Fitfuture Strategies for Better Living.



Breakfast gives you a chance to start each day with a healthy, nutritious meal and lays the foundation for lifelong health benefits. Breakfast is particularly important for children and adolescents. According to the American Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, children who eat a healthy breakfast are more likely to:

- · Meet daily nutrient requirements
- Concentrate better
- Have better problem-solving skills
- Have better hand-eye coordination
- · Be more alert
- · Be more creative
- Miss fewer days of school
- Be more physically active

Here are 25 options for quick and healthy breakfasts that are sure to please children and adults:

- Single-serving bowls of whole-grain cereal
- Pair string cheese with whole-wheat crackers
- Granola bar and a piece of fruit
- 4 Hard-boil eggs to have on hand for busy mornings
- 5 Small containers of low-fat yogurt
- Whole-grain English muffins can serve as a base for a breakfast sandwich
- Grilled cheese and green apple sandwich
- 8 Let frozen pineapples defrost and add to cottage cheese
- Quick bread (banana, pumpkin, zucchini) and yogurt
- Single-serving cartons of low-fat, low-sodium cottage cheese with walnuts
- Bagel with almond butter
- 12 Turkey, lettuce and tomato wrap
- Top whole-wheat toaster waffles with a tablespoon of peanut butter and fruit preserves

- Banana and low-fat chocolate milk
- Cheese and baby spinach quesadilla
- Stir one or two tablespoons of fruit preserves into plain instant oatmeal to add a touch of sweetness
- Add one or two tablespoons of nuts to your yogurt or oatmeal
- Stir berries into oatmeal or yogurt
- Fruit smoothies
- 20 Apple and peanut butter
- 21 Have leftovers for breakfast (why not?)
- 22 Quiche
- Open-faced grilled cheese English muffin with a slice of tomato
- 24 High fiber muffin
- Yogurt parfaits