

Prior to snack, model proper hand washing or sanitizing techniques, and discuss how washing our hands removes germs that can make us sick. Remind the children to discard their used paper products in the classroom recycle container. Washing or sanitizing their hands and recycling used paper products should become part of the children's daily snack routine.

Allow the a different group of children to "set the table" for snack each day. They should make sure each place at the table has one napkin, one cup, one snack, etc.

### Butterfly Snacks

Discuss characteristics of butterflies as the children construct their own butterfly snacks. They spread cheese on celery or crackers, then add pretzels for wings and raisins for eyes.



#### Materials

- Cheese spread or peanut butter
- Celery stalks or crackers
- Plastic spoons or knives
- Mini pretzels
- Raisins

**Science** - Describes characteristics in the appearance, behavior, and habitats of animals

**Approaches to Learning**  
Demonstrates flexibility, imagination, and inventiveness in approaching tasks and activities

**Creative Arts** - Creates original artwork that reflects thoughts, feelings, experiences, or knowledge

**Fine Motor Skills**  
Demonstrates control, strength, and dexterity to manipulate objects

### Ants on a Log

The children create ants on a log by spreading peanut butter or cream cheese on celery and sprinkling raisins on top.

Discuss characteristics of ants as children enjoy their snacks.

- They work together
- They live in large colonies or groups
- They can lift 20 times their own body weight
- They don't have ears or lungs
- Some queen ants can have millions of babies
- They prefer sweet substances, but will eat almost anything



#### Materials

- Peanut butter or cream cheese
- Celery stalks
- Raisins

**Speaking & Listening**  
Engages in conversations with peers and adults

**Science** - Describes characteristics in the appearance, behavior, and habitats of animals

**Social Studies** - Recognizes that people share the environment with other people, animals, and plants

**Fine Motor Skills**  
Demonstrates hand-eye coordination