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### ***Sergeant Reckless*, by Patricia McCormick**

Reckless, a brave little mare that U.S. soldiers used to haul ammunition during the Korean War, would consume anything – including chocolate, Coca-Cola, and poker chips! Try this recipe inspired by Reckless' love of sweets, perfect for using up leftover Halloween candy!



### **Candy Loaded Oatmeal Cookie Bars (makes 24)**

#### Ingredients

1 cup butter, melted  
1 cup granulated sugar  
1 cup brown sugar, packed  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon salt (omit if desired)  
1 ½ cups flour  
2 cups sweetened shredded coconut  
2 cups old fashioned oats (uncooked)  
2-3 cups of mix-ins (mix-in ideas: Reese's, Snickers, M&Ms, Twix, chocolate chips (white, milk, dark, peanut butter, etc.), Heath Bar, peanuts, almonds)

#### Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large mixing bowl combine butter, and sugars. Add eggs and vanilla. Stir in flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt (if using) until just combined. Stir in coconut, oats, and mix-ins. Reserve some of the mix-ins to sprinkle on top. Spread batter into a greased 9x13 pan until evenly distributed. Sprinkle reserved mix-ins on top. Bake for 23-25 minutes. Cool completely before slicing and serving.