

APRIL - TENDER STALKS OF SPRING

Watch the story of
[The Mighty Asparagus!](#)

“Nibble with Willow” at Home



Goal: Explore stalks - asparagus, fennel and celery in family meals

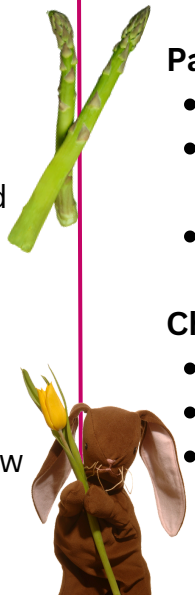
RECIPE: Asparagus, Fennel & Celery with Hummus

Activities to do with your child:

- Shop for the ingredients together.
- Press the buttons on the microwave to cook the asparagus.
- Scoop their own portion of hummus.
- Squeeze lemon onto their hummus.
- Dip their veggies into the hummus and eat them.
- Watch Willow's "[Mighty Asparagus](#)" YouTube video.

Nurture your Child's Curiosity for Food:

- How do stalks feel? Hard or soft?
- What color are the asparagus, celery and fennel? How are they different?
- What does it sound like when you ‘snap’ the end of the asparagus?
- Which longer - the asparagus stalk or a celery stalk?
- Say “1,2,3 Nibble!” and then taste the new food together.



TIPS FOR PARENTS

DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY IN FEEDING

Parents decide:

WHAT, *WHEN*, and *WHERE* children eat their snacks and meals.

Child decides:

HOW MUCH and *WHETHER* or not to eat the snacks and meals.

Parent's jobs with feeding are to...

- Choose and prepare the food.
- Provide meals and snacks at regular times.
- Make eating time pleasant.

Child's jobs with feeding are to...

- Eat the amount they need.
- Learn to eat the food they enjoy.
- Learn to behave well at mealtime.

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ASPARAGUS, FENNEL & CELERY WITH HUMMUS



INGREDIENTS

- 1 bunch** Asparagus
1 bulb Fennel
3 ribs Celery
1 container Hummus

Optional:

- 1 lemon** to squeeze on top of hummus
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Prep Time: 10 minutes
Makes 1 quart of hummus and a quart of veggies for dipping

Note: Children should use plastic or table knife for all child steps that require cutting/chopping.

1 CHILD

For Vegetables:

Help SNAP the asparagus ends off each stalk.

2 ADULT

COOK in the microwave for about 2 minutes, covered with a paper towel. Remove and cool.

3 ADULT

CUT the fennel bulb in half lengthwise. Place half cut side down and SLICE thinly. Discard the tough ends and set slices aside. Repeat with other half.

4 ADULT & CHILD

Adult CUT the celery ribs lengthwise into thinner sticks. Child helps CUT the sticks into 3 inch lengths for dipping.

5 ADULT & CHILD

SERVE the asparagus spears, fennel strips, and celery sticks with Hummus. NIBBLE and ENJOY!