Healthy meal planning for children at different age groups

Vary your protein choices

Health Tip:

Incorporate plant and animal protein during the week.

Examples:

- ★ Plant protein: Almonds, walnut, sunflower seeds, peanut butter, lentil, black beans
- ★ Animal protein: poultry, fish, eggs, lean meat, salmon, Steak, tuna, lamb.

Protein

Vary your vegetables- more color

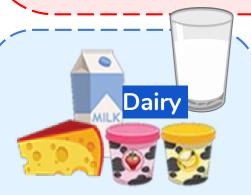
Health Tip:

Try to consume from all 5 subgroups weekly.

Examples:

- 1. Dark-leafy: Broccoli, spinach, lettuce, kale
- 2. Red & orange: carrots, pumpkin, tomatoes, red peppers
- 3. Beans & peas: black beans, soy beans, kidney beans
- 4. Starchy: corn, peas, potatoes
- 5. Other vegetables: mushrooms, cabbage, bean sprouts, celery

Veaetables



Focus on dairy products with reduced fat

Health Tip:

Choose dairy products with reduced fat.

Examples:

Cheese, lactose-free or low fat milk, yogurt

<u>Dairy alternatives:</u> calciumfortified almond or soy milk



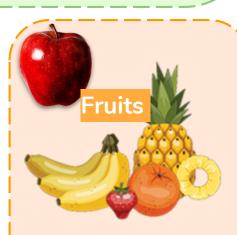
Make your grains half grains

Health Tip:

Consume whole grains or whole wheat products.

Examples:

Whole wheat bread or pasta, brown rice, oatmeal, cereal, tortilla, etc.



Focus on whole fruit

<u>Health Tip:</u>

Choose a variety of fresh or frozen whole fruits.

Examples:

Banana, strawberry, orange, apple, grapes, cantaloupe, pineapple, etc.



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Different age groups require different portions for proper nutrition. To provide adequate nutrients to your children, please refer to the chart below for guidance.



	0-5 months	6-11 months	Food Groups	Ages 1-2	Ages 3-5	Ages 6-18
Breakfast	4-6 fl oz breast milk or formula	 → 6-8 fl oz breast milk or formula → 0-2 tbsp vegetables or fruits → 0-4 tbsp infant cereal, yogurt, meat, whole eggs, cooked beans or peas → 0-2 oz cheese 	Dairy	½ cup	³ /4 cup	1 cup
			Vegetables, Fruits or both	⅓ cup	½ cup	½ cup
			Grains	⅓ oz eq.	⅓ oz eq.	1 oz eq.
Lunch or supper	4-6 fl oz breast milk or formula	ightarrow 6-8 fl oz breast milk or formula $ ightarrow$ 0-2 tbsp vegetables or fruits $ ightarrow$ 0-4 tbsp infant cereal, yogurt, meat, whole eggs, cooked beans or peas $ ightarrow$ 0-2 oz cheese	Dairy	½ cup	³/ ₄ cup	1 cup
			Proteins	1 oz	1 ½ oz	2 oz
			Vegetables	1/8 cup	⅓ cup	½ cup
			Fruits	⅓ cup	⅓ cup	1/4 cup
			Grains	½ oz eq	⅓ oz eq	1 oz eq
Snack	4-6 fl oz breast milk or formula	 → 2-4 fl oz breast milk or formula → 0-2 tbsp vegetables or fruits → 0-½ slice of bread or 0-2 crackers → 0-4 tbsp infant cereal 	Dairy	½ cup	1 cup	1 cup
			Proteins	½ oz	1 oz	1 oz
			Vegetables	½ cup	½ cup	³ / ₄ cup
			Fruits	½ cup	½cup	³ / ₄ cup
			Grains	⅓ oz eq	½ oz eq	1 oz eq

^{*}Serving sizes are of minimum requirement. Daily requirements are based on different sex and physical activities level. 1 cup= 8 fl. oz.

Please consult with your doctor or dietitian if you have any questions about children nutrition.