

# 5-6 YEAR OLDS

#### **Eat This**

Plain Yogurt w/ Fresh Fruit

Eggs
1 cup cerea

1 cup cereal Water

Plain Oatmeal w/ Berries

Whole Wheat Toast

Tuna Fish Sandwich Grilled Chicken

Homemade Chicken Nuggets\*

Oranges Apples Veggies!!!

### **Not That**

Gogurt Pancakes Giant Bowl Juice Boxes

Flavored oatmeal packets

Pop-Tarts

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Chef Boyardee

Store Bought Nuggets

Orange Juice Apple Juice

Easy Mac n Cheese

### 7-11 YEAR OLDS

#### **Eat This**

Protein Pancakes\*

Eggs

Whole Wheat Bread

Fruit

Grilled Chicken Fish Tacos from home

Water

Broccoli w/ Melted Cheese

String Cheese Tuna Fish

Grilled Chicken Oatmeal w/ berries

Protein Shake \* Granola Bar

Homemade Hamburger Vegetables w/ Dip

### **Not That**

Pop Tarts Sugary Cereal

Pancakes/Waffles

Candy

Chef Boyardee Taco Bell Soda/Juice

Cheese Fries Chips

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Fried Chicken

Sugary Oatmeal Packets

Milkshake Snickers Bar McDonald's

Dorito's

### **TEENS**

#### **Eat This**

Whole Egg/Egg White Omelet

Protein Oatmeal

Water Protein Bar/Shake

Seltzer Water

Tuna Fish Sandwich

Bring Your Lunch

Bring four Lunch

Fruit

Homemade Food Single Serving Chips

Salad w/ Grilled Chicken

4oz of steak w/ veggies

Seafood Homemade Pizza

#### **Not That**

Pop-Tarts or Cereal

Waffles

Orange/Apple Juice/Iced Tea

Granola Bar

Soda

**Lunch Meat Sandwich** 

School Lunch

Chips Fast Food

French Fries

Deep Fried Chicken Sandwich

Chicken Wings Hot Dogs Frozen Pizza

Drink Half Your Bodyweight In Ounces of Water (150lbs = 75oz water daily)

\*Food For Thought: When going out with friends, you know where you generally go. If you go to Wawa a lot, start looking at what can be your staple food items so you can decide ahead of time what you are going to get. The wraps in the refrigerated section have the calorie count on them, but the made to order screen does not. Ask yourself if the chips that you get for the side will really make you feel more full than if you didn't get them. Do you really need that calorie ridden drink that will not fill you up any more than getting a water. A 400 calorie wrap can easily turn into an 800+ calorie meal because of all the extras that you get. Not only that, but the high calorie processed food will make you feel more sluggish an hour later than if you didn't get them at all.

## **ADULTS**

Instead of a list of **This or That** (you can steal from the lists on the left), I'm going to encourage some awareness around certain things.

#### Habits you can begin to think about:

Have protein with every meal. Stop eating like a child!! You don't have to pick eggs or egg whites, you can do 1 or 2 eggs with a bunch of egg whites to get the protein higher without as many calories and fat.

#### Stop drinking calories!

If you drink soda, switch to diet, and eventually to water only. Fake sugar can have a negative effect on your gut biome when consumed too much, so try to limit it. If you do cream and sugar with coffee, switch to a flavored creamer and no sugar added, then maybe transition to black over time. Preparing meals at home is cheaper and takes less time than ordering food and waiting for it to be delivered. Start tracking your food, like you track your money. You know what your paycheck is, you deserve to know how many calories you are consuming. Drink half your bodyweight in water daily, and between half your bodyweight and up to your bodyweight in protein.

(150lbs = 75oz of water and 75-150g or protein a day)

#### Know what your goal is!

Lose weight? Perform Better? Live a LOOONG time? Then act accordingly. You can lose weight with poor food decisions, but you won't feel/perform well and won't live long. Trying to get super lean or a super high physical performer will take a toll on longevity. These goals can change...

- Eat 2 pieces of fruit and 3-5 servings of veggies everyday.
- Eat a BIG SALAD once a day with a protein source.
- Eat from a plate at a table with as many meals as possible.
- Use a smaller plate.
- Don't feel the need to finish your plate.
- Are you still hungry or do you just like tasting the food toward the end of the meal?
- Eat the protein and veggies before you have the other stuff.
- Intuitive Eating means you eat what you need, not whatever you want!
- If you have cravings for something, google what that might mean.
- It usually means your body needs certain micronutrients or minerals.
- Feed what you need!
- Get as consistent sleep as possible everyday.
- Similar bedtime, similar wake time. Not getting enough sleep affects hormone production which will increase stress and hunger.
- Focus on stress reduction. You must give your body permission to lose weight if that is the goal. Stress has a drastic effect on calorie output. The more stress you have, the less calories you will burn. Taking walks outside has more of a positive effect on your life then you will ever realize, until you start doing it.
- Download an app like Headspace or Wim Hof Method for help with this.
- Think about the availability of foods that you and your kids struggle with.
- If you can't control portion sizes on certain things, don't have it in the house. Say no once in the grocery store or you will have to try to say no everyday in the house!

The habits you create now will be passed down to your kids. The things you struggle with as an adult will be passed down to your kids. It's never too late to change that. If you start eating to fuel your body and feel good, your kids will develop a better relationship with food. It's all in the delivery... You're not changing lifestyle/habits to lose weight, you're changing to feel good.

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