

Snacks in the classroom, Grades K – 8:

Expectations:

Please note that snacks in the classroom are a privilege, therefore, adhering to the following procedures and expectations regarding students having snacks in the classroom is imperative and nonnegotiable.

I. SNACKS

- a. Will be healthy (Will follow USDA standards as noted in the Smart Snacks in School Policy); NO chips, cookies, candies, etc. **Please note that this does not pertain to project related food items used for instruction (Gingerbread house, holiday parties, graphing, etc.).
- b. Will NOT be shared! Students eat what they brought with no begging and/or enticement of one another's snack.
- c. It is the responsibility of the student to bring any accessories needed to eat their snack (students will not be making trips to the café to get spoons).
- d. Will be cleaned up thoroughly at that point in time.
- e. Will be day by day by the students (see II. C)
- f. Will NOT be bought and brought back from the café.
- g. Will remain in the students' backpack until snack time (middle school exception with the changing of classes will be made)

II. TEACHERS

- a. Will be responsible for the monitoring of healthy snacks. If necessary, notes may need to be sent home or phone calls made reminding parents of this.
- b. Will be responsible for ensuring that all debris from consumption of snacks is thoroughly cleaned up. This will not be one more thing for the custodial staff to worry about.
- c. Will NOT hoard food in the classroom. The ONLY food brought into the classroom is that day's snack. If there is a need for a student to have a snack due to personal reasons, please see Mr. Shore or Mrs. Bamberger.

III. SNACK TIMES

- a. Will be ONE time a day. Students will not be snacking at random throughout the day.
- b. Will be scheduled (transition times either morning time or afternoon, most likely when a class has its longest stretch of time between breakfast and lunch or lunch and the end of the day)
- c. Will be 10-15 minutes.
- d. Will be approved by Mr. Shore.

IV. FOOD for INSTRUCTION/PROJECTS/HOLIDAY PARTIES

- a. Will be brought in ONLY for the time necessary for the instruction/project.
- b. Will be sealed once opened.
- c. Will have same expectations of cleanliness.
- d. Will require a brief FYI via e-mail to Mr. Shore for approval.

V. EFFECTIVE SNACK TIME

- a. Combine with bathroom and water fountain break
- b. Use it as a time for students to copy homework; go over homework
- c. Teacher to make notes in planners
- d. Make-up/catch-up work
- e. One-on-one conference time with students
- f. Preparation for next content area

- g. Other effective use of time
- VI. FAILURE TO ADHERE (inspection of classrooms will occur)
 - a. Will result in that classroom losing Snack Time
 - b. Will require that teacher to explain to her students' parents why, as the classroom teacher, you could not act professional by following these rules, therefore having this privilege revoked.
 - c. Will come up for discussion at a future date and time to determine whether or not snack can be reinstated for that particular class.
 - d. Will have further administrative actions, if necessary, taken upon any teacher should they act independently of these procedures.