This month make the choice to replace some of the flavored milk your family drinks with white milk. If this is a tough change for you or your kids, try adding a little bit of your own chocolate syrup so you can control the added sugar.
PICK A BETTER SNACK.

Be Choosy in the Cheese Aisle
• Buying: Choose low-fat cheese most often. Look on the label for the terms “reduced-fat” or “low-fat.” Look at the price per ounce on the shelf price tag to figure out what the least expensive option is. If that isn’t available, compare 8 ounce packages of cheese. Most cheese comes in 8 ounce packages. And, always check the expiration date.
• Storing: Store cheese in the original packaging or in a sealed plastic bag. The key is to make sure the cheese is air-tight. Pieces of cheddar, Monterey Jack and Swiss, cheese can be frozen in blocks or after they’re shredded.
• Enjoying: Cheese contains calcium and protein, but it is also a source of saturated fat (solid fat). Eating smaller amounts of cheese will allow your family to enjoy the flavor and texture of cheese but limit unwanted fat and calories. For example, remix your family’s Friday night pizza by adding more veggies and cutting back a bit on the cheese.

Resource:
Where can you get extra food for your family when money is tight?
access.arkansas.gov

LET’S MOVE!

Let’s Move in the Neighborhood
The most convenient place to be active is your own neighborhood. Check out these ideas:
• Start walking with your neighbors. Or, take turns watching the kids so you can each go and get active.
• Encourage the kids to get active in the neighborhood by playing games like capture the flag, basketball, to tag.
• Talk to your local YMCA, parks and recreation department, or community center about low or no cost programs in your neighborhood.
• Make it a goal to find a safe walking route near your house.

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