# Meal and Snack Patterns for a 1000 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 | Meal and Snack Pattern B |
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| (1000 calorie Daily Food Plan) | (1000 calorie Daily Food Plan) |
| Breakfast 1 ounce Grains $1 / 2$ cup Fruit $1 ⁄ 2$ cup Dairy* | Breakfast <br> 1 ounce Grains <br> $1 / 2$ cup Dairy* <br> 1 ounce Protein Foods |
| Morning Snack $1 / 2$ ounce Grains $1 / 2$ cup Fruit | Morning Snack $1 / 2$ cup Fruit $1 / 2$ cup Dairy* |
| Lunch <br> 1 ounce Grains $1 / 4$ cup Vegetables $1 / 2$ cup Dairy* 1 ounce Protein Foods | Lunch <br> 1 ounce Grains <br> $1 / 4$ cup Vegetables <br> $1 / 2$ cup Dairy* |
| Afternoon Snack $1 / 4$ cup Vegetables ½ cup Dairy* | Afternoon Snack $1 / 4$ cup Vegetables $1 / 2$ cup Fruit |
| Dinner <br> $1 / 2$ ounce Grains <br> $1 / 2$ cup Vegetables <br> $1 / 2$ cup Dairy* <br> 1 ounce Protein Foods | Dinner <br> 1 ounce Grains <br> $1 / 2$ cup Vegetables <br> $1 / 2$ cup Dairy* <br> 1 ounce Protein Foods |

[^0]| Daily Food Plan (1000 calories) | Total amount for the day |
| :--- | :---: |
| Grain Group | $\mathbf{3}$ ounces |
| Vegetable Group | 1 cup |
| Fruit Group | $\mathbf{1}$ cup |
| Dairy* Group | $\mathbf{2}$ cups |
| Protein Foods Group | 2 ounces |




[^0]:    *Offer your child fat-free or low-fat milk, yogurt, and cheese.

