Three-Day Meal Plan a 1-3 Year Old

Breakfast

- 1 cup ready-to-eat cereal
- 1/2 cup non-fat milk*
- 1/2 cup chopped banana



Lunch

- 1 slice of whole wheat bread
- 1 oz turkey
- 1 oz cheese
- 1/4 cup lettuce
- 1/4 cup raw tomato
- 1 tsp mayonnaise
- Fruit

Dinner

- 1/2 cup brown rice
- 1/4 cup tomato sauce
- 1/4 cup cooked zucchini
- 1 tsp olive or canola oil
- 2 oz. chicken, shredded
- 1 ounce grated parmesan cheese
- 1 cup low fat or non-fat milk*

Snacks (1or 2 daily)

- 1/2 cup cantaloupe or honeydew melon
- 1/4 cup cucumber slices

Breakfast

- 1 slice whole wheat bread
- 1 fried egg
- 1/2 cup cantaloupe or honeydew melon balls
- 1/2 cup low fat or non-fat milk*

Lunch

- 1/2 cup cooked quinoa
- 1/4 cup tomato, chopped
- 2 oz (4 TBS) mozzarella
- Fresh basil
- 1 small apple



Dinner

- 1/2 cup cooked noodles
- 1/4 cup cooked sliced green or red bell peppers
- 1/4 cup cooked mushrooms
- 1/4 cup cooked sliced bok choy
- 2 oz. fresh salmon
- 2 tsp olive or canola oil



Snacks: (1or 2 daily)

- 6 oz. cup non-fat plain yogurt
- 1/4 cup mandarin oranges

Breakfast

- 1/2 whole wheat english muffin
- 2 tsp jelly
- 6 oz low fat or non-fat plain yogurt
- 1/2 cup chopped strawberries

Lunch

- 1 6-inch whole wheat tortilla
- 1/2 cup cooked rice
- 2 TBS cooked black beans
- 1/4 cup tomatoes
- 1 TBS salad dressing



Dinner

- 2 oz lean beef such as roast, round, sirloin, or tenderloin
- 1/2 cup mashed sweet potatoes
- 1/4 cup cooked broccoli or green beans
- 1 cup low fat or non-fat milk*



Snacks: (1or 2 daily)

- 1/2 cup chopped banana
- 1 oz string cheese

Most 1- to 3-year-old children need to consume about 1,000 to 1,400 calories per day. An appropriate serving size for children is 1 tablespoon of food per year of life. For example, a lunch for a typical 2 year old will be 2 tablespoons of mashed potato, 2 tablespoons of chicken and 2 tablespoons of green peas. Some children need more food and some children need less food. Allow your child to eat as much or as little as she wants from what is offered.

Serve only water between meals and <u>planned</u> snacks. Plan snacks at least 2 hours before meals. Toddlers need only 2 servings of calcium rich foods daily (milk, cheese, yogurt or non dairy substitutes)

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