

# Meal and Snack Patterns

## for a 1200 calorie Daily Food Plan ...

These patterns are examples of how the Daily Food Plan can be divided into meals and snacks for a preschooler. There are many ways to divide the amounts recommended from each food group into daily meals and snacks.



Click on either pattern to see examples of food choices for meals and snacks.

Meal and Snack Pattern A (1200 calorie Daily Food Plan)	
<p><b>Breakfast</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 ounce Grains</li> <li>½ cup Fruit</li> <li>½ cup Dairy*</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Morning Snack</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 ounce Grains</li> <li>½ cup Fruit</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Lunch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 ounce Grains</li> <li>½ cup Vegetables</li> <li>½ cup Dairy*</li> <li>1 ounce Protein Foods</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Afternoon Snack</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>½ cup Vegetables</li> <li>½ cup Dairy*</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Dinner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 ounce Grains</li> <li>½ cup Vegetables</li> <li>1 cup Dairy*</li> <li>2 ounces Protein Foods</li> </ul>	

Meal and Snack Pattern B (1200 calorie Daily Food Plan)	
<p><b>Breakfast</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 ounce Grains</li> <li>½ cup Dairy*</li> <li>1 ounce Protein Foods</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Morning Snack</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>½ cup Fruit</li> <li>½ cup Dairy*</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Lunch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 ounces Grains</li> <li>½ cup Vegetables</li> <li>½ cup Dairy*</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Afternoon Snack</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>½ cup Vegetables</li> <li>½ cup Fruit</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Dinner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 ounce Grains</li> <li>½ cup Vegetables</li> <li>1 cup Dairy*</li> <li>2 ounces Protein Foods</li> </ul>	

\*Offer your child fat-free or low-fat milk, yogurt, and cheese.

Daily Food Plan (1200 calories)	Total amount for the day
Grain Group	4 ounces
Vegetable Group	1½ cups
Fruit Group	1 cup
Dairy* Group	2½ cups
Protein Foods Group	3 ounces

