GLUTEN FREE PUMPKIN CREAM CHEESE MUFFIN

A favorite recipe from Maggie Colangelo of the Po Cafe and Flirtation Farms.

INGREDIENTS

Muffin Batter:

- 6 eggs
- 1 can pumpkin puree*
- 2 c milk
- 1 c canola
- <mark>5 c almond or co</mark>conut flour
- 1 c sugar
- 4 T baking powder
- 2T cinnamon
- 1t salt
- 1 t freshly grated nutmeg

Cream Cheese Filling: 6 oz. softened cream cheese

2 T sugar 2 T milk

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Mix dry ingredients. In another bowl, mix wet ingredients. Combine wet and dry.
- 2. Fill buttered and floured (or cooking sprayed) muffin cups 1/2 way with batter.
- 3. Put a spoonful of cream cheese filling atop the batter and then fill the rest of the way with muffin batter.
- 4. Bake in the oven at 350. Check every 10 minutes and rotate if necessary to ensure even baking.

*Canned will work fine but this time of year fresh pumpkins are so abundant that if you have the time to use fresh, I encourage you to try! There is an added depth to the flavor. The process is simple but time consuming. Cut the pumpkins in half or wedges if it's a large pumpkin. Scoop the seeds out and roast at 375, face down on a baking pan that has about 1/2' water and is covered in foil. They're done when you can easily put a knife through. Then cool a bit, scoop out the pumpkin and puree in a food processor.

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