Meal and Snack Patterns

for a 1600 calorie MyPyramid Plan ...

These patterns are examples of how the MyPyramid Plan can be divided into meals and snacks for a preschooler. There are many ways to divide the amounts recommended from each food group into daily meals and snacks.

Click on either pattern to see examples of food choices for meals and snacks.

Meal and Snack Pattern B Meal and Snack Pattern A (1600 calorie MyPyramid Plan) (1600 calorie MyPyramid Plan) Breakfast Breakfast 1 ounce Grains 1 ounce Grains ½ cup Fruit ½ cup Milk* ½ cup Milk* 1 ounce Meat & Beans **Morning Snack Morning Snack** 1 ounce Grains ½ cup Fruit ½ cup Fruit ½ cup Milk* 1 ounce Meat & Beans Lunch Lunch 2 ounces Grains 1 ounce Grains ½ cup Vegetables ½ cup Vegetables ½ cup Fruit ½ cup Fruit ½ cup Milk* ½ cup Milk* 1 ounce Meat & Beans **Afternoon Snack Afternoon Snack** ½ cup Vegetables ½ cup Vegetables ½ cup Milk* ½ cup Fruit 1 ounce Meat & Beans Dinner **Dinner** 2 ounces Grains 2 ounces Grains 1 cup Vegetables 1 cup Vegetables ½ cup Milk* ½ cup Milk* 3 ounces Meat & Beans 3 ounces Meat & Beans

^{*}Offer your child fat-free or low-fat milk, yogurt, and cheese.

MyPyramid Plan (1600 calories)	Total amount for the day
Grain Group	5 ounces
Vegetable Group	2 cups
Fruit Group	1½ cups
Milk* Group	2 cups
Meat & Beans Group	5 ounces

