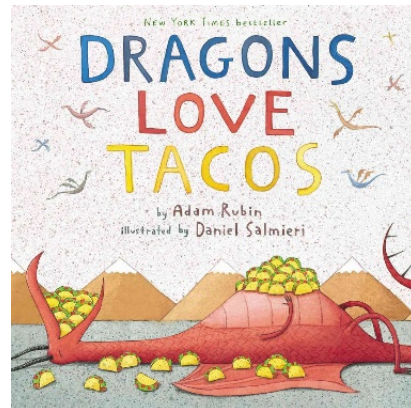


CLOVERBUD READING ADVENTURES

Dragons Love Tacos

By Authors Name

If you give a dragon salsa....watch out! This book is a red hot read full of humor and the troubles of being fire-breathing dragon longing for tacos of all kinds: beef, steak, or fish.



ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS

Fiery Dragon



Materials: toilet paper tube, red construction paper, red, yellow, and orange tissue paper, 2 medium pompoms, 2 small pompoms, 2 medium wiggly eyes, glue stick, white glue, scissors

What to do: Cut the construction paper into a rectangle that will fit around the tube and use glue stick to attach. Attach the 2 medium pompoms to the end of the tube with white glue as shown. Glue the 2 smaller pompoms about an inch from the other end. Glue the wiggly eyes onto the larger pompoms. Cut 9 strips of tissue paper, each about 10 inches long with a point on one end. Using the glue stick attach them inside of the tube on the end with the smaller pompoms. Kids can blow into the end of the tube to make the dragon breath fire.

Lunch for Dragons



Materials: paper plates, shredded green paper, tan paint, paint brush, red, yellow, and brown tissue paper, stapler, scissors

What to do Paint the bottom of the paper plate using the tan paint and let dry. After the plate is dry, fold it in half to make the shell. Stuff the taco shell with lettuce (shredded green paper) and tomatoes, ground beef, and cheese (colored tissue paper). Staple the taco nearest the folded edge about 2 inches on either side. Now you have a good lunch for your dragon.



GAME

Taco Party

Supplies: 3 x 5 index cards, glue stick, copies of playing cards made from the template (found at the end of this adventure), cut apart. You will need one taco shell card per person playing and one “party’s over” card. You can make as many of the ingredient and sauce cards as you would like.

How to Play: To create game, print out game cards (found at the end of this adventure), cut apart, and glue to a 3 x 5 index card. Everyone playing starts with a taco shell card. The rest of the cards are mixed up and turned face down in a pile in the middle of the group. One person starts by pulling a card and adding that to their taco. Each player draws one card as play continues around the circle. If a person draws the “hot sauce” card they have to return all of their ingredient cards to the pile. The game continues until someone draws the “party’s over” card. Whoever has the most cards in their pile when the party is over is the winner for that round.



Taco Name Game

Supplies: None

How to Play: Cloverbuds sit in a circle. One member starts by saying his or her name and something they will put on their taco. For example: “My name is Blake and I will put cheese on my taco.” The next player says his or her name and a different ingredient to add to a taco and then repeats what the first child says also. In this example the child would say, “My name is Aaron and I will put onions and cheese on my taco.” Continue around the circle until everyone adds their own ingredient.

SNACKS

Pepper Tasting Party

Ingredients: red, orange, yellow, green, and purple bell peppers



What to do: Ahead of time advisor should wash, seed, and slice each color of bell pepper. Kids should take one slice of each pepper and taste it to figure out which is sweetest and/or has the best taste to them.

Optional: Kids vote on favorite pepper and record the results on a bar graph



Chips and Salsa

Ingredients: 2 large tomatoes, 1/3 cup chopped green pepper, ¼ cup diced green onion, 2 cloves of diced garlic, 1 tbsp. chopped cilantro or parsley, ½ of a lime, salt



What to do: Dice the tomatoes and add green pepper, green onion, garlic, and cilantro/parsley. Squeeze juice from the lime over the salsa and add a dash of salt. Mix well with a spoon. Serve fresh with tortilla chips.

Ask the kids what other ingredients they could put into their salsa. This salsa is mild. Do any like hot salsa? What else can they use salsa in?

OTHER BOOKS TO READ ALOUD

Dragons Love Tacos 2: The Sequel, by Adam Rubin

Have You Seen My Dragon? By Steve Light

Chicks and Salsa, by Aaron Reynolds

EVALUATION

We value your input! After completing a Reading Adventure with your Cloverbuds, please tell us what you think. Your feedback will be used to improve the Reading Adventure program. Type the link in your browser and navigate to the evaluation site:

<https://go.osu.edu/evaladventures>

4-H CLOVERBUD READING ADVENTURES

Reading Adventures are part of the Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Program. This adventure was developed by Kathy Blackford, 4-H Youth Development (retired), Ohio State University Extension, Ashland County. It contains well-known activities, games, and snacks. Sources are indicated where appropriate. Find more reading adventures online at

<https://u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections/reading/>.

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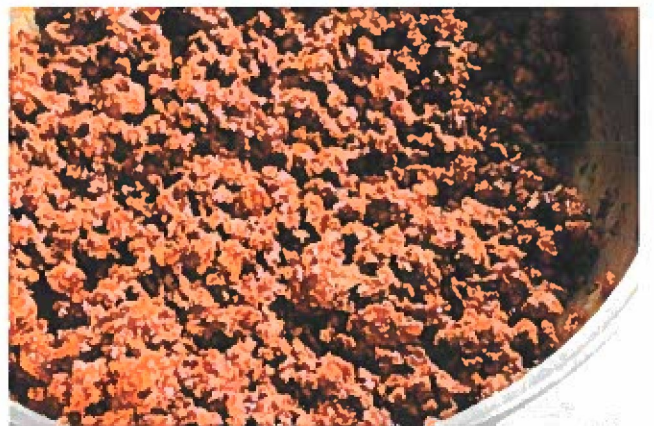
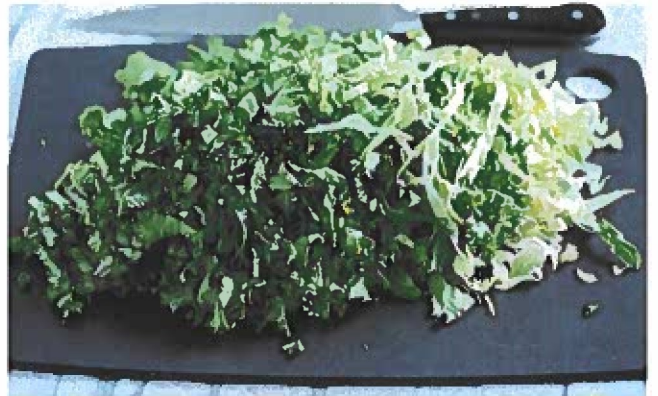
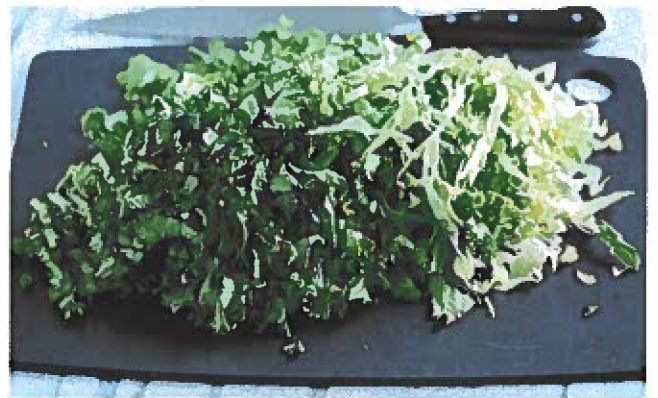
This 4-H Cloverbud Reading Adventure works well with Chapter 16, “Fun with Food” in *The Big Book of 4-H Cloverbud Activities* available through OSU Extension offices or online at extensionpubs.osu.edu. Ohio residents get the best price when they order and pick up their purchases through local Extension offices.

SOURCES:

<https://www.twopeasandtheirpod.com/grilled-fajita-chicken/>

<http://www.myrecipes.com/recipe/homemade-tomato-salsa>











Party's Over!