

School Holiday Fun

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Keeping everyone happy and entertained during the holidays can cost a fortune.

Lunchbox Cookies

1 kg Self-raising flour
2 cups sugar
1 punnet margarine - 500g
1 tin condensed milk
2 cups mixed fruit (or fruit/nut mix, or choc chips, or chopped cherries etc)

Method: Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add condensed milk and mix. Stir in mixed fruit and then the flour. The dough should be firm, but not really stiff. Roll teaspoonfuls into balls and flatten onto baking paper lined cookies sheets. Bake in a moderate oven about 15 minutes, watching carefully so they don't burn.



Comments: This recipe makes lots of cookies, so is quite economical. You can also substitute sultanas, pie apple, nuts, choc chips etc for the mixed fruit to give more variety. They are also very nice plain, too.

Homemade Playdough

My kids love this homemade playdough. It's much cheaper than the bought stuff and it lasts a long time, even if they leave it out.

Mix two cups plain flour, one cup salt and two tablespoons of cream of tartar. Add two tablespoons oil, two cups water and a few drops of food colouring.

Stir together then dump into a large fry pan and cook like scrambled eggs. Keep stirring until it's no longer "wet". It only takes a few minutes. When it looks like playdough, dump it onto the bench and knead for a few minutes.

That's it!

Make Flubber

This is great fun to make and even more fun to play with. In a container, put some PVA glue and add a small amount of cold water. Mix it well to thin down the PVA. Add some food colouring. Now, carefully add boiling water, mixing well, a little at a time, until it is thick and resembles playdough. Turn it out and knead it well. Then go have some fun with your flubber!

Old Fashioned Games

These are great for a really cold day, when kids can't play outside, or on those really long and boring wet vacation days. Teach the kids to play dominoes, old maid, snap, draughts or charades - they love acting out the answers to this one.



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