# PICK-WIC PAPER

## RECIPES -

- CHICKEN NUGGETS
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- BUTTERMILK PANCAKES

### WHY BREASTFEED?

"Because breast milk is unique that it changes to the baby's needs, and it's always available without other needed accessories."

- Tara, ND WIC Breastfeeding Mom

#### **CHICKEN NUGGETS**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons fat-free skim or 1% milk
- 3½ cups cornflakes, crushed
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into nuggetsize pieces
- 1 can (8 ounces) sliced or crushed pineapple in juice
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/4 cup pineapple juice
- 1/4 cup barbecue sauce

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- Wash hands with soap and water. Wash counters with soap and water after cutting chicken.
- 2. Heat oven to 400 degrees F. Coat a baking pan with nonstick cooking spray.
- 3. In a small bowl, whisk egg and milk together.
- 4. Place crushed cornflakes in a plastic bag.
- 5. Dip chicken pieces in egg mixture, then shake with cornflakes to coat. Put chicken on baking pan.
- Bake for 15 minutes or until chicken reaches an internal temperature of 165 degrees F with a food thermometer.
- 7. To make the dipping sauce, pour undrained pineapple into a blender. Blend until it is a thick puree. Pour pineapple puree into a saucepan and add cornstarch; mix well. Add pineapple juice and barbecue sauce and mix well. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer, stirring until sauce thickens, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat and serve with baked chicken nuggets.

#### **NUTRITION NOTE**

This recipe makes 4 servings. Each serving has 265 calories, 3 grams fat, 23 grams protein, 34 grams carbohydrates and 443 milligrams sodium.

#### **SUPER NACHOS**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon hot sauce
- ½ cup taco sauce or salsa
- 1½ cups fat free refried beans
- 1 can (4 ounces) chopped green chilies
- 1 cup chopped fresh or canned tomatoes
- ¹/₃ cup chopped ripe olives
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Wash hands with soap and water.
- 2. In a frying pan, brown ground beef and onion; drain and rinse excess fat
- 3. Add hot and taco sauce. Simmer for 5 minutes.
- 4. Spread refried beans on a large microwave-safe plate. Top with meat mixture.
- Layer chilies, tomatoes and olives on top of meat mixture. Spread cheese evenly on top.
- 6. Microwave for 3-5 minutes or until cheese melts.
- 7. Serve with tortilla chips.

Note: A taco seasoning packet could be used instead of hot and taco sauce. Follow package instructions.

#### **NUTRITION NOTE**

This recipe makes 8 servings. Each serving has 270 calories, 16 grams fat, 21 grams protein, 12 grams carbohydrates and 570 milligrams sodium.

# **FOOD SAFETY.**

Food Safety: The Main Ingredient

Keep it clean by washing your hands before and after touching food.

Source: FDA Food Safety at Home

#### REFER TO WIC

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#### **PIZZA PLEASE**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 4 whole-wheat tortillas
- 1/4 cup tomato paste (low sodium preferred)
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 2 medium tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Wash hands with soap and water.
- 2. Heat oven to 425 degrees F.
- 3. Pierce tortillas with a knife and place on a baking sheet. Bake for 2 minutes or until crisp.
- 4. Spread tomato paste evenly on all tortillas. Sprinkle with Italian seasoning.
- 5. Add a layer of tomatoes and mozzarella cheese.
- 6. Bake for 5 minutes or until cheese has melted.

Note: Prepared pizza sauce can be used instead of the tomato paste and Italian seasoning.

#### **NUTRITION NOTE**

This recipe makes 4 servings. Each serving (using low-sodium tomato paste) has 180 calories, 5 grams fat, 7 grams protein, 28 grams carbohydrates and 380 milligrams sodium.

#### **SWEET POTATO FRIES**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 4 medium sweet potatoes
- Pinch of salt and pepper
- 1 tablespoon canola oil

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Wash hands with soap and water.
- Heat oven to 450 degrees F. Coat a baking pan with nonstick cooking spray.
- 3. Wash potatoes and cut into wedges, about ½ inch wide. Place into a large bowl.
- 4. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Drizzle oil over potatoes and toss until coated.
- 5. Spread potatoes on baking pan in a single layer.
- Bake for 15 minutes. Remove and turn potatoes over, then bake for 10-15 additional minutes until they are cooked through and crispy.

#### **NUTRITION NOTE**

This recipe makes 6 servings. Each serving has 90 calories, 2.5 grams fat, 2 grams protein, 16 grams carbohydrates and 50 milligrams sodium.

## WIC TIP

#### **Start Simple with MyPlate**

Drink and Eat Less Added Sugars, Saturated Fat and Sodium: Cook at home more often to limit added sugars, saturated fat and sodium. Making meals at home gives you more control over the ingredients. If you need ideas, try a recipe from this newsletter.

Check out myplate.gov for more tips.

#### **BUTTERMILK PANCAKES**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1½ tablespoons white sugar
- 11/2 teaspoons baking powder
- ¾ teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1½ cups buttermilk
- ¼ cup fat-free skim or 1% milk
- 2 large eggs
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Wash hands with soap and water.
- 2. Heat griddle or frying pan over medium heat.
- In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt.
- In a separate bowl, beat together buttermilk, milk, eggs and butter.
- Add the wet mixture into the dry mixture using a wooden spoon or fork to blend. Do not over stir.
- Pour or scoop batter on the griddle or frying pan using about ¼ cup for each pancake. Brown on both sides.

Note: To make buttermilk, place 1 tablespoon of lemon juice or vinegar in a measuring cup and fill to the 1 cup line with milk. Stir and let set to thicken slightly.

#### **NUTRITION NOTE**

This recipe makes 16 pancakes. Each pancake has 90 calories, 3 grams fat, 3 grams protein, 12 grams carbohydrates and 210 milligrams sodium.

## **MEALTIME TIPS**

Connect at Mealtimes: Sit down together for a meal when you can. Turn off the TV and put away screens and devices, so you can unplug, interact and focus on each other. Check out <a href="mailto:myplate.gov">myplate.gov</a> for more tips.

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