SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL MUFFINS

JS

INGREDIENTS:

- 1.5 c cooked whole wheat spaghetti
- 2 1/4 c marinara sauce
- 1.5 c reduced fat or dairy free mozzarella
- 1 lb. lean grass-fed ground beef, turkey, or chicken (raw)
- 1/2 c chopped onion and/or celery
- 1 whole egg or flax egg
- 1/4 c oats
- 2 4 tbsp unsweetened plant milk
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1 tsp oregano
- dash Salt and black pepper

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
- 2. Start with the Meatballs:
- 3. Mix together in a large bowl: meat, egg, spices, milk, and oats. (Using your hands is best!)
- 4. Separate mixture into 12 even meatballs.
- 5. Spray a 12 muffin pan with cooking spray and place a meatball in each. Bake for about 10 minutes, then flip meatballs and cook for another 10 minutes (check them at 5 minutes in)
- 6. While meatballs are cooking, cook the pasta as per directions.
- 7. Once meatballs are done, remove them from the pan and set aside.
- 8. Spray the muffin pan with cooking spray again.
- 9. Add 2 tbsp spaghetti to the bottom of each muffin cup.
- 10. Spoon 1 tbsp marinara and 1 tbsp cheese on top of each cup.
- 11. Place one meatball in each muffin cup.
- 12. Top each with about 2 tbsp marinara and 1 tbsp cheese. (Use the remaining).
- 13. Bake in the oven for 10 15 minutes.