

Yamster's Baking Contest

Hey everyone! Yamster the Hamster here, and I have another exciting story to share with all of you. Last week my school had a baking contest for moms and kids. Mom and I entered and made some yummy yam recipes that earned us a first place ribbon!

Last week when I came home from school, I told mom and dad about the cool news my teacher had told us. There was going to be a baking contest for moms and kids on Saturday morning. Each group was supposed to make two items, one for kids and one for moms. Mom said that she would love to do it and we started looking at recipes right away.



"Well, Yamster, do you have any ideas about what you want to make?" Mom asked.

"Yes! Can we make something with my favorite vegetable, sweet potatoes? They are just so yummy and sweet!" I said.

"Sure thing! Why don't we make sweet potato brownies for the kids and sweet potato praline coffee cake for the moms?" Mom replied.

"Let's get started!" I said.

First mom and I gathered all of the ingredients we would need for the brownies and coffee cake. We decided that we would make the brownies first. We mixed the butter and sugar, added the dry ingredients and finally added the grated sweet potatoes. Then we popped it into the oven and made the icing to go on top. The sweet potato brownies smelled so good I could hardly wait to taste one! After we finished those, we started on the coffee cake. This recipe was a little harder, so mom had to do most of the work. She made a sweet potato cake and then drizzled some yummy praline sauce on top. Oh, and I saw her sneak a bite when she thought no one was looking!

The next morning we went down to my school with our sweet potato brownies and coffee cake. We put them down at our table and walked around and looked at everyone else's dishes. Theirs looked and smelled good, but they were no comparison to our sweet potato desserts! Soon, the judging started. A couple of hours later they announced that they had picked a winner. Everyone grew quiet with excitement and waited for the judge's decision. Guess who they picked?? That's right! Mom and me! They said that they loved both the brownies for kids and the coffee cake for moms because they tasted great and were healthy, too. I was so excited to win a first place ribbon.

Well, boys and girls, telling that exciting story made me kind of tired. I think I am going to take a nap and maybe when I wake up, mom will let me have a sweet potato brownie for a snack! I hope that you come back soon and read another exciting story. And as always, remember to live the Yamster way: Eat your sweet potatoes and have a yam-tastic day!