

Winkelman Winter Wonderland Spirit Week

What to wear and what to eat for some winter holiday fun during the last week before winter break!

Merry Morning Monday - Pajama Day & gingerbread houses!

Cut graham crackers. Make a batch of royal icing: 3c. powdered sugar, 2 eggs whites, 1/4t. cream of tartar; whip egg whites until frothy, add the other ingredients, whip for 7-9 minutes until the volume has increased and the icing holds stiff peaks. Put icing into a disposable piping bag. Decorate with favorite candies (M&Ms, gum drops, candy cane, marshmallow etc.).



Twinkle Tuesday - Wear your holiday flare & snowmen on a stick!

2 bananas, 1/4 carrot, handful of currants or chopped sultanas, 3 strawberries, 6 grapes, 6 skewers || Cut bananas into thick slices. Cut carrot into small triangular slivers for a pointy nose. Cut strawberries and grapes in half. To assemble, thread three slices of banana on to each skewer followed by a strawberry hat and grape half. Gently press the currants into the banana slices to create eyes and the buttons on the body then add the carrot nose.



Winter Wonderland Wednesday - White and blue clothes & Rolo pretzel treats!

Rolo candies, pretzel twists, pecan halves (optional) || Heat oven to 250°F. Line cookie sheet with parchment paper or foil. Place one pretzels on prepared sheet. Top each pretzel with one unwrapped Rolo® candy. Bake 3 to 5 minutes or until Rolo® piece begins to soften but not melt. Remove from oven; top with either pecan half or additional pretzel. Cool completely.



Tacky Tourist Thursday - Vacation clothes & melted snowman sugar cookies!

12 sugar cookies, 2 cups royal icing, 6 marshmallows cut in half, long orange sprinkles, M&Ms, black gel food color || Dye half of the icing with black food coloring. Add to piping bag and snip off a small tip. Thin remaining white icing to 10 second consistency and add to a piping bag. Frost cookies with white icing allowing it to drip over the sides. Add cut marshmallow towards the back of the cookie. Add M&Ms and pipe black stick arms "floating" out away from the head while icing is still wet. Allow the cookies to set for 20-30 minutes before decorating the face with two eyes, a surprised 'O' for a mouth. Use leftover white icing to attach the orange sprinkle nose.



Festive Friday - Holiday sweaters & winter wonderland popcorn!

1/2c. blue sprinkles, 7c. popcorn, 1/4c. candy snowflakes, 12 oz melted and tempered white chocolate or melted white confectionery coating || Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Pour popcorn into a large mixing bowl. Pour white chocolate over top. Quickly stir it and toss it to coat the popcorn. Pour out onto the baking sheet and immediately toss the sprinkles and snowflakes over top. Whack the pan on the counter a few times to help candy stick. Refrigerate for 10 minutes. Remove and break up into bite size chunks.



Happy Holidays!