# **MyPlate**



"...is a reminder to find your healthy eating style and build it throughout your lifetime."

#### 5 Main Food Groups:

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Grains
- Protein
- Dairy

#### **Key Tips:**

- -Make half of your plate fruits and vegetables
- -Focus on whole fruits
- -Vary your veggies
- -Make half of your grains whole
- -Have multiple protein sources a week



## Tips

#### 1. Plan your meals

- Use things you already have
- Work around your schedule
- Utilize a planning worksheet (write it down)
- Plan for leftovers

#### 2. Make a shopping list

- Use your meal planning worksheet to make a grocery list
- Organize your list into food groups or grocery store sections
- Add foods to the list as you run out of them

#### 3. Save money at the store

- Dual use ingredients
- Don't shop hungry
- Utilize coupons or loyalty programs
- Buy seasonal produce

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### **Benefits**

#### 1. Saves money and time

- Increases time for family and leisure
- Using leftovers and decreasing food waste saves money

#### 2. It is a family affair

- Give everyone a task
- Get family input on meals

### 3. Allows the diet to be more well balanced and healthful

- Decreased fast food trips
- Planning well-balanced meals



## Equipment

#### 1. Plastic storage bags

- Freezer meals
- Chopped vegetables
- Snack Bags



#### 2. Disposable Pans

- Meatloaf
- Casseroles
- Pasta dishes



#### 3. Reusable storage containers

- Leftovers
- Daily meals
- Lunches

