 Cake Mix - any flavor

Add

or 1 or 2 eggs

2 Tablespoons shortening

2 Tablespoons water for crisp cookies
or
1/4 cup water for soft cookies

Now add nuts, fruits or chips

(We like butterscotch bits best)

Drop by spoonful on greased cookie sheet

Bake at 375° for 8 to 10 minutes.

Batter can be formed into a roll and chilled, then sliced for refrigerator cookies...or rolled into balls and flattened for decorative cookies.
Spirit Balls

Large box Vanilla Wafers

\[ \frac{3}{4} \text{ cup walnuts} \]

3 Tablespoons light corn syrup

3 Tablespoons almond flavoring.

Crush vanilla wafers to crumbs.
Shell walnuts
Mix all ingredients.
Shape in balls.
Sprinkle with powdered sugar and serve.

Mrs. Jaclyn Spinner
Head Teacher - P.M. Class
Temple Beth El-Somerville
3 and 4 year olds.
The children of the Temple Emanu-El Nursery School in Westfield like the following recipe because it is foolproof, the dough can be re-frozen, it handles well and cuts out very smoothly:

**Honey Cookies**

1 cup butter  
1/2 cup sugar  
4 tablespoons of honey  
2 1/2 cups sifted all purpose flour.

Cream butter, sugar, honey. All flour slowly, mix thoroughly.

Chill in refrigerator for 2 hours. Roll out, preferably on waxed paper, to 1/2 inch thickness.

Shape with cookie cutter, place on ungreased cookie sheet, bake at 300° for 25 minutes.

**Pudding Cookies**

3/4 cup Bisquick  
1 pkg. instant pudding  
1/4 cup cooking oil  
1 egg  
1/4 cup chocolate chips, if desired  
Vanilla, if desired

Light oven at 350°.

Mix all ingredients together in a bowl. Form little balls of dough, using teaspoon to measure. Place on ungreased cookie sheet 1-1/2 inches apart. Flatten down with fork prongs or fingers. Bake 8 minutes. Makes 2-1/2 dozen.

_Dawn Sorrentino, Director_  
_All Saints' Nursery School_  
_Millington_  
_Children: 3-5 years_
Modeled Gingerbread Men  
(about 8 five inch men) 

1. Blend until creamy:

\[ \frac{1}{2} \text{ cup of butter} \]
\[ \frac{1}{4} \text{ cup of white or brown sugar} \]

2. Beat in:

\[ \frac{1}{2} \text{ cup of dark molasses} \]

3. Sift together:

\[ 1 \text{ teaspoon of soda} \]
\[ \frac{1}{4} \text{ teaspoon of cloves} \]
\[ \frac{1}{4} \text{ teaspoon of cinnamon} \]
\[ 1 \text{ teaspoon of ginger} \]
1/2 teaspoon of salt

3 1/2 cups of sifted flour

4. Preheat oven to 350°

5. Add the sifted ingredients to the beaten ingredients in several parts alternately with:

   1/3 cup of water

(you may have to work in the last of the flour with your hands)

6. Coat your hands with flour. Roll dough into balls for head and body and cylinders for arms and legs and press together on a cookie sheet.... Or give children a lump of dough and let them fashion it as they will.
7. Bake

(To test for doneness, press dough with your finger. When it springs back the gingerbread men are ready to be removed and cooled on a rack.

If you wish to roll the dough and use cutters instead of modeling it... use \( \frac{1}{4} \) cup of water instead of \( \frac{1}{2} \) cup. This way makes twice as many cookies

Icing

1. Mix:

\( \frac{1}{4} \) cup of confectioner's sugar

a few drops of water

a few drops of food coloring

Esther Toney—Teacher of Four Year Olds
Unitarian Cooperative Nursery Center
2 Whittredge Road, Summit, New Jersey
Chocolate Yummies

1 PKG. (6 oz.) semi-sweet chocolate pieces
1/3 cup margarine
16 large marshmallows
1 cup shredded coconut
2 cups rolled oats


Makes 3 doz. Yummies.

Raritan Valley
Pre-School Center

B. Birmingham
Oatmeal Cookies

Special Education Classes
East Amwell Public School
Ringoes, New Jersey

Alice Williams, Teacher

Put in bowl:
3 1/2 cups oatmeal
2/3 cup sugar
1/4 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 sticks margarine
1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix well.
Press dough out flat in well-greased 13" x 9" x 2" pan.
Bake. (May also be shaped into round ball and pressed flat.)
Oatmeal Cookies

3¼ cups Oats oatmeal

3/4 cup butter

3/4 cup sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix ingredients with your hands.
Roll into one-inch balls with hands.
Bake in 350° oven.

Bank Street College of Education
School for Children
A Cooking-Related Experience

"We are going downtown to visit Zito's Bakery.
We take a bus from our school to the Bakery."
One-Bowl Cake

Sift together:
- 2 cups flour
- ¼ cups sugar
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt

Add:
- ½ cup shortening
- ¾ cup milk

Beat until smooth.

Add:
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ¾ cup milk

Beat again.

Pour half of batter into each pan.
Use 8-inch pans.

Bake 40 minutes at 350°F.
BARBARA'S ICE CREAM CONE CUPCAKES

Heat oven to 400 degrees F.

Make batter for cupcakes as directed on any flavor cake mix package.

Pour scant 1/4 cup batter into flat-bottomed waffle ice cream cones, filling scant 2/3 full. If you fill the cones too full, they will overflow and will not have a nice round top.

Set on baking pan and bake 15-18 minutes.

Cool and frost with any frosting mix.

Use all kinds of decorations to trim such as: gumdrops, M & M's, chocolate chips, licorice pieces, and all kinds of sprinkles and colored sugar.

We prepare the cupcakes before class. (Do not try to keep more than 12 hours, or they will get soggy.) The children help to mix and measure the frosting. Use vanilla, and then allow the children to add drops of food coloring. We give each child some frosting in a paper cup. They frost their own cupcake, using a popsicle stick. We put the decorations into small cups, and allow the children to "do their thing". Varieties are endless!

Three-year-olds enjoy this project very much. By adding a pipe-cleaner "handle", they make cute Easter Baskets.

Lois Horn, Director
Village Nursery School
Brookside, N.J.
CHRISTMAS ANGEL

1 Box Cake Mix (White or Yellow) or other
1 Can White or Any other color refrigerator
frosting
A variety of decorating sugars or
candies etc. (let children decide)

1. Mix the cake batter according to the
package instructions and bake in an oblong
pan (12 x 8 inches). Save a little batter and
make one cupcake (for the angel's head).
2. When the cake is baked and cool, cut into
sections as the picture shows; one large triangle
for the angel's body, and two triangles for
the wings.
3. Arrange the cake sections on a large platter
as the picture shows for the body, wings
and head.
4. Frost the angel and decorate creatively.
CHRISTMAS ANGEL
ANECDOtal Notes
Joan Mason

The following recipe has been a favorite Christmas treat for my children at home. Keith and Karen (ages 8 years and 5 years), this last holiday made three Angel cakes for neighbors, home, and a staff party at Kings Daughters where I work. Each time they made it they experimented with a variety of cake colors and frosting and candies. Daddy and Keith did not like the silver and gold dragees and said they tasted like "bullets"! Karen disagreed and enjoyed making a mosaic pattern on her Angel side. The cake for the neighbors looked lovely except the children forgot to save the batter for the head. So the Angel was minus a head until George went to a bakery for a cup cake!
Hot Milk Sponge Cupcakes

(Can be made and iced in one 2½ hour session)

You'll need:

- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 tbls. butter
- ½ cup milk
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- ¼ tsp. salt

Preheat oven to 350°.

Measure flour, baking powder and salt; set aside.

Beat eggs. Add sugar and beat in.

Put butter and milk in saucepan; heat until butter is melted. Do not boil.

Add dry ingredients to eggs and sugar mixture. Add butter mixture and vanilla; beat until combined. Bake 12 minutes.

Jane Sherman, Director
Morris Plains Cooperative Playschool
Children ages three to five years
Janice Lelko, Student Teacher (Newark State College)
5 Day - 4 year olds

ICE CREAM CONE CAKES

Mix:

3/4 cups shortening

1 1/2 cups sugar

Add:

3 eggs

3 cups Presto Cake Flour, sifted

1 1/8 cups milk

1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Pour 1/4 cup batter into flat-bottomed waffle ice cream cones, filling cones about 1/2 full. Set on baking pans and bake for 15 to 18 minutes at 350°. Cool and frost with any frosting mix, about 1 teaspoon for each cone cupcake. Decorate as desired with sprinkles, colored sugar, M. & M.'s, or gum drops.
PUMPKIN PIE

Single crust

5 tablespoons crisco
3 tablespoons cold water
1 cup flour

Filling
2 eggs
1/2 cups milk
1 1/2 cups pumpkin
3/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ginger
1/4 teaspoon cloves

Put flour in bowl
Cut in crisco until
size of peas
Shape into ball, press with flour and
roll out to fit pie dish

Filling
Beat eggs slightly, mix all ingredients in
order.
Pour into unbaked pie shell
Bake 45 minutes.

Barbara Shulas
Pre-Kindergarten
Teacher Aide
Washington School
New Brunswick
CHOCOLATE PIE

12 Graham crackers

1/4 cup sugar

1/4 cup Melted Butter

1 Box Instant Pudding

1 1/4 cup milk

PIE CRUST

Roll out crackers to fine crumbs

Mix crumbs with melted butter and sugar

Pat crumbs into pie dish

FILLING

Pour milk into bowl

Add Pudding mix

Beat 2 minutes

Pour into pie dish

Chill 30 minutes

Mrs. Barbara Shulas
Teacher Aide
Pre-Kindergarten
Washington School
New Brunswick
Soft Custard with Lady Fingers

2 Cups Milk
1/4 t Salt
1 Cup Sugar
2 Eggs
1 t. Vanilla
1 Pkg. Lady Fingers

Combine in a saucepan the sugar, salt and eggs. Mix slowly with a fork as each item is added. When mixture is smooth add the milk very slowly and continue mixing. When mixture is well blended place over low flame and continue stirring until mixture coats the spoon and is "Just About" to boil. Do not over cook. Remove from flame and add vanilla.

Pour immediately over lady fingers which have been broken into small pieces and placed in a large bowl or small custard or paper cups. Let cool, and chill in refrigerator before eating.

Flora Lally Boylan Kindergarten (5--6 yrs. New Brunswick
BLUEBERRY BETTY

2 cups blueberries
1/2 cup brown sugar
4 slices bread
cinnamon sugar

1. Wash and drain blueberries in a colander.
2. Place in a 7 x 12 baking dish and sprinkle with sugar and lemon juice.
3. Butter bread and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar. Cut into small cubes and mix with blueberries.

**Instant Pudding**

Put in mixing bowl
2 cups milk
1 4 oz. package instant pudding
Beat with hand beater
Pour into 3 ounce size paper cups

Presbyterian Church Nursery School, New Providence,
3 and 4 year olds
JELLO

1 box flavored jello
1 cup boiling water
7 ice cubes

add boiling water to jello
stir until dissolved
add ice cubes

Barbara Shulas
Pre-Kindergarten Aide
Washington School
New Brunswick
Ice Cream

Make the most of an opportunity that arises.

When the ground is covered with snow, dig out your ice cream freezer and put on your coats and mittens, out into the yard with your ice cream ingredients and use the snow for the ice around the freezer, sprinkling a little salt as usual, to the snow. Someone sits on top and someone turns the hand freezer until our ice cream is made. Many songs may be sung as they make the ice cream. What fun!

A good recipe:

3 cups thin cream
1 tbsp gelatine (soaked in 1/4c cold water)
1 cup hot, scalded milk - 3/4c sugar f.g. salt,
1 tsp vanilla. Dissolve gelatine in hot milk, add to other ingredients and freeze.

Makes 1 1/2 quarts. Use different toppings

Presbyterian Weekday Nursery
Westfield, N.J. Bea Strozzafe
Apple Sauce

Each child has an apple to wash and to cut up in pieces (dull knives). Cut with skin - center and all as is. Place pieces in a large pan. (electric fry pan) or a clear glass pot. (allows children to see the changes in the apple as it cooks)

After apples are soft, use a food mill to make the applesauce, allowing the children to see the applesauce coming through the holes of the food mill. Add sugar (different smell) add cinnamon (different smell). What is left? Skin, seeds and pulp - of the apples.

Presbyterian Weekday Nursery
Westfield N.J.
Bea Steengraaf
"APPLES ARE FOR PICKING"

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What started as an experiment in applesauce making in Roberts Kindergarten mushroomed into an exhilarating expedition to an apple farm in Pepperell, Massachusetts for all three Follow Through classes at Roberts.

Early one fall morning the Kindergarten, First and Second Graders boarded a bus. Up northward to Pepperell they went through the bold splashes of fall color that spread wherever eye could see. Upon arrival at the apple farm the children were treated to a very real and exciting hay ride down through part of the apple orchard to a neighboring farm to meet the horses, goats, sheep, chickens, rabbits and dogs. And there was a jaunt for two's in a sulky behind the pony, Troubles. Everyone investigated. Some had their pictures taken. Others were off exploring with the teacher or with their mothers seeing what there was to see.

At last came the big moment they had all waited for--the time to pick apples. They were real apples. They were so easy to reach and there were so many of them--and so good to eat! It was a magnificent time and a most memorable experience. When all the bags were full of apples, the children piled back onto the haywagon. What fun it had been and what delicious apples they had picked.

But this was only the beginning. This episode was just the making of the experience itself. After that came the time to re-live and re-create and remember. There were sights and sounds and smells--things that had become memories. Now was the time to reconstruct the experience and record the events. The children were asked to recall the experiences which were then enlarged upon and elaborated and extended. A mural depicting the activities was drawn by the second grade. Vocabulary lessons sprang from discussion sessions. A display of polaroid pictures reminded the children of what it had really been like. Memories were tapped and experiences discussed. And new things were learned about apples. Back in the kitchen, where the whole thing had started, the children now learned to make candied apples. And baked apples. And apple pie.

The experience had taken place only once, but the memory will last forever. The expedition had been an encounter with reality. The event would leave its impact on each who experienced it and it would represent a steppingstone of readiness for the next experience. Apples are for picking.
PINK APPLESAUCE

6 pounds Macintosh apples 2 cups sugar
6 cups water 1/2 cup cinnamon candies (optional)

Children can quarter the apples with table knives and put in pans. Add water and cook until just tender. Children ladle apples into food mill or colander, removing all seeds and skins. Children add sugar. Put sauce in paper cups to cool for snack. Yield: approximately 36 1/3 - cup servings.

Cora Van Middlesworth, Director Bound Brook Cooperative Nursery
Betty Peterson, Teacher 22 children 3-1/2 to 5 years

BAKED APPLES

Select firm cooking apples.
Wash and core.
Fill with sugar, cinnamon, and top with butter.
Bake in a covered dish at 350° F for 45-60 minutes or until peel is tender.

CARAMEL APPLES

1 bag caramel kisses
3 tablespoons water
6 popsicle sticks
6 medium size apples

Empty package of kisses into a small saucepan or (better still) top of a double boiler with water in bottom part to reduce burning.
Add 3 tablespoons water to caramels. Melt over low heat, stirring to keep from sticking.
When melted, insert sticks in apples and dip into syrup.
Place apples on waxed paper to cool.

Follow Through Program Bank Street College of Education, Model Sponsor
Huntsville, Alabama
Pineapple Mix-Up

1 cup chilled pineapple juice
1 tsp. sugar
1/3 cup instant dry milk solids
1 cup cracked ice

Combine all ingredients in Blender jar. Cover. Blend at "HI" 30 seconds until thick and foamy. Pour into small glasses.

Repeat recipe as needed.
Let the children take turns pounding ice cubes wrapped in a towel to prepare the cracked ice. We use a hammer for this job.

Shirley Levine
Plainfield Preschool Program
# Marshmallow Snowmen

- 2 big marshmallows
- 3 toothpicks
- 5 small marshmallows
- 3 cloves

1. Put 1 toothpick through the 2 big marshmallows leaving 1 end sticking out (1).

2. Put 1 small marshmallow on end (1) for the hat.

3. Put 2 cloves in top marshmallow for eyes (2).

4. Put 1 clove in center of bottom marshmallow for button (3).

Break last 2 toothpicks in half making 4 pieces.

5. Put 1 piece in each side of bottom marshmallow for arms (4).

6. Put 2 pieces below button for legs (5).

7. Put 4 small marshmallows on 4 pieces of toothpick (4) and (5).

Made by 4 year olds at Madison Nursery School. Mrs. H. Swartz, teacher.
PEANUT BUTTER BALLS

1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup dry milk

Mix ingredients together.
Roll into small balls.
Roll balls in sprinkles.

Alice Moore, Director
Wesley Hall Nursery School
Westfield, New Jersey

CHOW MEIN NOODLE CANDY

1 pkg. semi-sweet chocolate (12 oz.)
1 can chow mein noodles (3 oz.)
1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)


Judy Bergman, Teacher
Plainfield Pre-School Program

MARSHMALLOW TREATS

Melt margarine. Add marshmallows and cook over low heat, stirring constantly until melted. Remove from heat, add cereal, and stir until coated. Press in buttered pan. Cut when cool.

1/4 cup margarine or butter
40 miniature marshmallows
5 cups Rice Krispies cereal

Marjorie Lanning, Director
Presbyterian Church Nursery School
New Providence, New Jersey
PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH POTATO CANDY

1 small potato, peel, quarter, boil, mash with a dash of salt and 1 tbsp. butter

1 lb. confectioner's sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1/3 cup peanut butter

Add sugar a third at a time to cold mashed potato. Mix.

Add vanilla and more sugar if too moist.

Between 2 sheets of waxed paper with a little flour on them, roll the dough to 1/8 inch thickness.

Spread with peanut butter. Roll like a jelly roll.

Chill for 1 hour. Slice.

Alta Phelps
Kings Daughters Day Nursery
Chocolate Bird Nests
Fun For Easter

1 Box Shredded Wheat
(10-12 biscuits)
2 Reg. Pkgs. Chocolate Bits
1/3 Jar Chunky Peanutbutter

Children crush biscuits fairly fine.
Melt bits over hot water until just soft. Add peanut butter to melted chocolate. Thoroughly mix
then add to shredded wheat. The children need help blending this stiff mixture. Give each child one
tablespoonful on piece of wax paper.
Shape into a nest and chill. Surprise them by adding a few jelly beans. Bar-
ley makes 18.

Jane Rodimer-
Teacher-Director; Florham Park Coop; 4's
PEANUT BRITTLE

Shelled Peanuts
2 cups sugar
(brown, white, or raw)

Shell enough peanuts to cover a cookie sheet. Melt the sugar in an electric frying pan - heat until dissolved and pour over the nuts as quickly and evenly as possible. It quickly hardens and you break it into pieces.

Rebecca Reese - 3½
Morris Plains Cooperative Playschool
CRUNCHY TREATS

1 cup semi-sweet bits
1 cup corn flakes
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup raisins

Melt chocolate over hot water. Remove from heat. Stir in cornflakes, vanilla and raisins. (1/2 cup cocoanut may also be added.) Drop by teaspoonfuls onto waxed paper. Chill until firm. Makes about 2 dozen.

For Peanut Butter Fudge, use the recipe at right, except use 2 tablespoons peanut butter instead of chocolate. Use 2-1/2 cups of confectioner's sugar.

WINTERGREEN WAFERS

2 cups confectioner's sugar
6-1/2 tps. water
1/4 teaspoon wintergreen extract
Few drops green coloring

Combine all ingredients in top of double boiler and cook over hot, boiling water for 3 minutes. Drop onto wax paper by teaspoonful and let harden.

For red mints use oil of peppermint drops and red coloring.

CANDY TREATS

Dorothy Minton
St. Paul's Nursery School, Westfield

Put 3 ounces cream cheese in a bowl and let stand until room temperature. Cream with wooden spoon and slowly blend in 2 cups confectioner's sugar. Melt 2 sq. chocolate over hot water. Add to cream cheese. Add 1/4 tsp. vanilla, dash of salt, and mix thoroughly. Press into greased pan and refrigerate for about 15 minutes. When firm, cut fudge in squares.
A HONEY OF A TREAT
For 20

1 large jar honey

1 large jar peanut butter
or
2 bags peanuts in shell
(To be ground day before)

2 bags large marshmallows

Pour honey in small dish for each child.
At least 4 marshmallows for each child.
1 large plate ground nuts or peanut butter for each table.

Dip bottom of marshmallows in honey and
then dip in ground nuts or spread on peanut butter for a yumm-m-m-y taste treat.

MRS. MARILYN KATZ
Taught 3's & 4's at
TEMPLE B'NAI OR
Morristown, N.J.
1/2 cups sugar
1/4 cup cocoa
1/2 cup evaporated milk
1/3 cup butter

Mix together in a saucepan.
Cook until mixture boils.
Remove from heat.
Stir in 1/3 cup peanut butter until melted.

Add:
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cups rolled oats
1/2 cup salted peanuts

Drop by teaspoonfuls on wax paper.
Let stand until solid.

Chocolate Nut Chews

Special Education Classes, East Amwell Public School, Ringoes
Alice Williams, Teacher
Easter Eggs

Coconut
1 Box Confectionery Sugar
2 cups coconut
Enough cream to make moist.
Add food coloring.
Flavor.
Shape into eggs.
Put on wax paper.
Refrigerate.

Chocolate Dip
Melt in double boiler:
1 Box Semi-Sweet Chocolate
16 ounces chocolate bits
3 Tablespoons wax.

Peanut Butter
1/2 Pound butter
6 cups peanut butter
2 Tablespoons vanilla
3 Boxes Confectionery Sugar
Mix it with your hands.

Dipping for Adults only!
Honey Balls

This is easy for early in the year. Take children shopping for these familiar items. We work in groups of 6 and each group makes one recipe.

3 Tbs. Honey
4 Tbs. Peanut Butter
1/2 Cup Dry Milk
1/4 Cup Corn Flakes

Crush corn flakes on wax paper with rolling pin and set aside. Mix first three ingredients. Take heaping teaspoonful and shape into a ball and roll in corn flakes. Serves three for each child. Because they are rich we put them in baggies, chill and send home for lunch.

Jane Rodimer
Teacher-Director, Florham Park Coop, H's
Refrigerator Fudge

Melt 1/3 cup milk
2 tablespoons butter
in saucepan

Stir in 1/2 cup Sultana Cocoa
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 pound box of
confectioners sugar

Put in 1/2 pound plastic margarine
in small aluminum pot pie tins.

You can refrigerate if want but is
not necessary.

Presbyterian Church Nursery
School- New Providence
3 and 4 year olds
CEREAL CANDY

1 pkg. Butterscotch bits
1/2 cup Peanut butter

Heat in pan until bits are melted.

Pour over
3 cups Special K cereal and stir until all cereal is coated.

Drop by spoonfuls on waxed paper

HEALTH CANDY

1 cup honey
1½ cups dried milk powder
1 cup peanut butter
1½ cups wheat germ
1 tsp. nutmeg

crushed corn flakes

Combine, shape into small balls
Roll in crushed corn flakes or crushed nuts.

PEANUT BUTTER LOGS

Blend butter and sugar.
Add cereal, crushing slightly. Shape in three logs 7 x 1-1/4 inches.
Pat peanuts over logs.
Wrap in foil or plastic wrap. Chill. Makes about 1 pound.

1 cup chunk style peanut butter
2 tablespoons margarine
1-1/4 cups sifted confectioner's sugar
3 cups crisp rice cereal

Some chopped peanuts

Tried and proven with kindergartners
LEPRECHAUN CANDY - CREAM CHEESE MINTS

3 ounce package cream cheese
1 round package confectionery sugar
cream food coloring
1 tablespoon milk
1/6 teaspoon oil of peppermint (available at drug store)

Combine all ingredients. Heat from hands is necessary
for proper mixing, so be sure children have been washed
carefully. Give each child a square of waxed paper, and
enough dough for three or four walnut-sized balls. Allow
children to roll into round ball. They can then flatten
balls with a plastic fork.

We then put each child's candy into a plastic bag,
and attach a label with a plastic twister. They like to
take the candy home as a treat for their family.

Any other color could be used at another time of
the year. Pink would be lovely for a Mother's Day treat.

Do allow the children to sniff the ingredients and
discuss the various smells. The care taken in washing hands
should also be mentioned and expanded into a lesson in
personal hygiene.

Lois Horn, Director
Village Nursery School
Brookside, N.J.
COOKING IN AN EARLY CHILDHOOD CURRICULUM

A Way to Develop a Variety of Skills

First-hand experience is an essential part of the preschool, kindergarten and primary curriculum. Four, five, six and seven year old children have discovered their place in the family unit and are seeking greater mastery of their environment and interpersonal relationships outside the home. They are developing feelings of competence and independence in their surroundings.

In their dramatic play, we see that at this age the child is concerned with working out real-life situations. To adults, this may seem merely to be playful activity--to children it is the real work of defining and clarifying roles and behavior. These years also find schools assisting children in laying firm foundations of concept development, and introducing children to problem-solving processes in mathematics, science, social studies and language.

How does cooking carry out these goals? Cooking is an activity which all children seem to enjoy, both boys and girls. It fills their need for real life activity and can serve to further their understanding in all of the curriculum areas. Furthermore, it is a sensory activity, experienced through tasting, feeling, smelling, seeing and hearing. Techniques involved in cooking require manipulation of equipment, which offers the opportunity for the child to improve small muscle control--the control so important to moving crayons, pencils, and paintbrushes effectively.

Cooking is a flexible activity which may be used at various levels with various groups of children. When four and five year olds make applesauce, they may discover or raise questions about completely different aspects of the process than seven year olds do. Moreover, cooking is an activity which may be easily integrated into other areas of the curriculum. The preschool and kindergarten social studies curriculum is based on the family and the neighborhood. Cooking in school is similar to what mother does at home. The actual cooking may be prefaced by a trip to the neighborhood grocery store to buy the ingredients, as mother also does. With first or second graders, the cooking experience may be elaborated into more of a study. Making applesauce is particularly appropriate during the autumn apple season. The teacher plans a trip with the children to an apple orchard and packing house. Then the entire problem of how apples get from the country storehouses to the neighborhood groceries can be explored with a study of the transportation network and city-country interdependence.

It is wise to give children all kinds of experience with the tools and operations of cooking. For instance, in the dramatic play area for four, five and six
year olds, there should be stainless steel mixing bowls, egg beaters, mixing spoons, measuring cups, and measuring spoons. Children can experiment with these implements by mixing soap suds in water with an egg beater, by pouring beans into measuring cups and then into larger bowls, and by mixing play dough. When the time comes to pour and mix the ingredients of a recipe, they will be familiar with such skills as how to pour a measuring cup over a bowl so that the contents will not spill, or how to mix the ingredients without sloshing them over the side.

Every cooking experience should involve planning beforehand and cleaning up afterwards. Planning might mean choosing between two or three recipes, shopping for the ingredients, and laying out the necessary utensils. Cleaning up provides many children with the chance for water play during the important activity of thoroughly washing the implements.

A cooking project, whether it involves everyone, or only a small group, is a very structured exercise. The children follow a recipe chart, simply and clearly laid out, which the teacher has designed. The children do not add the ingredients randomly or haphazardly. Limits will need to be defined before the cooking begins; everyone washes his hands well, with a discussion of why; everyone gets a turn at adding or mixing or stirring and then gives another child a chance; everyone cleans up, with plenty of sponges and mops provided. If staffing does not allow the teacher to work with a small group at a particular time, there should be plenty of materials, ingredients, and organization so that each child in the class can take an active part. It is important that the children do not have to wait twenty minutes for a one minute turn. All the children will want to taste the batter or dough or raw materials, as does any good cook at home. In the classroom with 20 to 30 sets of fingers, tasting may present some problems of hygiene. Providing toothpicks, popsicle sticks, or disposable spoons for dipping out a taste can promote cleanliness and still satisfy the desire to taste.

Invariably language plays a large role in the cooking experience. Children of four, five, six and seven are struggling to communicate clearly what they take in through their senses. They notice the bubbles in the batter, the changing shape of the cookies, the rising of the bread, and they verbalize what they see and hear and taste. The teacher could try to record some of the descriptive language which the children use to share with them at a later time. Some teachers have photographed children while they were cooking and later asked them to try to fit the pictures into proper sequence on the bulletin board with labels beneath.

Mathematical experiences in cooking are numerous. Classification into categories such as wet and dry, fruit and vegetable, hard and soft, is a skill required in mathematics. Understanding counting and one to one correspondence grows from giving one cookie to each child. Measuring and comparing amounts, prevalent in cooking, are mathematical exercises.
Scientific questions may be raised from the children's experience with cooking. The question of change is primary. Spaghetti, when cooked, changes from hard to soft. Cookies change from wet to dry and soft to hard. Milk added to flour makes it sticky. The question of where we get vegetables and fruits may lead to experimentation with growing plants.

One aspect of connecting cooking with social studies could evolve from the preparation of foods based on a study of the holidays or of different ethnic groups in our society. Another study could be based on seasonal change, which could also be related to science. As mentioned earlier, cooking could be part of the children's exploration of how a town or city operates. Stores, transportation, division of labor, and the interdependence of urban and rural areas would all be involved in this approach.

Throughout this discussion, cooking has been treated as a group activity. It could also be an interesting and valuable adventure for a child to pursue on his own, if the classroom were organized for individual activity. Making pudding or chocolate milk, if the child consulted the teacher, could be a realistic dimension of dramatic play.


### EQUIPMENT AND UTENSILS FOR A COOKING PROGRAM IN THE CLASSROOM

- hot plate (two burners)
- portable electric oven
- corn popper (optional)
- egg beaters
- double boilers, various sizes
  (pyrex permits children to observe the process of cooking)
- mixing bowls, graduated sizes
- large stirring spoons
- rolling pins
- boards, for rolling dough, cutting sifters
- cake pans
- cookie sheets
- spatulas
- measuring cups
- measuring spoons
- potato peeler, grater, knives
  (to be used by young children with close supervision only)
- sponges, wax paper, foil, etc.
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