## **I Pledge Allegiance to My Health**



This pledge can be read daily at school or at home with your family to remind you of all the ways to take care of your body!

I pledge allegiance to my health, to not compare myself to anyone else. With fruits and vegetables I'll fill my tray and get nice and sweaty every day. I have only this body and this one heart so today's the day I'm going to start eating less chips and less sugary drinks and before I eat I'm going to think!

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Hayward Kiwis	C S T T
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December Nutrition Facts		
NUTRITION	<b>Facts</b>	
Serving Size: ½ cup kin Calories 55	wifruit, sliced (90g) Calories from Fat 1	
	% Daily Value	
Total Fat 0g	1%	
Saturated Fat 0g	0%	
Trans Fat 0g		
Cholesterol 0mg	0%	
Sodium 3mg	0%	
Total Carbohydrate 13g	4%	
Dietary Fiber 3g	11%	
Sugars 8g		
Protein 1g		
Vitamin A 2%	Calcium 3%	
Vitamin C 139%	Iron 2%	

- A ½ cup of sliced kiwis is an excellent source of vitamin C and vitamin K.
- Kiwis are actually a berry. Kiwis are one of the most nutrient-dense of all fruits.
- The skin of a kiwi is edible. Try it whole like an apple!
- The Chinese called kiwi "Yang Tao." The fruit Yang Tao was considered a delicacy by the court of the great Khans who cherished its delicious flavor and emerald-green color.
- A ½ cup of sliced kiwis has \_\_\_\_\_ % Daily Value (DV) for vitamin K. Use the Glossary of Nutrients on the last page to define vitamin K.



Golden Kiwi

Hayward Kiwi

See the Kool Kiwi Kabob recipe in Tasting Trios.



Why did the great Khans cherish kiwis?

## **Be More Active**

Physical activity has many health benefits. It is good to be physically active every day because it:

- Makes you look and feel great
- Gives you more energy
- Lowers stress and helps you relax
- Helps you get keep a healthy body weight
- Lowers your risk of type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, and some types of cancer
- Helps build and keep healthy bones, muscles, and joints

In the space below, explain how you will be physically active every day. Choose one motor skill (catching without dropping the ball, throwing accurately, kicking into a goal, etc.) that you will work on improving for the coming month.





Writing Strategies 1.1, Growth and Development Standard 5: Decision Making 5.1.G, Personal and Community Health Standard 6: Goal Setting 6.1.P, Growth and Development Standard 7: Practicing Health-Enhancing Behaviors 7.1.G; CCSS ELA L.3.1k, L.3.2f



## **Foods Found in MyPlate** Lettuce

Lima beans\*

**Mushrooms** 

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potatoes

juice

Mustard

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**Apples Apricots Avocados Bananas Blueberries** Cantaloupe Cherries Grapefruit Grapes Honeydew **Kiwis** Lemons Limes Mangos Oranges Papava **Peaches** Pears

Pineapple Plums Prunes Raisins **Raspberries** Strawberries Tangerines Watermelon 100% apple juice 100% grapefruit juice 100% grape iuice 100% orange iuice



**Artichokes** Asparagus Bean sprouts Beets Bell peppers\*\* Black beans\* Black-eyed peas\* Bok choy Broccoli Brussels sprouts Cabbage Carrots Cauliflower Celerv

Onions Pinto beans\* Potatoes Collard Pumpkin\*\* areens Soybeans\* Corn Spinach Cucumbers\*\* Split peas\* Dark green Squash\*\* leafy lettuce Sweet Eggplant\*\* Garbanzo Tomatoes\*\* beans (chick **Turnip greens** peas)\* **Turnips** Green Vegetable beans\*\* Green peas\* Zucchini\*\* Kale Kidney beans\* Lentils\*

\*beans and peas can also go in the protein group \*\*these vegetables are the fruit part of the plant because they contain the seeds of the plant



American cheese Cheddar cheese **Cottage cheese** Mozzarella cheese Non-fat or low-fat milk Non-fat or low-fat yogurt Parmesan cheese Swiss cheese



Brown rice **Buckwheat** Cornbread Corn flakes Corn tortillas Couscous Crackers Flour tortillas Grits Macaroni

Noodles Oatmeal Pita bread Popcorn Pretzels Ready to eat breakfast cereal Spaghetti White rice Whole grain barley Whole grain cornmeal



Almonds Beans and peas (see vegetables) Beef Cashews Chicken Eggs Fish Ham Lamb Peanut butter Peanuts Pecans **Pistachios** Pork Sesame seeds Sunflower seeds Tempeh Tofu Turkey Veggie burger Walnuts Whole rye

Whole wheat bread Whole wheat cereal Whole wheat crackers Whole wheat pasta Whole wheat tortillas Wild rice

## **Glossary of Nutrients**

Calcium This mineral helps build strong bones and healthy teeth.

**Carbohydrate** Carbohydrates are a main nutrient found in food. Carbohydrates are the body's major source of energy.



- Fat Fat helps a child's body grow and develop like it should. Fat gives the body energy and helps absorb some vitamins. There are different types of fat. Unsaturated fats may be good for your heart, while eating trans fat or too much saturated fat may be unhealthy for your heart.
- **Fiber** Fiber promotes good digestion and helps maintain a healthy heart. It also helps you feel full after a meal or snack.
  - Iron This mineral helps red blood cells carry oxygen to all the parts of your body.
- Magnesium This mineral helps your body maintain a steady heartbeat and keeps your muscles and nerves working properly.
- **Phytochemicals** Phytochemicals are naturally found in plants and may help prevent disease and promote good health. Different kinds of phytochemicals give fruits and vegetables their bright colors. Eat red, orange, green, white, and purple fruits and vegetables for better health.
  - **Potassium** This mineral helps your body maintain a healthy blood pressure and keeps your muscles and nerves working properly.
    - **Protein** Protein is found in many different types of food. Protein builds up, maintains, and replaces the tissues in the body. Muscles, organs, and the immune system are made up mostly of protein.
  - **Riboflavin** This B vitamin helps your body turn the food you eat into energy that your body can use. It also helps your body maintain healthy red blood cells.
    - **Thiamin** This B vitamin helps your body turn the food you eat into energy that your body can use. It also helps your body maintain a healthy heart, muscles, and nerves.
  - Vitamin A This vitamin helps your body maintain healthy eyes and skin.
  - Vitamin C This vitamin helps the body heal cuts and wounds and maintain healthy gums.
  - Vitamin E This vitamin helps maintain healthy cells throughout your body.
  - Vitamin K This vitamin helps certain cells in your blood act like glue and stick together at the surface of a cut.
    - Water Water makes up more than half of your body weight. Your body cannot survive for more than a few days without it. It helps your body work right.
      - **Zinc** This mineral is needed for healthy growth and development. It also helps your body maintain a healthy immune system, and helps your body heal from cuts and wounds.