

School/Class Event: Recipes for The Cake-Eating Hippo Cook Book

Imaginative librarians and teachers often create cakes for authors and their books. This a book birthday cake.



Question: 'Who made the hippo's cake?'

Author response: 'Who do you think?'

'He probably went to Cake School to learn cooking cakes.' 5 year old's response

Healthy eating means fewer cakes. But this cake-eating hippo has always been alternative: fish cakes, rice cakes, mud cakes and even carrot cakes because hippos do eat carrots.

As a class, discuss meals/ recipes hippo wants to learn to cook.

The hippo was created in 1979, so how about creating your own school recipe page for each year the hippo has been around. Some suggestions have been:

- Hippo-shaped cake
- A recipe for a friend (what ingredients would you need?)
- Birthday Cake
- Muddy Food
- Hippo footprints (biscuits with fork marks)
- Hippo Blood (red drink)
- Hippo dandruff (white marshmallows)
- Left-overs
- Muffin Tops
- Roof tile biscuits
- Salad Jungle with radish and carrot flowers and celery sticks
- Hippo coloured food

- Letter biscuits to spell the word HIPPO
- Icecream cake
- Rice cakes (balls)
- Potato Cakes
- Fish cakes
- Question Mark Cake: imagine the taste
- Burnt Buns
- Mud slab cake

1. Read all the hippo books for ideas
2. Collect recipes from family and friends.
3. Write them down.
4. Test the recipes.
5. Good food or junk? How do you work this out?
6. Design your book. Electronic portfolio? Scrapbook? Exhibition?
7. How will you illustrate your cook book? Hippo shapes? Photos? 'Tactile/feelie shapes?
8. Design the cover and the blurb
9. Have a cook book launch.
10. Review your book.



Hippocampus is an area of the brain associated with memory and with basic drives and emotions

A campus is also the university or school grounds where you learn. So join the Summer Cooking School on Hippo-Campus