# Children's Museum of Manhattan Family Health Handout

Love My Veggies

## **Benefits of Vegetables:**

- 1. GO food
- 2. Packed with vitamins and minerals
- 3. Low-fat and low-calorie

- 4. Excellent source of fiber
- 5. Huge variety from which to choose
- 6. Different colors provide different nutrients



# **Green Cart Shopping List**

Try adding a new vegetable from your local Green Cart to your next family meal.

# Family Goal

| Ad | d | one | more | serving | of | vegeta | b | les | a c | lay |  |
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| Monday we added:    | BONUS: Can you introduce your  |  |  |  |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Tuesday we added:   | child to 2 new vegetables this |  |  |  |
| Wednesday we added: | week?                          |  |  |  |
| Thursday we added:  | 1st new vegetable:             |  |  |  |
| Friday we added:    |                                |  |  |  |
| Saturday we added:  | 2nd new vegetable:             |  |  |  |
| Sunday we added:    |                                |  |  |  |
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Fact of the Week Eating a rainbow of vegetables provides more nutrients!

### **Health Tip**

For a crunchy snack, cut up carrots and celery!

## **Surprising Fact**

The fiber in vegetables helps keep children fuller longer.

### Strategy

Add some crunch to your sandwich by including lettuce, tomato, cucumber or carrots.

# At Home Tools

### Vegetable Books

I Eat Vegetables
by Hannah Tofts
Growing Vegetable Soup
by Lois Ehlert
I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato
by Lauren Child

## Did you know...

Fruits and vegetables contain essential vitamins, minerals and fiber that may help protect you from chronic diseases.

### **Fun Activities**

### Homemade Pizza

Use whole wheat English muffins. Add tomato sauce, low-fat cheese and fresh vegetables to create a delicious vegetable pizza face.

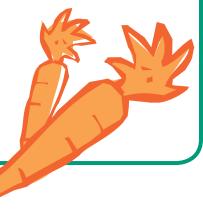
### **Create a Rainbow Salad!**

Include red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple vegetables. Cut them up into cubes, mix them together and enjoy!



### **Vegetable Words**

- 1. Five
- 2. Hard
- 3. Soft
- 4. Seeds
- 5. Crunchy



# **Vegetable Recipes**

#### Lunch

Place steamed broccoli on a plate. Sprinkle fat-free or low-fat cheddar cheese on top. Microwave in 30 second intervals until cheese is melted to perfection.

#### Snack

1 can garbanzo beans or chickpeas 1/4 cup olive oil

1 tablespoon fresh squeezed lemon Blend all ingredients together until smooth and creamy. You can serve immediately with fresh cut vegetables like carrots, celery, broccoli and green peppers.

### **Dinner**

Add small pieces of carrot and corn to pasta dishes.



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