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## EASY 3-INGREDIENTS AFTER SCHOOL SNACKS

(Vegan + Healthy!)

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Save money AND time with these 3-Ingredients After School Snacks! They're easy to make, kid-friendly, and use simple, tasty ingredients. Plus they're vegan!

The last thing you want to do after a long day of school (or work) is come home and spend 45 minutes making an elaborate snack. Am I right, or am I right?!

Thankfully, I've got 6 easy-to-make snack ideas for

you! They're tasty, mostly healthy, and you only need 3 ingredients to make them. Say goodbye to boring chips and carrot sticks, and hellooo to these tasty concoctions.

I decided to come up with 3 sweet and 3 savory recipes for you all — you know what they say, variety is the spice of life! These recipes are kid-friendly, and are either no-bake or can be made in a microwave or toaster oven.

### SAVORY SNACK #1: BUFFALO HUMMUS

Hummus + Veggies is great, but gets old after a while. Switch it up by adding in some Buffalo Hot Sauce into the mix! For an extra-yummy treat, heat the Hummus up for a few seconds in the microwave and serve it warm.

#### INGREDIENTS:

- ½ cup Plain or Garlic Hummus
- 1-2 tbsp Buffalo Hot Sauce, or to taste (I like Frank's)\*
- Veggies OR Fresh Pita, to dip

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Mix the Hummus together with the Hot Sauce until well-incorporated, then serve as desired. \*For another fun twist, substitute the Hot Sauce with Barbecue Sauce, Teriyaki Sauce, or another favorite Vegan Sauce of yours!





## SAVORY SNACK #2: PITA BREAD PIZZAS

These Pizzas are great for a larger group of people, or when you're feeling extra hungry You can melt the cheese in the microwave if you don't have a toaster oven, but this will make the bread chewy.

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 medium Pita (if you are GF, sub with a GF Tortilla)
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup Marinara Sauce
- ½ cup Vegan Cheese Shreds OR 2 tbsp Nutritional Yeast (for a healthier, but still cheesy, option)

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

- **1.** Spread the Marinara Sauce evenly over the Pita, and sprinkle with cheese.
- 2. Place the Pita into your toaster oven and bake at 375F for 5-10 minutes, or until the Vegan Cheese has melted.

## SAVORY SNACK #3: GUACA-SALSA

What's better than lazy Guacamole?! Lazy Guacamole that doesn't dirty a bowl!

#### INGREDIENTS:

- ½ Avocado
- 1-2 tbsp Salsa
- Chips OR Veggies, to dip

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Remove the pit from the avocado half and carefully use a knife to "score" it like a checkerboard.
- 2. Use a fork to mash the avocado in its "skin."
- **3.** Once mashed, add 1-2 tbsp of salsa and mix well.
- **4.** Serve with chips, or fresh veggies for a healthier option.





# SWEET SNACK #1: APPLES AND "CARAMEL" SAUCE

While traditional caramel isn't vegan, this healthy "caramel" sauce is! Made with only maple syrup and nut butter, it's an easy — and tasty — treat.

#### INGREDIENTS:

- ½ tbsp Maple Syrup (or Agave)
- 1 tbsp Nut or Seed Butter
- 1 Apple, or other fruit of choice

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

 Mix the maple syrup and nut butter together in a small bowl, until well combined. Slice an apple and dip away!

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 5-10 Medjool Dates
- Natural Peanut Butter (I'd recommend crunchy)
- ¼ cup Vegan Chocolate, to drizzle on top

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- **1.** Carefully slice one side of each Medjool date and remove the center pit.
- 2. Line a baking tray or large plate with parchment paper, and place the dates on top of it.
- 3. Using a small spoon, place around  $\frac{1}{2} 1$  tsp of peanut butter into the center of each Date.
- 4. Next, melt the vegan chocolate in the microwave cook at 30-second intervals, stirring in between.
- 5. Once the chocolate is 75% melted, stir until it is completely melted.
- **6.** Drizzle the melted chocolate over each date (or dunk them!) and let cool completely.
- **7.** Store the leftovers in a sealed container at room temperature for up to one week.



