

A healthy classroom makes nutrition and physical activity a seamless part of the learning experience. This set of BINGO card includes ways to incorporate nutrition and physical activity into the classroom on a monthly basis. As a class, review the BINGO card at the beginning of each month as a way to set goals related to wellness in the classroom. Brainstorm additional ideas to fill in the free choice box each month. Identify a class reward (PJ Day, Teacher eats lunch with class, etc.) if a BINGO is achieved by the end of the month! *Answers to questions are located on the last page.

For additional school wellness ideas and resources visit lowa Department of Education's School Wellness Webpage: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/school-wellness and follow lowa Healthy Schools - Healthy Students on social media!

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## TEAM NUTRITION Tín IOWA ${ }^{\text {m }}$

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Teacher Name:
Class reward for a BINGO!:

If you cut up a big Honeycrisp apple into 9 slices, but only eat $2 / 3$ of the apple, how many slices are left?*

Inhale through your nose (1-2-3-
4) and picture your breath moving to the top of your head. Exhale through your mouth (1-2-3-4) and imagine pushing your breath down to the back of your spine. Repeat.

A student leads the class in a Story in Motion:
http://bit.ly/2vxu8Lb

Black beans are high in dietary fiber and folate and a good source of protein. What ways do you like to eat black beans?

Dance to music with one of the favorite songs of the class.

> As a class do 25 jumping jacks.

Time to Stretch! Get some stretching in: Touch your toes, stretch arms across body and over your head, and do some neck rolls.

I am green inside and out, with a brown pit in the middle. My side companion is salsa, and I have healthy fats! What am I?*

If a serving of fruit is $1 \frac{1}{2}$ cups, and you have 2 cups of strawberries, $1 / 2$ cup of grapes, and 3 cups of blueberries, how many servings do you have?*

I am a root, with an orange color inside. I provide a lot of fiber and can be baked, boiled or steamed. What am I?*

Have students write down their favorite food from each MyPlate food group.

A student's birthday is celebrated with a healthy snack or a non-food prize.


At one recess organize a walking club where the class walks together the entire recess.

## Let's move! From

beginning to end and then repeat: 5 squats, 5 pushups, 5 jumping jacks, 5 lunges (each leg).

Have students think of their favorite physical activity is and have a couple volunteers, act it out in front of the class so everyone can guess!

Unscramble to find out what fruit I am:
NGPERAAOTEM* poster of their favorite fruit or vegetable. Include health benefits and three different ways you can eat the food.

Have students develop a wellness logo for the classroom and have the class vote for the finalist.

Have students figure how many calories are in one gram of carbohydrates, protein, and fat.*

Find a line on the floor or imagine one and jump side to side 24 times.

Invite a special guest to eat lunch with the class (principal, member from the community, high school athlete, etc.)

Everyone washes their hands before lunch.

Jog in place for 2 minutes.

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What are 2 dairy products besides milk?*

Unscramble to find out what fruit I am: NEPIAPLPE*

Create a list of ways your school can support student wellness and share the list with the principal.

Read a book aloud while students are a walking in place and have students act out the verbs in the story.

Participate in the Healthiest State Walk this month! https://bit.ly/2bUYMUD

October 29 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ is National Oatmeal Day! Brainstorm 5 different toppings you can put on oatmeal.

Have students role-play certain scenarios that demonstrate good and bad health habits (junk food dinner versus a well-balanced meal, watching TV versus riding your bike, etc).
Students partner up and stand back to back. Twist side to side as they pass a wadded up piece of recycled paper left to right.

Lead 5 minutes of stretches after lunch.

Look at the school lunch menu for the day. What are the vegetables to be served? How to they grow?

## Time to Move! Let's get

 some movement in! Try for 10 jumping jacks, 15 squats and 20 calf raises!A student's birthday is celebrated with a healthy snack or a non-food prize.

Display posters in the classroom that promote healthy eating. Order free copies from Team Nutrition: https://bit.ly/2mbxMUr

Print out the Farm to Plate cards from USDA's Dig In Curriculum and as a class put the cards in the right order. https://choosemyplateprod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/myp late/mystate/FarmToPlateGame-full.pdf

A 20 oz. bottle of soda has 110 calories in a serving, with $21 / 2$ servings in the bottle. If you drink the whole bottle, how many calories are you consuming?*

If you carved a pumpkin and roast 2 cups of seeds. Your family of 6 wants to split them. How much does each family member get?*
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What do you call a ship made from a banana?*

I am a crustacean with a red/orange color and I provide healthy fats. You can peel me, eat me raw, or cook me. What am I?*

A student leads the class in a Story in Motion:
http://bit.ly/2vxu8Lb

Brainstorm as a class 8 yellow/orange fruits and vegetables.*

Invite the school nurse to come visit the classroom to talk about healthy habits.

We are buying cranberries to make relish and have to weigh them at the grocery store. What is the total cost for 2 lbs . of cranberries at $\$ 0.99$ per lb.?*


Find out what an anthocyanin is and where they can be found.

You bought 4 turkeys (62 oz. each) for Thanksgiving, how many total lbs. of turkey do you have?*
a. $151 / 2 \mathrm{lbs}$.
b. $231 / 3 \mathrm{lbs}$.
3. 12 1/4 lbs.
d. 24 1/4 lbs.

A student's birthday is celebrated with a healthy snack or a non-food prize

Students write a journal entry that includes their favorite foods from each food group.

Students can have water bottles in their classroom

Some people call me chick Peas. You can use me to make hummus. What am I?*

Invite a local farmer to present to the class or "skype"

Download and read the Two Bite Club book on tablets to younger students: http://bit.ly/2wnlpc2

PA Break: Sit in a chair, stand up, jump, reach for ceiling, and sit down. Repeat 10 times.

I'm a vegetable that grows under the ground and has a green top. Eating me helps you have good eyesight.
What am I?*

Decorate your classroom and hallway with posters, signs, and other reminders to eat healthy.

Research 3 local produce items that are available this time of year.


| In pairs create a healthy snack recipe that includes 3 food groups. | If you bought 5 gallons of $1 \%$ milk, how many quarts would that be? Pints?* | Tropical Fruit Awareness Month: brainstorm 10 tropical fruits and vegetables | Share what your favorite outdoor physical activity is in the winter. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pear Month: What } \\ & \text { nutrients do pears } \\ & \text { contain?* } \\ & \text { https://idoh.ioway.fov/Portals } 1 / \text { /ilies/IN } \end{aligned}$ |
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| Everyone washes their hands before lunch Co (c) | A student leads the class in a Story in Motion: http://bit.Iy/2vxu8Lb | Students write a journal entry about why they think it is important to eat healthy snacks. | Create your own vegetable person using photos or drawings of vegetables. | Divide into groups to develop short brain breaks to share with the class |
| Have students share a fruit that they would like to try. | I'm a leafy dark-green vegetable that likes cool weather. I can be eaten raw or cooked. What am I?* |  | As a class brainstorm 10 fruits or vegetables that are orange or yellow. | Have students be a food critic: http://bit.ly/2floipH |
| Amanda's mom gave her $\$ 8.52$ to buy applesauce at the store. If a jar of applesauce was selling at \$2.99 per jar, how many jars could Amanda buy?* | Look at the lunch menu for the day and identify what foods go into the MyPlate Groups. | If you had 4 friends over for veggie pizza and the pizza had 12 slices, how many pieces would each person get? Are there any left?* | I grow underground, inside \| have a deep orange color and full of potassium, vitamins A and C , and fiber. What am l?* | Create a fraction hopscotch! http://bit.ly/2uzh4Qw |
| Share 3 fruits or vegetables you plan on eating over winter break | Have students plan a menu for dinner that includes all 5 food groups. Make sure they take the menu home to share! | Display Vegetable Subgroup Resource and have students identify their favorites by sub-group. <br> https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imc <br> e/school-nutrition/pdf/vegetable subgroups.pdf | Gimme $\mathbf{5}$ Physical Activity Break: 5 jumping jacks 2 toe touches 3 twists 2 high knees 1 spin | , OK <br> Why are bananas ever lonely?* |

Have students find the definitions of the six nutrients: carbohydrates, protein, fat, minerals, vitamins, and water.

What is a Rambutan: Where did they originate from?

Have students create an acrostic poem of their favorite vegetable

Brainstorm fruits and vegetables that are easy to find in the grocery stores during the winter

I'm a leafy green vegetable that comes in different colors... including red! You most likely eat me in a salad or on a sandwich next to a slice of tomato. What am I?


Have students look up the different parts that make up an egg
down. Keep hopping your feet
front and back while alternating
arms up and down.
An oatmeal recipe for 6 people includes:
1 c . of oatmeal
1 t . of salt 2 c . of boiling water How would you modify the recipe for 3 people? 4?

Indoor recess? Have students complete this maze: http://bit.ly/2uhIL19

Utilize MyPlate's Track and Field Game During Media: https://www.fns. usda.gov/track-and-field


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When oranges sells for $\$ 179.00$ for hundred pounds, what is the price per pound?

Compare the nutrient content of a can of soda and a carton of chocolate milk.

Find out what a carotenoid is and where they can be found.

Have students share a vegetable that they would like to try.

Have students develop and share 1 nutrition related goal for the next month.

Have a student lead class in 2 food yoga poses: https://cachampionsforchange.cdph.c a.gov/en/Documents/Flex.pdf

As a class brainstorm foods that have whole grains as the first ingredient

## Work in pair to complete

 the math Chef Challenge: https://fns-prod.azureedge..net/sites/default/files /tn/digin $17 \mathrm{~h} 2 . \mathrm{pdf}$


Have students bring in items to identify portion sizes. http://wb.md/1E3tqIR

Do chair squats for 30 seconds - 3 rounds.

Make a pie chart of what everyone ate for breakfast!

If you were grocery shopping for
2 lbs of steak and saw that a
steak costs $\$ 2.99 / \mathrm{lb}$ at one store and $\$ 3.29 / \mathrm{lb}$ at another store, how much would you save by buying the lower priced steak?*

Teach students to measure heart rate. Measure heart rate before and after doing 10 squats and 10 jumping jacks.

Research Vitamin D. Where can we get it? Why is it important?*

Have students share a protein that they would like to try.

Print and create an activity cube for brain break ideas: http://bit.ly/2uhmaBJ

I'm round and grow under the ground. My tall green tops taste good in soups and salads, but my red or golden root tastes nice and sweet. What am l?*

Sweet Potato Month: Why are they good for you? Brainstorm different ways to eat sweet potatoes

Have students bring in grocery store ads and compare prices of items.

Snack Food Month: Brainstorm healthy snack ideas in all 5 food groups


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What is a
librarian's favorite vegetable?*

When I am ripe I am often red, but they are yellow and orange varieties of me as well. You will find me on salad bars and in pizza and pasta sauce. What am I?*

Have students draw a pizza with vegetable toppings. Which veggies did they choose?

Students write a journal entry about a character that is being physically active. See who uses the most verbs!

Show video of Nutritionist: Career Spotlight (2:30min): http://bit.ly/2ui1ae8

Why is Kansas referred to as "American's Bread Basket?"*

Use grocery store ads develop a menu using all 5 food groups

Brainstorm 10 fruits and vegetables that are red

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| Do: <br> 10 jumping jacks 10 squats 10 lungs | In pairs have students create a meal with all 5 food groups with each food starting with the letter B | I am a red or black fruit that can stain your hands when you eat me. I grow on bushes and I taste good on your cereal. What am I?* | Have a student lead class in 2 food yoga poses: https://cachampionsforchange.cdph.ca gov/en/Documents/Flex.pd. | List 1 fruit and 1 vegetable for every color in the rainbow |
| While reviewing for a test ask students a series of true or false questions. If the question is true students complete 3 jumping jacks, if it's false they should touch their toes 3 times | Add up the number of minutes students have for recess and PE each week. | Using an index finger as an imaginary pencil right your name in huge cursive letter in the air. Now repeat using different body parts as your pencil (elbow, knees, toes, head, etc.) | Have students brainstorm fruits and vegetables that can be found at fast food restaurants. | , OK <br> Where do baby apes sleep? |
| I have grass colored green pods holding me. I am one of the first vegetables growing in gardens each spring. What am I?* | A student leads the class in a Story in Motion: http://bit.ly/2vxu8Lb |  | Garden Pen Pal - Have students write a letter to friend, relative or other class using the template: https://fnsprod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/ tn/digin 16h2.pdf | Have students share their favorite dried fruit? |
| Find a book about dairy farms and read it to a younger class. (i.e. The Milk Makers, Milk: From Cow to Carton) | One day at one grocery store, potatoes were on sale at 10 lbs . for $\$ 2.39$. Potatoes of the same kind were sold at 5 lbs . for $\$ 1.79$ at another store. *Which option is a | What are 3 different ways to eat broccoli? | Which cereal company, located in Cedar Rapids is the largest in the world?* | What is chlorophyll and where can it be found?* |
| Make 1 health related goal to complete in the next two weeks | Finding Fiber - Put this handout on the screen and complete as a class: <br> https://fnsprod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/tn/d igin I8h1.pdf | Before going to another classroom or lunch, take the long way to get there. | What is a jackfruit? Where did it originate from? What does it taste like?* | Check out common kitchen measurements. Find a measurement on a food/beverage label and convert to another measurement https://fns $\qquad$ /tn/digin I7h1.pdf |

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Class reward for a BINGO!:

Compare nutrition labels of $100 \%$ orange juice and SunnyD. What are the differences?

As a class brainstorm 10
fruits or vegetables that are yellow/orange.

It's Celery Month:
Brainstorm ways to eat celery. What nutrients does it provide?

Have a student lead class in 2 food yoga poses:
https://cachampionsforchange.cdph.ca.g ov/en/Documents/Flex.pdf

Plan a pretend picnic and create a menu as a class that would include all 5 food groups.

Have students share their favorite physical activity to do outside in the spring. Create a bar graph to demonstrate the results.

Put the Think Your Drink
Poster on the screen and compare beverages. Which
has the most sugar? Most calcium?
https://bit.ly/2us6ywA

Where does lowa rank when it comes to corn production in the US?*

Discuss food waste. Brainstorm ways to reduce food waste at home and at school.

I'm a beautiful red fruit that grows in early summer. I taste sweet and you can eat me in a smoothie, in your cereal, or all by myself. What am I?*

Invite a speaker to come in to talk about physical activity (high school athlete, coach, wellness center staff, etc.)

My names comes from the Latin word brachium, which means "branch" or "arm." My tree-like stalks are topped with green florets. What am |?*


A bag of whole wheat flour is offered at one store in 10 lb . bags at $\$ 1.89$, and in 25 lb . bags at $\$ 3.50$. Which one is a better buy?*

Discover what foods are grown, raised, and produced in lowa within each food group.
https://www.choosemyplate.gov/eathealthy /myplate-mystatefiowa

Have students bring in empty boxes of their favorite cereal and put them in order of lowest sugar to highest.

Add up how many fruits and vegetables serving you should get in a month based on
MyPlate recommendations for a 4th grader ( $1 \frac{1}{2}$ cups of fruit/day and 2 cups of vegetables/day). *

Create a bar graph of how students got to school. Walked, biked, bus, parents dropped off, carpooled, etc.

Its Garden Month: Have students share produce they have grown in a garden.

Have students share what new food item they tried this week

Fruit Imposters - Put this handout on the screen and complete as a class: https://fnsprod.azureedge.net/sites/default/fil es $/$ tn/digin $19 h 2$.pdf

I'm a leafy vegetable that grows in the garden. I can be green and white or red and green-either way, I taste the same! Most people cook me, but you can eat me raw, too. What am I?*


Choose MyPlate

If you have a garden or wish you had a garden, what are five things that you grow or would grow?

When measuring liquid, how many pints equal $1 / 2$ gallon?

What does \% Daily Value (\%DV) mean on a food label?*

Human Clock: students use their right arm to indicate the minute hand and their left arm to indicate the hour. Call out different times and students move in position. Increase speed!

Did you know, watermelon originated in Africa over 5,000 years ago! Which country is the world's largest watermelon producer today?*

Find out what organizations in your community offer nutrition workshops, assemblies or events that they can bring to your school. Local healthcare providers and gardening associations are a great place to start.

I'm red and round. You can add me to smoothies,
yogurt, or just eat me plain. I contain folate, fiber, and many other great things. What am I?
Think of your favorite main dishes (pizza, tacos, mac and cheese, etc.). What types of vegetables could be added in them to balance out the meal?

For lunch, you have $1 / 2$ cup of fruit, $3 / 4$ cup of vegetables and $1 / 2$ cup of pasta. How many cups do you have all together?

Learning about weather? Have students create a movement for different types of weather and call them out. Tornado $=$ spin like a top!

Do fruit snacks (packages of gummy product marketed to kids) count as fruit?*

Write a short story or a poem about your favorite fruit or vegetable.


Have students practice good posture. When walking stand up tall with shoulders back, balancing a piece of paper on their heads.

Complete the Fruit and Vegetables on MyPlate handout from the USDA Dig

In Curriculum: https://fnsprod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/tn/ digin_11h2.pdf

Asparagus are in season and you are planning to cook some this week. At the store, they are $\$ 0.89$. How much will it cost to buy 2.5 lbs ?
Have students form a circle. Have a student start the traditional wave motion. After a couple rounds have them switch to a different action. Challenge students to complete this scavenger hunt at home and bring back their findings for a
non-food prize. https://bit.ly/2Nc180C

When you set the table to eat, what all should you include in a place setting?

Create fun names for fruit and vegetables that are on the school lunch menu and share with the food service director to possibly be included on the menu next school year.

Eggs! They are great for breakfast, lunch and dinner! What type of nutrients do eggs have?

Most people, including children don't get enough fiber. What are some fruits and vegetables that are high in fiber?*

Share MyPlate's Kid Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Snack ideas. Are there any the students want to try? https://bit.ly/2bmDYaC

Dim the lights and have students close their eyes and clear their minds for 2 minutes. End with a deep inhales and exhales.

School is almost out for the summer. What fun opportunities are there in the community for kids?

## *Answers to Questions

## September

- If you cut up a big Honeycrisp apple into 9 slices, but only eat $2 / 3$ of the apple, how many slices are left? $2 / 3$ of 9 slices $=6$ slices
- I am green inside and out, with a brown pit in the middle. My side companion is salsa, and I have healthy fats! What am I?

Avocado

- Have students figure how many calories are in one gram of carbohydrates, protein, and fat.
a. Carbohydrates: 4 calories/gram
b. Protein: 4 calories/gram
c. Fat: 9 calories/gram
- If a serving of fruit is $11 / 2$ cups, and you have 2 cups of strawberries, $1 / 2$ cup of grapes, and 3 cups of blueberries, how many servings do you have? 4 cups total $/ 1 \frac{1}{2}$ cups $=22 / 3$ servings
- Unscramble to find out what fruit I am: NGPERAAOTEM
a. Pomegranate
- Joke: What is green and goes to summer camp? A Brussel scout!
- I am a root, with an orange color inside. I provide a lot of fiber and can be baked, boiled or steamed. What am I? Sweet potato

October

- What are 3 dairy products besides milk? Yogurt, cheese, cottage cheese, etc.
- You carved a pumpkin yesterday and roasted 2 cups of seeds. Your family of 6 wants to split them. How much does each family member get? 2 cups/ 6 people $=1 / 3$ cup
- Unscramble to find out what fruit I am: N E PIA P LPE-Pineapple!
- We are buying cranberries to make relish and have to weigh them at the grocery store. What is the total cost for 2 lbs . of cranberries at $\$ 0.99$ per lb.? 2 lbs. $x \$ 0.99=\$ 1.98$
- Brainstorm as a class 8 yellow/orange fruits and vegetables.
- Fruits: Apricots, cantaloupe, papayas, peaches, grapefruit
- Vegetables: Butternut squash, carrots, pumpkin, sweet potatoes, yellow peppers
- The nutrition label on a 20 oz. bottle of soda says there are 110 calories in a serving - but there are $2 \frac{1}{2}$ servings in the bottle. If you drink the whole bottle, how many calories are you consuming?
- $110 \times 2.5=275$ calories
- Joke: What do you call a ship made from a banana? A banana boat!
- I am a crustacean with a red/orange color and I provide healthy fats. You can peel me, eat me raw, or cook me. What am I? Shrimp


## November

- Some people call me chick Peas. You can use me to make hummus. What am I? Garbanzo Bean
- You bought 4 turkeys ( 62 oz . each) for Thanksgiving, how many total lbs. of turkey do you have? a. 15 1/2 lbs.
- I'm a vegetable that grows under the ground and has a green top. Eating me helps you have good eyesight. What am I? A Carrot
- If you make a trail mix with 1 cup cheerios, $1 / 2$ cup raisins, $1 / 4$ chocolate chips and $3 / 4$ cup of fish crackers, how many $1 / 2$ cup servings will you have? 5 - $1 / 2$ cup servings


## December

- If you bought 5 gallons of $1 \%$ milk, how many quarts would that be? How many pints? 20 quarts or 40 pints
- Pear Month: What nutrients do pears contain? Excellent source of fiber, Vitamin C, and potassium.
- I'm a leafy dark-green vegetable that likes cool weather. I can be eaten raw or cooked. What am I? Spinach
- Amanda's mom gave her $\$ 10$ to buy applesauce at the store. If a jar of applesauce was selling at $\$ 2.89$ per jar, how many jars could she buy? 3 jars
- If you had 4 friends over for veggie pizza and the pizza had 12 slices, how many pieces would each person get? 3 Are there any left? No
- I grow underground, inside I have a deep orange color, I am sweet, and full of potassium, vitamins A and C, and fiber. What am I? Sweet Potato
- Why are bananas never lonely? Because they come in bunches!


## January

- Look up the definition of fiber: Why is it good for our bodies? The term fiber refers to carbohydrates that cannot be digested. Fiber is found in the plants we eat for food - fruits, vegetables, grains, and legumes. A diet that includes foods that are rich in fiber can help lower blood cholesterol and prevent diabetes and heart disease. Also, fiber itself has no calories, and adequate amounts of fiber help move food through the digestive system, promoting healthy bowel function and protecting against constipation.
- Research what rambutan is: Where did they originate from? The rambutan is one of the most popular fruits in south-east Asia. The spiky red skin contains an edible, translucent fruit with a sweet-tart flavor. The rambutan is also known as the hairy lychee: it looks very similar to a lychee on the inside but the outside is completely different.
- I'm a leafy green vegetable that comes in different colors... including red! You most likely eat me in a salad or on a sandwich. What am I? Leafy Lettuce
- When bananas cost $\$ 0.58 /$ pound and the average weight of a banana is 4.5 ounces, how many bananas could you buy for $\$ 3$ ? 18 bananas (round to nearest whole banana)
- An oatmeal recipe for 6 people includes: 3 c . of oatmeal, 1 t . of salt, 6 c . of boiling water. How would you modify the recipe for 3 people? $1 \frac{1}{2}$ cups oatmeal, $1 / 2$ tsp salt, 3 cups of boiling water 4 ? 2 cups of oatmeal, $2 / 3$ tsp salt, 4 cups water.
- Some people call me Tree Fruit or Stone Fruit. My skin is yellow, sometimes blushed with red. There is a large pit in the center that is not eaten. What am I? A peach!
- John purchases a bag of mini cookies. On the label, each serving size has 130 calories. There are 3 servings per bag. How many calories are in the entire bag? 390 calories
- Knock Knock! Who's there? Lettuce. Lettuce who? Lettuce in, we are freezing!
- Find out what a carotenoid is and where they can be found. Carotenoids are plant pigments responsible for bright red, yellow and orange hues in many fruits and vegetables. They help plants absorb light energy for use in photosynthesis. Carotenoids act as antioxidants within the body, protecting against cellular damage, the effects of aging, and even some chronic diseases. Can be found in pumpkin, carrots, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, cantaloupe, etc.


## February

- Research Vitamin D. Where can we get it? Why is it important? Vitamin D is a nutrient that helps the body take in calcium from the foods that we eat. Together, calcium and vitamin D build bones and keep them strong. Vitamin D also plays a part in heart health and fighting infection. Our bodies make vitamin D when our skin is exposed to the sun. It's hard to get enough vitamin D from the sun, though. It is also important to protect skin to prevent melanoma and skin damage from too much sun exposure. The foods with best source of vitamin $D$ is fatty fish and fish oils. Kids often don't eat these foods a lot. That's why food companies add vitamin D to milk, yogurt, baby formula, juice, cereal, and other foods.
- Why is Kansas referred to as "American's Bread Basket?" They grow a lot of wheat!
- If you were grocery shopping for 2 lbs . of steak and saw that a steak costs $\$ 2.99 / \mathrm{lb}$. at one store and $\$ 3.29 / \mathrm{lb}$. at another store, how much would you save by buying the lower priced steak? $\$ 0.60$
- I'm round and grow under the ground. My tall green tops taste good in soups and salads, but my red or golden root tastes nice and sweet. What am I? Beets
- What is a librarian's favorite vegetable? Quiet Peas
- When I am ripe I am often red, but they are yellow and orange varieties of me as well. You will find me on salad bars and in pizza and pasta sauce. What am I? Tomatoes


## March

- I am a red or black fruit that can stain your hands when you eat me. I grow on bushes and I taste good on your cereal. What am I? Blackberries
- Where do baby apes sleep? In apricots!
- I have grass colored green pods holding me. I am one of the first vegetables growing in gardens each spring. What am I? Sweet Peas
- At one grocery store, potatoes are on sale for 10 lbs . for $\$ 2.39$. Potatoes of the same kind were sold at 5 lbs . for $\$ 1.79$ at another store. Which option is a better buy? 10 lbs . for $\$ 2.39$
- Which cereal company, located in Cedar Rapids is the largest in the world? Quaker Oats
- What is chlorophyll and where can it be found? Chlorophyll is the pigment that gives plants and algae their green color. Plants use chlorophyll to trap light needed for photosynthesis. Chlorophyll can be found in green vegetables.
- What is a jackfruit? Where did it originate from? What does it taste like? Jackfruit is believed to have originated in Southern India thousands of years ago, but is now widely cultivated in tropical regions around the world: SE Asia, South America, Australia and the Caribbean where it has been enjoyed both in ripe and young forms. Jackfruit grows on trees. A single jackfruit tree can produce 2 to 3 tons of fruit per year, with a single jackfruit growing up to 80 pounds! Similar in growing style to bananas or coconuts, jackfruit is harvested straight from the tree. Some think it tastes like pulled pork!!
April
- Add up how many cups of fruits and vegetables a 4th grade student should get in a month based on MyPlate recommendations (1 $1 / 2$ cups of fruit/day and 2 cups of vegetables/day). 30 day month: 45 cups of fruit and 60 cups of vegetables $=105$ total cups!
- What did the father tomato say to the baby tomato while on a family walk? Ketchup
- A bag of whole wheat flour is offered at one store in a 10 lb . bag at $\$ 1.89$, and in a 25 lb . bag at $\$ 3.50$. Which one is a better buy? 25 lb . bag
- Kids should drink 6-8 cups of water each day. How much water is that a week? $42-56$ cups of water
- My name comes from the Latin word brachium, which means "branch" or "arm." My tree-like stalks are topped with green florets. What am I? Broccoli
- I'm a beautiful red fruit that grows in early summer. I taste sweet and you can eat me in a smoothie, in your cereal, or all by myself. What am I? Strawberries
- Where does lowa rank when it comes to corn production in the US? $1^{\text {st }}$ !

May

- Asparagus are in season now and you are planning to cook some this week. At the store, they are $\$ 0.89$. How much will it cost to buy 2.5 lbs ? $\$ 0.89 x$ $2.5 \mathrm{lbs} .=\$ 2.23$
- Do fruit snacks (packages of gummy product marketed to kids) count as fruit? No. Fruit snacks are closer to candy than to fruit. They have very little fruit or fruit juice and are mostly made up of sugar, food colorings, artificial flavorings, gelatin and food-grade wax.
- Most people, including children don't get enough fiber. What are some fruits and vegetables that are high in fiber? Apples, pears, lentils, pinto beans, raspberries, blackberries, lima beans, and spinach. Fiber helps you feel full and keeps things moving in your digestive tract.
- Did you know, watermelon originated in Africa over 5,000 years ago! Which country is the world's largest watermelon producer today? China
- Eggs! They are great for breakfast, lunch and dinner! What type of nutrients do eggs have? Protein, Vitamin D and choline.
- I'm red and round. You can add me to smoothies, yogurt, or just eat me plain. I contain folate, fiber, and many other great things. What am I? Strawberry
- When measuring liquid, how many pints equal $1 / 2$ gallon? 4 pints $=1$ gallon, 2 pints $=1 / 2$ gallon.
- When you set the table to eat, what all should you include in a place setting? Dinnerware (plates, cups, saucers, bowls), glasses/cup, silverware (fork, spoon, knife), napkin, centerpiece, placemat or tablecloth (optional)
- What does \% Daily Value (\%DV) mean on a food label? These percentages tell you how much a serving contributes to the daily recommendation for each nutrient, known as Daily Value. The \% DV can help you compare foods because you can easily see which food is higher or lower in a nutrient.
- For lunch, you have $1 / 2$ cup of fruit, $3 / 4$ cup of vegetables and $1 / 2$ cup of pasta. How many cups do you have all together? $1 / 2+1 / 2+3 / 4=13 / 4$ cup
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