NUTRITION TIDBITS FOR TEACHERS

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Sanitation

- 1) Sanitize high chair trays BEFORE each use. Something could have been placed on the tray since you last sanitized it. Infants usually put their food on the tray like a plate, so always sanitize before each use. Even if you sanitized it after you last used it, it is best practice to do it again right before.
- 2) Sanitize tables BEFORE you sit for meals. Children will put their hands on the table. If you have washed their hands and they touch an unsanitized table, they will get their hands dirty again.



- **3) Wash hands before and after each meal.** Everyone should wash their hands before and after each meal. Sing ABC's through one time to help kids get in the habit of washing long enough.
- **4)** Keep extra spoons and forks handy. Kids drop their spoons and forks *often*. Be prepared to offer a new one when a child drops a utensil on the floor.



5) Wear gloves. When plating and serving food, wear gloves just to be extra safe.

6) Label sippy cups and bottles. Don't allow children to share drinking cups.

7) Sanitize the meal transport cart between every meal. If it looks like the cart that brings meals to your room is dirty, ask how often it is sanitized.