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**Food in the Classroom** by Lisa Murphy AKA “ *the ooey gooey lady*”

Answer with reference to your past experiences in Little Lancers preschool in complete sentence English form.

1. Number One- what is your reaction to the beginning of this article about “food in a classroom” where children are very poor and don’t have enough to eat? Is using fruit loops on a string, rice in the sand table or dyed noodle necklaces, of good educational value to young children? Why? Had you ever considered the economic status of the children in the preschool while planning your lessons?
2. Number two – If you got a job next year in a preschool that was NOT allowed to use food for any lessons,( a 100% no food rule) and you wanted to teach a math lesson with measurement and a “rebus” picture recipe how would you defend the use of a muffin recipe or an applesauce recipe to the director?
3. Number three – So, Answer Lisa Murphy’s question, “What do you believe in? …. Do you believe food can be used in an instruction / learning way in a preschool classroom?
4. Would you allow one parent to make you “wishy washy”? Do you think you should change you lessons appear “wishy washy” about your instructional beliefs of preschool curriculum to please a parent? Give an example to support your answer.
5. Is Play dough a food product? Can that be used in a NO Food classroom? What lessons do you feel strong enough about to defend your position to use food?
6. If you were to teach in a “NO FOOD” Classroom what would you place in the rice table/sensory tub?
7. Other than “ART” how does food fit into our Little Lancer Curriculum? Think of at least one lesson for each curriculum area below. A sentence description will do.
   1. Pre Reading
   2. Writing
   3. Math
   4. Science
   5. Social / emotional behaviors
8. When do you feel the use of food should be considered improper? Are their conditions that our use of food is wasteful? What should we do about that?