## "Pop of Summer" Cookies

## **Lime Sugar Cookies:**

2 c. butter

1 c. sugar

1 (3 oz.) box of lime gelatin

2 tsp. baking soda

2 tsp. salt

1/4 c. warm water

4 c. gluten-free all-purpose flour

## **Strawberry Frosting:**

1 (3 oz.) box of strawberry gelatin

½ c. boiling water

34 c. cold butter, cubed

Pop Rocks Candy

Cream together butter, sugar, and lime gelatin, mixing at high speed for 2-3 minutes.

Mix in soda and salt. On low speed, drizzle in warm water until fully combined. Slowly increase speed to high, and beat 3-5 minutes, until light and fluffy. Stir in flour, just to combine.

Scoop balls of dough and place 2 inches apart on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Press each slightly to flatten to approximately ¼-inch thick. Bake in an oven preheated to 400 degrees Fahrenheit for 8-9 minutes, until the bottoms of the cookies are slightly browned. Cool for 1-2 minutes on the baking sheet, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

Meanwhile, prepare the frosting. Stir strawberry gelatin into boiling water and stir to dissolve completely. Transfer to a chilled mixing bowl and start mixing on low speed.

Carefully add cubed butter, 1-2 cubes at a time, and continue to mix on low speed until combined. Gradually increase speed and beat until light and fluffy.

Assemble cookies just before serving by spreading with a generous layer of frosting and sprinkling with Pop Rocks candies. (If you assemble too far in advance, the moisture of the frosting will cause the candy to pop prematurely.)

## Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

\*Optional: Bake a few cookies & freeze the extra cookie dough. Scoop & flatten dough balls. Place on parchment-lined baking sheet (no space necessary) and freeze for 2-4 hours. Transfer cookie dough to a large freezer bag and return to your freezer. You can bake straight from frozen at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 12-14 minutes. Freshly-baked cookies anytime you want!

This recipe, inspired by Sister Haycock (Baltimore, MD mission), pairs well with <u>A METHOD FOR MAGIC AND MISFORTUNE</u> by Craig Kofi Farmer.