Pie Shell - Lemon Meringue or Cream Pie Shell Demo

Summary
An introduction and demonstration in preparing pie shells in preparing a lemon meringue or cream pie.

Main Core Tie
Food And Nutrition II
Strand 4

Time Frame
1 class periods of 90 minutes each

Group Size
Small Groups

Materials
Handouts:
Study Sheet on Pies
Pie Home assignment
Secrets to Successful Pastries
Pie recipes
Ingredients needed for demonstration:
1 cup flour
1/3 cup + 1 tbs. shortening
1/2 tsp. salt
3 tbs. cold water
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5 1/3 tbs. cornstarch
1 1/2 cup sugar
1 1/2 cup water
3 egg yolks
3 tbs. butter
4 tbs. lemon juice
1 1/3 tbs. lemon rind
3 egg whites
6 tbs. sugar
1/4 tsp. cream of tartar
1/2 tsp. vanilla
small paper plates
plastic forks
Equipment:
double boiler
pastry cloth
sockinet
pastry blender
pie plate
Background for Teachers
The teacher needs to know the difference between a pie shell, a single-crusted pie and a double-crusted pie. The teacher needs to know how to prepare a pie shell, lemon filling and meringue and assemble it for the students. The teacher needs to know how to prepare a cream pie filling and whipping cream and explain it to the students.

Student Prior Knowledge
The student needs to know how to prepare a pie shell, either a lemon or cream filling, and assemble it together and top it with either a meringue or whipping cream as the topping.

Intended Learning Outcomes
The students will observe and identify the techniques in how to prepare a pie shell using the basic ingredients, a lemon or cream filling and top it with a meringue or whipped cream.

Instructional Procedures
Hand out the study sheet on pies. Identify the test date.
Hand out to the students the Home Assignment to prepare a Pie of their choice at home. It will be due the day of the test. (Because I require the students to bring to class a pie plate and fruit to thicken when we prepare an individualized double crusted pie in class, I make the Home Assignment for Pies as extra credit or optional) They can prepare their pie with any type of crust.
Demonstrate for the students while they are taking notes on their pie study sheet the correct way to prepare a pie shell. Go over the Secrets to Successful Pastries. Identify the differences between a pie shell, single crusted pie and double crusted pie. The functions of the ingredients in a standard pie crust. While the pie shell is baking, demonstrate how to prepare a lemon filling and explain how to prepare a cream filling - chocolate, banana, coconut, and butterscotch. Demonstrate how to prepare a meringue and whipping cream. Assemble the pie and let cool.
Have the students plan and identify which type of pie as a unit they would like to prepare for next class with the topping. Complete lab planning sheet. Let the students sample the pie demonstrated in class. Clean up while they are planning lab.

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