

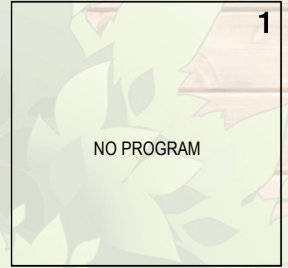
**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

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**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**



NO PROGRAM

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**4**

**5**

**6**

**7**

**8**

Honey Graham Crackers  
Apple Juice

Goldfish Crackers  
Milk

Cheddar Sunchips  
Apple Juice

Mozzarella String Cheese  
Milk

Heartzel's Pretzels  
Orange Juice

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**11**

**12**

**13**

**14**

**15**

Strawberry Yogurt cup  
Apple Juice

Cinnamon Poptart  
Milk

Giant Goldfish Graham  
Orange Juice

Blueberry Muffin  
Milk

Dorito Chips  
Orange Juice

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**18**

**19**

**20**

**21**

**22**

Animal Crackers  
Milk

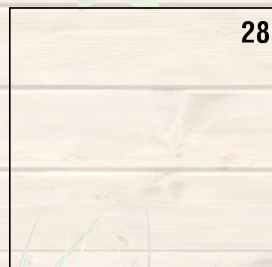
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS! HAVE A GREAT WINTER BREAK!





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## The Power of Sleep

Today, an overwhelming majority of students are not getting enough sleep. This lack of sleep is a serious problem and can negatively impact learning. Students come to school early, spend hours in the classroom listening and taking tests, then run off to practices and play dates and then come home to be faced with homework or chores. While their days may not sound as stressful as adults, it's a busy schedule for people their age, so adequate sleep is essential to help them prepare to be their best every day. The amount of sleep a child needs varies depending on the individual and certain factors, including the age of the child. Following are some general guidelines:

### **3-6 Years Old:** 10 - 12 hours per day

Children at this age typically go to bed between 7 and 9 p.m. and wake up around 6 and 8 a.m., just as they did when they were younger. At 3, most children are still napping, while at 5, most are not. Naps gradually become shorter as well. New sleep problems do not usually develop after 3 years of age.

### **7-12 Years Old:** 10 - 11 hours per day

At these ages, with social, school, and family activities, bedtimes gradually become later and later, with most 12-years-olds going to bed at about 9 p.m. There is still a wide range of bedtimes, from 7:30 to 10 p.m., as well as total sleep times, from 9 to 12 hours, although the average is only about 9 hours.

### **12-18 Years Old:** 8 - 9 hours per day

Sleep needs remain just as vital to health and well-being for teenagers as when they were younger. It turns out that many teenagers actually may need more sleep than in previous years.

Not only is the number of hours important to student wellbeing, but so is the quality of sleep. Talk to your children about how well they are sleeping. It's an important and simple thing that can be adjusted to help support their overall achievement.

Source: **WebMD Feature: "How Much Sleep Do Children Need?"**

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