

Learning to Bake

Story By: Judie Eberhardt

Jill watched her grandma bake each time she went to visit her and spend the weekend. "I wish I knew how to bake grandma," said Jill. "It's not hard," replied grandma. "If you can read, you can bake." "What does reading have to do with baking?" asked Jill. "You need to be able to follow the directions and do the steps in the order they are given." "If you don't, whatever you're baking will not turn out the way you want." Grandma said, "If you want to make a cake, you must put the right amount of flour into the bowl, otherwise your cake won't taste yummy." "Cooking and baking are simply reading and measuring." "You need to know your math too Jill."



The next day grandma told Jill she was going to make some brownies. "Why don't you see if you can follow the recipe and measure out the ingredients?" asked grandma. "Wow!" "That would be great!" exclaimed Jill. Jill got out all the pans and spoons first, then she read the recipe to grandma. Once Jill finished reading the recipe, she went to the pantry and refrigerator to gather the things she would need. Grandma told Jill once she had everything, she needed to do the first step of mixing the solid ingredients. Jill measured the sugar and flour. "What's the second step?" asked grandma. "It says to add one egg," said Jill. Jill added the egg and began stirring her batter. "What's next?" asked grandma. "It says to add one half cup of walnuts," said Jill. Jill added the walnuts and continued stirring. Once she finished stirring, she continued to follow the recipe. Grandma told her to read and see what temperature the oven needed to be set at for the brownies. Jill read the recipe and told grandma 350 degrees. Grandma let Jill set the oven temperature. Jill was now ready to put her brownies into the pan and place them in the oven. Grandma told Jill to set the timer for twelve minutes. "That was easy and fun," said Jill. After the twelve minutes, the timer went off, and Jill ran to the kitchen to take her brownies out of the oven. "They smell so good," said grandma. Jill and grandma tasted a brownie. "Yummy," said Jill. "These are delicious!" "I love baking grandma," said Jill. "What can we bake tomorrow?" she asked with a big smile. "We'll see," said grandma. "We'll see."

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