

KID'S CAFE PROJECT

WHAT?

Your class is going to work together this term to design a menu for a restaurant focused on kids. You need to serve healthy foods that real kids would actually eat. Beyond that, you can be super creative about the foods you choose and how you set up your menu.

HOW?

First, we'll spend some time reviewing healthy foods, then we'll build our communication and decision-making skills to make sure everyone works well together during the project.

Next, you'll have a chance to research recipes. We will split into groups that focus on different sections of the menu. Once we get into research and planning mode, we will start each class with a short "staff meeting" to update classmates on your work and make group decisions.

Everyone will have a folder for their café project and will be asked to reflect on their own work habits at the end of every lesson. The purpose of that is to make sure we are all working hard toward our common goal, speaking with kindness, and making decisions with respect. This project will be fun but not easy!

WHY?

The purpose of this project is to help you learn more about healthy foods while also working on communication and decision-making skills. Your whole class has one goal—designing a menu together—and everyone needs to contribute.

WHEN?

Every class for the first term of school.

WHAT ARE THE PROJECT EXPECTATIONS?

The class must vote on a name for your restaurant and decide whether to focus on breakfast or lunch. You will need to research foods and choose 3-4 options for each category (such as drinks and sandwiches). Your foods ALL must be healthy and Mrs. Smith needs to approve each choice. Once you have chosen all your foods, you will need to write descriptions and design a menu that looks appealing.

WHAT ARE THE WORK EXPECTATIONS?

You will be expected to practice the communication skills we work on, such as being a good listener and using "I" statement. You will also be expected to speak with respect at all times and not criticize other people's ideas. You will need to respect decisions made by the group and also explain your work clearly.