Food for Thought

Changes in fruits and vegetables can be new and exciting! Fruits and vegetables can be made healthier. They can be made to last longer. Many different colors and shapes are created through changes in food. Now that you know all of this, it is time for you to make your own shapes and colors!

Create your own colorful foods

Colorful Macaroni

What you need: macaroni, food coloring, baggies, paper towels

What to do:

- 1. Put one color of your choice of food coloring in a baggie.
- 2. Add macaroni to the baggie.
- 3. Zip the baggie shut.
- 4. Shake!
- 5. Open the baggie and pour the macaroni on paper towels to dry.

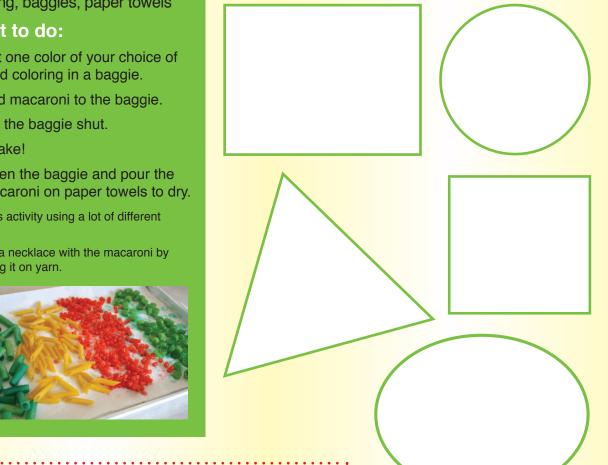
*Do this activity using a lot of different colors.

*Make a necklace with the macaroni by stringing it on yarn.



Staying in Shape

Draw vegetables and fruits that fit in each of the shapes. Make sure to be creative and use a lot of different colors!



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Funky Foods

The food you eat can change! Farmers and scientists can now make a healthier plant. They can make a tastier plant. They can even make plants that are different colors! The food you eat can be made into something funky just by changing what is inside.

Pluots

Plum and apricots are put together and changed to make a new hybrid food called pluots.





My food is called

Better Boy Tomatoes

Some types of tomatoes are changed so that they last longer than regular tomatoes.

Think about a new food that you would like to create. Name and draw a picture of your new food.

Sweet Corn

Sweet corn is changed so that it makes a natural substance that bugs don't like.





Seedless Watermelons

Some watermelons are changed so they don't have seeds. There are no seeds to pick out!

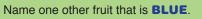
Chewing on Changes in Food



When you eat a carrot, do you wish it was purple? With the changes made in food, you can have blue tomatoes or white eggplants. Farmers and scientists can also add more things in foods that make you healthy. Other foods are changed so they don't die or get eaten by bugs.



Name two other fruits or vegetables that are **PURPLE**.







Name four other fruits or vegetables that are GREEN.

Name three other fruits or vegetables that are **RED**.



Different fruits or vegetables can also be put together to make one. Tangelos are tangerines and grapefruits put together. Lematos are tomatoes and lemons. There are so many different foods to make, all you need is an idea!

What two foods would you would like to put together? What would their new name be?



Math

Colorful

Blue Tomatoes



Purple Carrots



Green Oranges

Red Bananas



Pink Cauliflower



Take a close look at this graph, time to do How many bananas are there? ______ How many more bananas than oranges ar Are there any fruits and vegetables that ar If yes, which ones? _____ Which fruit or vegetable has the most? ___ Which has the least? ____ Bonus: How many total vegetables and fru Draw the next two fruits or vegetables in the



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Changes Graph	
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