Sparky's Recipes

Love Cooking. When I am not teaching kids about fire safety, you can usually find me in the kitchen. Letting kids help in the kitchen is a great way to teach them about cooking safety and the importance of eating healthy. Here are some of my favorite recipes. Before you begin, make sure to read my **Kids in the Kitchen** tips. These tips can help you figure out what you're old enough to do on your own — and when it's time to ask a grown-up for help.

Sparky's "Bark" fait (Parfait) This makes 4.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups vanilla yogurt (I used Greek yogurt)
- 2 cups your favorite granola
- 2 cups fresh berries (raspberries, blueberries, strawberries (sliced) or any other fruit you have like: bananas, peaches or mangos, peeled and sliced
- 4 tablespoons honey (optional)

Directions:

- 1. Line up 4 tall glasses, or whatever you would like to put your parfait in.
- 2. Spoon 2 tablespoons of yogurt into each glass.
- 3. Spoon 2 tablespoons of granola over the yogurt.
- 4. Then, add 2 tablespoons of fruit.
- 5. Keep repeating these steps until your glass is full. You can add a little bit of honey here and there, to taste.

Use an ven mitt!

Cinnamon-sugar chips This makes 8 dozen.

Ingredients:

- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1 tablespoon sugar

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- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 12 flour tortillas (10" in diameter)

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 375°.
- 2. Stir together butter, sugar, and cinnamon in a small bowl.
- 3. Brush tortillas with butter mixture
- 4. Using a butter knife, or a cookie cutter, cut each tortilla into 8 wedges.
- 5. Put wedges in a single layer on a baking sheet,.
- 6. Bake until crispy (about 10 to 12 minutes).

Make sure you let the chips cool on a wire rack before you eat them. Yum!

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Sparky's Sushi Sandwiches (Say that 3x fast!) This makes 8.

Ingredients:

- 2 slices of whole wheat bread
- 3 tablespoons cream cheese
- 1-1/2 tablespoon of sour cream
- Carrots, sliced thin
- Cucumbers, sliced thin

Directions:

- **1.** Take a rolling pin and flatten 2 slices of bread.
- 2. Mix together 3 tablespoons cream cheese and 1-1/2 tablespoons sour cream.
- 3. Using a butter knife, spread your mixture on your slices of bread.
- 4. Lay 2 carrot and 2 cucumber sticks (6" long) at the bottom of each slice of bread, let them hang over edges.
- **5.** Roll up the bread, pressing gently to seal.
- **6.** Cut each roll in four equal pieces.

Slippery Snail Snack



Ingredients:

- 1 Granny Smith apple
- Approx. 3" length of celery stalk
- 2 raisins
- 2 thin strips of carrot
- Peanut butter

Equipment:

- 1 sealable plastic storage bag
- Kitchen knife



Directions:

- 1. Cut a thin vertical slice from the side of your apple (this will be the snail's body).
- 2. Cut a celery stick that is about 1" longer than the width of the apple slice.
- 3. Fill the inside of the celery stick with peanut butter, and put aside..
- 4. Now put some peanut butter in the plastic bag and snip just the corner off.
- **5.** Lay your apple slice down on a flat surface. Gently squeezing your plastic bag of peanut butter, add a swirl on one side.
- 6. Add the "raisin" eyes to one end of the celery (on the peanut butter). Add the thin strips of carrots for antennae.
- 7. Now carefully attach the apple slice onto the celery stalk.