

Preserving Family Treasures

(NAPSA)—Every holiday season families come together in the kitchen to share stories and make their favorite holiday treats. To keep these special traditions alive, the Land O'Lakes Holiday Bake-line is encouraging Americans to write down and preserve their treasured family recipes. To help make it easy, they have included a blank recipe card in their free holiday recipe leaflet.

In addition to writing recipes down, preserve your traditions for generations to come by creating a family recipe book with your children. Include photos of your family baking or cooking, and sit down with family and friends to learn the story behind these treasured recipes.

If you are looking for a new family tradition for the holidays, try making this simple, festive recipe with your kids:

Fun Time Butter Cookies

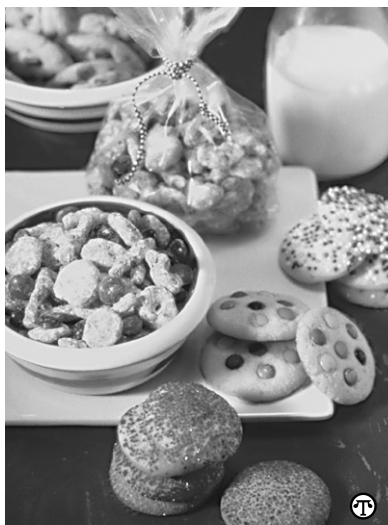
1½ cups sugar
1 cup LAND O LAKES® Butter, softened
2 eggs
3 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon vanilla

• Heat oven to 400°. Combine sugar, butter and eggs in large mixer bowl. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until well mixed (2 to 3 minutes). Reduce speed to low; add all remaining ingredients. Beat, scraping bowl often, until well mixed (1 to 2 minutes).

• Divide dough in half; prepare desired variations, using half of dough for each variation. Bake for 6 to 8 minutes or until edges are lightly browned.

• Store in airtight container up to 3 days or freeze up to 2 months.

Makes 6 dozen cookies.



VARIATIONS:

Sparkling Sugar: Shape dough into 1-inch balls; roll in decorator sugar or decorator candies. Place 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheets. Flatten slightly with bottom of glass dipped in sugar.

Candy: Shape dough into 1-inch balls; roll in sugar. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Flatten slightly with bottom of glass dipped in sugar. Top with candy-coated milk chocolate candies.

Nutrition Facts (1 cookie):

Calories 60; Protein <1g; Carbohydrate 8g; Dietary Fiber 0g; Fat 2.5g; Cholesterol 15mg; Sodium 40mg

In addition to providing the free leaflet, the experts at the Land O'Lakes Holiday Bakeline are available by phone at 1-800-782-9606 to answer all your baking and cooking questions. They can provide you with tried and true holiday recipes that have been created in the Land O'Lakes Test Kitchens. The Bakeline is open seven days a week from Nov. 1-Dec. 24, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. CST. You also can visit with the experts live, online for one-on-one help at www.landolakes.com.