

quick SNACKS TO FUEL Your Brain

When you are hungry and time is limited, try some of these quick snacks that require little prep time!

- **Veggies and Dip:** Baby carrots, cucumber slices, red pepper slices, broccoli, cherry tomatoes, snap peas, or celery sticks served with hummus, salad dressing, or other dip.
- **Vegetable Sticks with Spread:** Celery or carrot sticks topped with nut butter or cream cheese (add dried fruit on top for a twist on the flavor).
- **Snack Kabobs:** Veggie or fruit chunks skewered onto thin pretzel sticks.
- **Sweet Potato Fries:** Baked sweet potato wedges, tossed lightly with olive oil and salt.
- **Cottage Cheese or Yogurt with Fruit and/or Granola:** Try using fresh grapes, frozen berries, or canned peaches or pineapple.
- **Mini Bagel with Spread:** Try cream cheese, nut butter, or hummus.
- **Pita Sandwiches:** Stuff whole wheat pita bread with any combination of fillers. Try meat, cheese, and a variety of veggies. Add hummus or mustard for extra flavor.
- **Chips and Salsa:** Use whole grain baked pita chips or baked tortilla chips. Also try out bean dip instead.
- **Taco Roll-Up:** Small whole wheat tortilla rolled with cheese, beans, and salsa.
- **Turkey Roll-Up:** Turkey slice rolled up with cheese.
- **Mini Pizzas:** Top pita bread or half of a whole wheat English muffin with tomato sauce, cheese, and chopped vegetables and toast until cheese is melted.
- **Smoothies:** Use water or milk as your base and add any sort of fruits and vegetables you like! Sweet fruits like strawberries and bananas make smoothies a tasty yet nutritious treat.



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even **QUICKER** SNACKS for Healthy Kids

For even quicker snacks, try these!

- **Whole Fruit:** Grapes, apples, bananas, etc.
- **Fruit Salad:** Store-bought fresh fruit, unsweetened canned fruit, or snack cup.
- **Frozen Fruit:** Berries, mango, you can even freeze grapes.
- **Dried Fruit:** Look for unsweetened varieties and keep it to a handful.
- **Apple Sauce:** Unsweetened.
- **Nuts:** Such as almonds, walnuts, cashews, or mixed nuts; keep it to a handful.
- **Cheese:** One string cheese or 2 slices of cheese.
- **Granola/Fruit Bar:** Look for whole grain bars that are low in sugar.
- **Cereal:** Choose whole grain cereals like Cheerios, Multigrain Chex, and Shredded Wheat.
- **Trail Mix:** Made with nuts, seeds, granola, and/or dried fruit; keep it to a handful.
- **Popcorn:** 2-3 cups popped.
- **Fruit Smoothies:** Store-bought or homemade with fresh or frozen fruit and milk or yogurt.



- **Pretzels:** A handful served with a spoonful of hummus or nut butter.

Let's not forget about beverages.

Reach for some of the suggestions below the next time you provide beverages!

- **Water**
- **Milk**
- **Seltzer water** with a splash of 100% fruit juice



Try making tasty infused water

Just add fruit (think berries, melons, citrus fruit, kiwi, etc.) and/or vegetables (like cucumber, celery, or carrot), and/or fresh herb leaves (like thyme, mint, cilantro, or parsley). Mix and match and let it sit a few hours in the fridge to let the flavors infuse.

