

Pirate Snack Mix

Group	Single*		
1 Cup	½ Tablespoon	Reese's Pieces	Pirate's Gold (You can find mini Reese's Pieces in the Baking section of most grocery stores.)
2 Cups	1 Tablespoon	Craisins	Treasure Jewels
3 Cups or 2 Packages	1/4 Cup	Goldfish Pretzels	Fish, of course!
1 Box (Measure out by cupfuls)	1/2 Cup	Alpha bits Cereal	Use this especially if you make the snack after reading " <i>Shiver Me Letters</i> "!
1 Box (Measure out by cupfuls)	1 Cup	Chocolate Chex Cereal	Talk about the X at the end of Chex. Because X marks the spot, of course!

You can mix this together as a whole group activity by mixing into a large bowl and then dividing out into individual servings. OR, arrange the ingredients with their accompanying tools and labels on a table, and have children walk around the table with bowls or bags and create their own mix. This way, children can opt out of their less-favorite ingredients, and get more hands-on involvement.

Give each child a turn to add ingredients, using measuring tools, and to discuss the comparative volumes of each measuring tool. It's math, my friends. Yummy, snack-happy math!

*As a variation, you could also make this more of a counting exercise by using one measuring tool, such as a tablespoon, and have an accompanying number for each ingredient (1-5 going down the list), indicating the number of scoops of each.