

Dear St. Pat's Parents,

Due to COVID 19 and the possibility that the virus could live on surfaces such as snack boxes, etc..., St. Patrick's Preschool will be collecting our first round of snacks at Open House 2020. We will store bulk snacks at preschool and notify parents when more snacks are needed. If we feel it is safe to have each child bring snacks on a rotating basis from their own homes at a later date, we will revert back to a snack schedule. Thank you for your patience as we learn an entirely new procedure. Initially, our return to learn procedures will be stringent and we hope to relax our processes as the year progresses. If you choose to bring items that need to be refrigerated, please send in a disposable bag rather than Tupperware as we cannot guarantee bowls or reusable bags will be returned.

Please remember we are a **peanut free zone** for all snacks as we have children in our program that have severe peanut butter allergies. Please avoid snacks that contain peanuts, peanut flour, peanut oil or peanut butter or other nuts. This includes snacks with almonds, coconuts, sunflowers, filberts, Brazil nuts, cashews, hazelnuts, macadamia nuts, pecans, pine nuts, pistachios and walnuts. (Tree nuts) Please read labels carefully to make sure that products are nut free. Products that are not safe choices will read: "traces of nuts", "made on shared equipment" or "made in a facility that processes nut/peanuts."

Please note: Food labels/ingredients may change over time, so it is always recommended that you read the label before purchasing snacks. All snacks must be store brought and brought to school in the original packaging. Because we are licensed by the State of Nebraska, we cannot accept any homemade snacks.

We have attached items that are peanut-free for your convenience, but you are not limited to this list. If you don't see an item you would like to bring, please refer to package ingredients and consult the preschool teacher for approval with any questions. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

Please see back page for recommended snacks.

Thank you for your consideration and support in keeping our food-allergic children safe from having a life threatening allergic reaction at preschool.



Peanut Free Snack Options

(Please send an unopened bulk snack for 24 servings or 24 individualized packages)

- Ritz Crackers
- Goldfish Crackers
 - Triscuits
 - Saltines
- Animal crackers
- Graham crackers
- Teddy grahams
 - Cereals
 - Puddings
- Applesauce
 - Yogurt
- Vanilla wafers
 - Popcorn
 - Raisins
 - Craisins
 - Pretzels
- Fruit snacks
- Rice cakes
 - Chips
- Cheese sticks
- Granola bars
- Chips or veggie straws
- Any fresh fruit or veggie

Must be sent in large Ziploc bag and cut or pre rinsed

****exceptions made for apples and bananas so they do not rot***

(Oranges, bananas, grapes, apples, strawberries, pears, plums, strawberries, melons, berries, carrots, cucumbers, celery)