Snacks for the (Pre)School Classroom

This is a list of healthy snacks that can be shared in the classroom. They don't require any cooking or much advanced prep work and there are no nuts. We've also included some suggestions for how to serve them and fun ideas for how to flavor some of them. We hope this list of fun ideas for the preschool and school snack table is helpful!

Fruit & Vegetables that Can Be Served Raw			
Apples	Clementines		
Applesauce	Corn*	Pear	
Banana	Cucumber	Pineapple*	
Bell pepper	Edamame	Plums	
Broccoli (raw, cut into small florets or steamed in the	Green beans	Pomegranate seeds	
microwave)			
Blueberries*	Jicama	Raspberries*	
Carrots	Melon	Snow peas	
Celery	Mango*	Strawberries*	
Cauliflower (raw, cut into small florets or steamed in the microwave)	Olives	Sugar snap peas	
Cherry tomatoes	Oranges	Watermelon	
	Peaches*	*Frozen is also a good option	
Dried Fruit & Vegetables – look for those without added sugar			
Apple	Dates	Peaches	
Apricots	Mango	Raisins	
Spreads & Dips	Crackers, Bread & Rice Cakes	<u>Protein Sources</u>	
Hummus	Rice cakes	Sunflower seed butter	
Mashed avocado or guacamole (add diced tomato and	Corn cakes	Yogurt (Greek yogurt) – buy plain and add	
some fresh or powdered garlic)		cinnamon, applesauce, maple syrup and/or fresh	
		or frozen fruit. Let children flavor it.	
Mashed black beans	100% whole grain crackers (Triscuits,	Mozzarella balls	
	for example)		
Mashed garbanzo beans	Mini whole wheat pitas (or whole	Edamame	
	wheat pita cut into triangles)		

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Cottage cheese (sprinkle on cinnamon for fun and	Whole wheat waffles	Cheese – be creative! Go beyond cheese sticks and
sweetness!)		cheddar; try gouda, Swiss, mozzarella.
Ricotta (sprinkle on cinnamon for fun and sweetness!)		Seeds (pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds)
Cream cheese (sprinkle on cinnamon for fun and		
sweetness!)		

Fun Make-Your-Own Bars – This is a fun way to let children be involved in what they are eating and "customize" their own snack. Put out lots of bowls and spoons and let them have fun!

Yogurt parfaits with fresh fruit and granola, or seeds

Kebobs with cherry tomatoes, small mozzarella balls, olives, slices of cucumber (use cupcake pop sticks, which aren't sharp, for younger children)

Kebobs with fruit slices, berries (use cupcake pop sticks, which aren't sharp, for younger children)

Oatmeal (make the day before with yogurt, milk and honey and put in refrigerator overnight); add fun fruity toppings

Kebobs with fruit, cheese cubes (use cupcake pop sticks, which aren't sharp, for younger children)

Fruit popsicles – fill Dixie cups with cut fruit, add water, insert a popsicle stick and freeze.

Make granola with a mix of sunflower and pumpkin seeds, dried fruit and cereal

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