

**Scholastic News Zone**  
**Special Online Issue: Holidays Around the World**

**Mmm, Mmm, Math!**

At Hanukkah, many Jewish families eat potato pancakes, or *latkes*. At Christmas, many Mexican families enjoy sweet pancakes called *bunuelos*. Check out both recipes below, then answer the questions.

**LATKES**

Makes about 5 servings

**Ingredients**

3 large potatoes

2 eggs

4 1/2 tablespoons grated onion

2 tablespoons matzo meal

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1 teaspoon salt

vegetable oil for frying

**Directions**

1. Grate the potatoes.
2. Combine the onion, eggs, matzo meal, and salt in a large bowl.
3. Add the potatoes and mix well.
4. Pour enough oil in a frying pan to cover the bottom. Heat the oil on medium heat.
5. Place a heaping tablespoon of the batter in the pan and spread it thin. Add other scoops to the pan if you have room.
6. Let the latkes brown for five minutes on each side.
7. Put them on paper towels to drain. Serve with applesauce.

## **BUNUELOS**

Makes about 20 servings

### **Ingredients**

2 cups flour

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/8 cup vegetable oil

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon sugar

1/2 cup water

vegetable oil for frying

### **Directions**

1. Mix together the flour, cinnamon, baking powder, salt, and sugar.
2. Slowly add the water and 1/8 cup oil.
3. Knead the mixture until dough is smooth.
4. Divide dough into 20 small balls.
5. Roll or press the balls out to make flat circles.
6. Pour enough oil in a frying pan to cover the bottom. Heat the oil on medium to high heat.
7. Fry the bunuelos until light brown on both sides.
8. Put them on paper towels to drain. Sprinkle cinnamon and sugar on top.

### **Questions:**

1. What is one ingredient used in both recipes?

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2. What is one step that you must do in both recipes?

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3. Which recipe makes more servings? \_\_\_\_\_ To make an equal number of servings of each recipe, how many batches of the other recipe would you need to make?

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4. To make bunuelos, how much more flour than water do you need?

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5. To make two batches of the latkes recipe, how much grated onion would you need?

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**ON YOUR OWN:** On the back of this paper, write a paragraph describing your favorite holiday food.