

IMPORTANT FOOD INFORMATION

OUR GENERAL FOOD POLICY

- Our center is **nut-free**. No items containing peanuts or tree nuts may be brought to the ELC.
- If a child has a dietary restriction or food modification from the state's Nutritional Lunch Requirements, a Child Medical/Physical Care Plan form (JFS 01236) must be completed and signed by the child's physician. For specific food questions, please contact the ELC office at 513-424-6788 for clarification.
- Any milk that parents provide for their children must be nut-free (no almond, coconut, etc.) to ensure the safety of all children.

NUTRITIONAL LUNCH REQUIREMENTS

The following nutritional lunch requirements are set by the state. In addition, the food must not be a choking hazard and it must be developmentally appropriate in size, amount, and texture.

Requirement		Examples	Requirement	Examples
1 serving of <i>fluid</i> milk	Ĭ	Fluid milk (chocolate, skim, whole, soy)	2 servings of vegetables and/or fruit (one serving of each is recommended)	100% fruit juice; sliced carrots, cucumbers, apple slices
1 serving of meat or meat alternative	5.0	Lunchmeat, cheese, beans, eggs, poultry, fish	1 serving of bread or bread alternative	Bread, crackers, rice, enriched cereals

OUR POLICY REGARDING TREATS

- Please send treats **only** for your child's birthday or for a class party the teacher has planned.
- When sending treats for a birthday or class party, choose items only from the Safe Treat List below.
- Please bring treats to the office. We will double check them and take them to the classroom.

SAFE TREAT LIST

If a specific brand is mentioned, you *must* bring that brand.

COLD: Popsicle brand popsicles, Luigi's Italian Ice, Lemon Chills, Gogurt (good frozen), UDF brand vanilla ice cream cups, UDF sherbet

CRUNCHY: Lays Potato Chips (Classic), Cheetos (original), Nacho Doritos, Fritos (Frito Lay brand), Kettle brand plain chips, Tostito Scoops, Rice cakes, Goldfish pretzels, Rold Gold pretzel sticks and rods, Restaurant-Style Tostitos, Sun Chips (original, cheddar), Pringles (original, BBQ), Cheez-Its, Goldfish crackers, Keebler Club crackers, Townhouse Original

HEALTHY: whole oranges, clementines, bananas, apple slices (the kind that are pre-sliced & in a bag), cheese, cheese sticks, plain applesauce cups, cinnamon applesauce cups, Granny Smith applesauce cups

REFRESHING: bottled water, 100% apple juice, 100% grape juice

SWEET: Oreos, Keebler graham crackers (original, honey, cinnamon), Teddy Grahams (original, honey), Keebler Vanilla wafers, Barnum's Animal Crackers, Lorna Doone shortbread cookies, Fig Newtons by Nabisco, Kellogg's Pop Tarts (brown sugar & cinnamon, frosted strawberry), Lofthouse cookies