Pre-K Theme for a Day


A mini teaching topic with activities and related printables


## Spark! Activity

Show the children a cookie sheet, or read them the ingredients list of a simple cookie recipe. Can they guess what the sheet is used for? Or what the recipe might make? (Click for printable - large manipulatives)

## Learning Group Time

Preparing and eating traditional food is an important part of celebrating holidays. Let's make a list of all the things we can think of that are baked in an oven (including cookies). (Click for printable) (Cakes, muffins, bread, turkey, lasagna etc.

## Discovery Centers

- Play cookie bingo/ match (Click for printable)
- "Baking" sequence cards - small group and center (Click for printable)
- Match numerals with sets of cookies - center (Click for printable)
- Tracing cookie cutter shapes - fine motor activity
- Add cinnamon or cocoa to homemade play dough and pretend to be bakers (non-edible)
- Categorizing - "tools" and "ingredients" used in cookie baking. (Click for printable)
- Order by size - chocolate chip cookies. (Click for printable)
- Colors - Matching cookies to same color jars. (Click for printable)
- Make and read emergent reader with repeating words: "Cookie, Cookie". (Click for printable)
- Center - match-up cards - match 2 halves of the cookie to make a whole cookie. Symmetry focus. (Click for printable)
- Play dough mat - decorate 3 cookies. (Click for printable)
- 3 "discuss and color" printables. (Click for printable)


## Creative Art

- Print with cookie cutters - dip in thick tempera. OR
- Add sawdust or coffee grounds to medium brown tempera, paint circle cookies. Can stick chocolate chips onto "cookies". (Click for printable)


## Music and Movement

A song to sing while waiting for cookies to baketune: This Land is your Land.
My cookies are baking, in the oven baking, They will be ready, so soon for eating,
Oh I am waiting, patiently waiting,
Until those cookies are baked for me. (Yum, yum).

## Story Suggestion

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff
Saturdays and Teacakes by Lester Laminack
Mr. Cookie Baker by Monica Wellington

Small Group Game
Activities with commercial animal cookies - counting, matching, making sets, eating.

Record and Remember
Draw a picture - "There are 5 delicious cookies on this plate". (Click for printable)


Rhyme: Five little cookies in the bakery shop.
Shining bright with some sugar on top.
Along comes (child's name) with a nickel to pay.
He she buys a cookie and takes it away. (Continue with four, three, two and one). (Click for printable)

Baking cookies - sequence cards. Use in small group, or make a center



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## What can we bake in an oven?

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Cookie lotto, bingo. Print 2 copies. Also, make a Memory or Concentration game.




IO-frame cards 0-IO. Cut out, match numbers to sets.


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Emergent reader with repeating words.




## Cookie, cookie, vanilla crème.

Cookie, cookie, my favorite cookie.

Cut out the cookies and




Sorting cookie-making tools and ingredients:
TOOLS


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## making COOKies



Large manipulatives - print on cardstock, cut out. Use for recognition, vocabulary, hiding and finding, matching games (print 2 copies) and bulletin boards.






Center - print on cardstock, cut out cards and cut each card in half. Match the correct halves.




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