

## **Hot Cocoa Recipe:**

No snow day is complete without a cup of hot cocoa! Try this recipe or use your favorite instant cocoa to celebrate a snow day!

## **Ingredients:**

- √ 4 cups milk
- √ 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- √ 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- ✓ 1/2 cup bittersweet or semisweet chocolate chips or chopped chocolate bar
- √ 1/4 teaspoon pure vanilla extract



## **Directions**

- 1. Place milk, cocoa powder and sugar in a small saucepan.
- 2. Heat over medium/medium-low heat, whisking frequently, until warm (but not boiling).
- 3. Add chocolate chips and whisk constantly until the chocolate chips melt and distribute evenly into the milk.
- 4. Whisk in vanilla extract, serve immediately.
- 5. Optional: top with marshmallows!

## **Ingredient Substitutes:**

- ✓ Want it extra rich? Add some half-and-half.
- ✓ Want it less sweet? Use bittersweet/dark chocolate chips.
- $\checkmark$  Want it healthier? Use skim milk or almond milk, and reduce the sugar a touch.
- ✓ Want flavored hot chocolate? Add cinnamon, peppermint extract, a shot of espresso, or a drizzle of caramel sauce.

