

## Food Serving Sizes for Children 6 to 12 Years

## **How many** What is ONE serving for a child six years and over? each day? **Grains** 5 to 12 servings per day Pasta or rice 125 ml (1/2 c) Cold cereal 175 mL (3/4 c) Bagel 1/2 medium bagel = 1/2 baseball = 1 tennis ball = 1 hockey puck **Vegetables** and Fruits 5 to 10 servings per day 1 medium fresh fruit or vegetable Cooked vegetables 125 ml (1/2 c) Fruit juice 125 mL (1/2 c) Maximum 250 mL (1 c) per day = 1 baseball = 1/2 baseball Milk **Products\*** 2 to 4 servings per day Milk 250 mL (1 c) Cheese 50 q (2 oz) Yoqourt 175 q (3/4 c) = 2 - 9 volt batteries = 1 tennis ball **Meat and Alternatives** 2 to 3 Depending on the age of the child, one serving will range from: servings Peanut butter 30 mL (2 Tbsp) Meat, fish poultry 50 q (2 oz) = 1/2 a deck of cards to per day 100 g (4 oz) = 1 deck of cards= 2 walnuts Tofu 100 q (1/3 c) Depending on the age of the child, one serving will range from: = 1/2 tennis ball Beans or lentils 125 mL = 1/2 baseball to 250 mL = 1 baseball

Serving sizes show common amounts to offer children 6 to 12 years. Children may eat more or less at meals or snacks. As children grow older, serving sizes and numbers of servings will increase. Enjoy a variety of foods.

