

COOKING MATTERS PRESENTS

# Make Your Plate a Rainbow

#### Go crazy for colors!

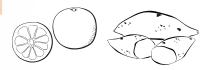
Colorful fruits and vegetables help you grow and get strong. Plus they look great on your plate! See if you can eat at least 3 different colors of fruits and veggies each day.

How many fruits and vegetables can you think of for each color? Write them in or draw pictures of them below. Color in the ones already shown.

Red



Orange



Circle the fruits and vegetables you ate yesterday. How many colors did you eat? Draw a box around the fruits and vegetables you would like to eat today. Try to pick at least

3 colors!

Yellow





Green





Blue or Purple





#### DID YOU KNOW?

Eating different colors helps your body and your brain! Red, blue, and purple fruits and veggies can boost your memory. Green ones give you strong bones and teeth. Orange and yellow ones keep your eyes sharp and help you fight off colds!

TIP: The next time an adult you know goes food shopping, go with them! Look for a fruit or vegetable you've never seen or tasted before. Ask if you can try it together at home.

## DID YOU

Your school serves colorful fruits and veggies every day at lunch! Draw a star next to the ones you see in the lunch line this week.

#### Fruits and veggies make great snacks or desserts!

Work with a friend or family member to make these colorful fruit and veggie treats after school or on the weekend.

#### **Fruit Salad**

- \* Wash and peel a variety of colorful fruits.
- ★ Cut fruits into bite-size pieces. Combine in a large bowl.
- ★ Cut a lime in half. Squeeze the juice over the fruit.
- ★ Drizzle a Tablespoon of honey if you like.
- ★ Stir ingredients to combine and enjoy!





#### **Veggies with Dip**

- ★ Cut up any colorful veggies you like. Try broccoli spears, bell pepper strips, celery sticks, cucumber slices, or carrot sticks.
- ★ Mix ½ cup nonfat plain vogurt. ½ cup low-fat mayonnaise or sour cream, ½ teaspoon dried parsley, ¼ teaspoon garlic powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper.
- ★ Dip the veggies and enjoy!

Many fresh fruits and veggies taste their best in spring or summer. In the winter months, or all year round, give frozen and canned fruits and veggies a try. They often cost less and can taste as good or better!

#### Fruit and **Cheese Kabobs**

- ★ Cut block cheese into small. cubes.
- ★ Wash, peel, and cut a variety of colorful fruits into bite-size pieces.
- ★ Slide food onto coffee stirrer "skewers" or whole wheat pretzel sticks. Switch between fruit and cheese pieces.



### Fill in the blanks — then fill up on yummy fruits and veggies!

Guess these **GREEN** fruits and veggies.

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Guess these **RED** fruits and veggies.

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Guess these **ORANGE** fruits and veggies.

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#### Word bank

Squash

Spinach

Sweet potato

Carrot

Kiwi Beet

Pineapple

Radish

Broccoli

Corn

Tangerine

Watermelon

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