# Healthy Food Choices for Kids Shopping Guide 

|  | Eat Almost Anytime Green Light Foods | Eat Sometimes Yellow Light Foods | Special Occasion Red Light Foods |
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|  | Nutrient-Dense $\longleftarrow$ Calorie-Dense |  |  |
| Vegetables | Raw, steamed, boiled, or  <br> grilled vegetables made  <br> with no added fat/sauces  <br> Artichoke Eggplant <br> Asparagus Kale <br> Beets Mushroom <br> Broccoli Onion <br> Carrots Radish <br> Cabbage Spinach <br> Cauliflower Tomato <br> Celery Watercress <br> Cucumber Zucchini | Avocado <br> Oven-baked French fries or sweet potato fries <br> Starchy veggies (e.g. corn, peas, winter squash, potatoes) <br> Veggies cooked with butter, oil, or cream sauce | Deep-fried veggies (e.g. French fries, hash browns, tempura veggies, onion rings) |
| Fruits | Fresh, frozen, or canned in  <br> juice/water:  <br> Apples Pear <br> Banana Pineapple <br> Blueberry Plum <br> Grape Raspberry <br> Kiwi Strawberry <br> Orange Nectarine <br> Peach Tangerine | Canned fruit in light syrup <br> Dried fruit <br> Fruit pouches <br> Pureed fruit <br> 100\% fruit juice | Canned fruit in heavy syrup <br> Fruit in desserts (e.g. apple pie) |
| Meat/Protein | Baked fish <br> Canadian bacon <br> Chili without meat <br> Chicken or Turkey, no skin <br> Cooked dry beans <br> Edamame, soybeans <br> Egg whites or egg substitute <br> Extra lean ground beef <95\% <br> Extra lean pork <br> Lentils <br> Low-fat lunch-meat <br> Split peas <br> Black-eyed peas <br> Tempeh <br> Tofu <br> Tuna, canned in water | Broiled hamburger <br> Chicken or turkey, with skin <br> Lean Pork, Ham <br> Lean beef (loin, round, <90\% ground beef) <br> Low-fat hotdogs <br> Meat substitute (<3g fat per serving) <br> Nuts <br> Peanut butter <br> Tuna, canned in oil Whole eggs, cooked with no added fats | Bacon <br> Beef (prime cut, ribs, $80 \%$ ground beef) <br> Chicken nuggets <br> Fried chicken <br> Fried fish <br> Fried hamburger <br> Hot dogs, lunch meat <br> Pepperoni <br> Ribs <br> Sausage <br> Whole eggs cooked with fat |


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| Bread/Starch | Brown rice <br> Hot and cold unsweetened cereals <br> Quinoa <br> Whole-grain bread <br> Whole-grain crackers <br> Whole-grain pasta <br> Whole-grain pita bread <br> Whole-grain tortilla | White refined flour bread, rice, pasta <br> Biscuits <br> Cornbread <br> Crepes <br> French toast <br> Granola <br> Pancakes <br> Waffles | Croissant <br> Doughnut <br> Crackers (made with trans fats) <br> Muffin <br> Sweet roll <br> Sweetened cereal <br> Taco shells <br> Tortilla chips |
| Dairy/Milk Products | Fat-free or low-fat cottage cheese <br> Fat-free or 1\% milk <br> Fat-free or low-fat yogurt <br> Part-skim, reduced-fat or fatfree cheese <br> Unsweetened soy milk <br> Unsweetened almond milk <br> Unsweetened rice milk | 2\% low-fat milk <br> Processed cheese spread <br> Soy cheese <br> Soy yogurt products <br> Sweetened soy milk <br> Sweetened almond milk <br> Sweetened rice milk <br> Sweetened coconut milk beverage | Flavored milk <br> Full-fat cheese including American, Colby, Swiss and Cream cheese) <br> Ice cream <br> Whole milk <br> Whole milk yogurt |
| Fats/Condiments | Fat-free creamy salad dressing <br> Fat-free mayonnaise <br> Fat-free sour cream <br> Hummus <br> Ketchup <br> Mustard <br> Salsa <br> Vinegar | Avocado or Guacamole <br> Canola Oil <br> Low-fat creamy salad dressings <br> Low-fat mayonnaise <br> Low-fat sour cream <br> Oil based salad dressing <br> Olive oil <br> Olive tapenade <br> Soft margarine <br> Tzatziki sauce <br> Vegetable oil | Butter <br> Cheese sauce <br> Cream sauce <br> Lard <br> Gravy <br> Mayonnaise <br> Regular creamy salad dressing <br> Salted pork <br> Sour cream <br> Stick margarine <br> Tartar sauce |
| Beverage | Fat-free or 1\% milk <br> Fortified non-dairy milk beverages, unsweetened <br> Unsweetened or diet iced tea <br> Water | 2\% low-fat milk <br> 100\% fruit juice <br> Coconut water <br> Diet soda <br> Sports drinks | Whole milk <br> Regular soda <br> Sugar-sweetened iced teas, juices, punch, and lemonade |
| Other Grocery Shopping Tips: |  |  |  |

For more tips and ideas on how to follow the Go, Slow and Whoa Plan visit: https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/educational/wecan/eat-right/index.htm

## Fast and Healthy Breakfast Ideas

1 cup fresh or canned fruit (in juice)
Make a sandwich the night before and add 1 cup of milk (non-fat or 1\%)

- Limit added fats by choosing low-fat cheese and hummus or mustard instead of mayonnaise.


## A breakfast or granola bar

- Choose one with at least 3 grams of fiber and no more than 10 grams of sugar.

Sprinkle $1 / 2$ cup of dry breakfast cereal over 1 cup of light or plain yogurt

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A packet of unsweetened instant oatmeal made with milk and topped with fruit or chopped nuts

A container of "light" or plain yogurt topped with fresh fruit

- Choose a yogurt with less than 12 grams of sugar.


A container of low-fat or nonfat cottage cheese topped with pineapple, peach, or apple slices

1 piece of fruit with 1 cup of unsweetened milk (non-fat or $1 \%$ )
1 piece of whole-grain bread with 1-2 Tablespoon of peanut or almond butter
Make a smoothie by blending fresh or frozen fruit (example: banana and berries), vegetables (example: spinach or kale), and milk or yogurt

Other Breakfast Ideas:

## Healthy Snack Options

Snacks can be part of a healthy diet. Snacks can help you avoid becoming too hungry and over-eating at meals.

Snacks can be a great way to eat more fruits and vegetables!
Having healthy pre-made snacks that are easy to grab may help you avoid eating high-fat and high-sugar foods.

Fruits and vegetables are some of the best snack foods.
Make a list here of some of your favorites:


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| Unsalted plain popcorn | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Baked Chips } \\ \text { Low-fat microwave popcorn } \\ \text { Pretzels or Rice cakes } \\ \text { Whole-grain crackers }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Buttered Popcorn } \\ \text { Potato or corn chips, } \\ \text { Cheetos } \\ \text { Goldfishe cheese crackers, or Ritz }\end{array}$ |
| Graham crackers |  |  |$]$

