Snickerdoodle Croissant Cookies

Adapted from Very Merry Cookies

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Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 6 ounces low fat cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup plus 2 Tablespoons packed light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 2/3 cup unbleached all purpose flour
- Fat free milk
- 1/2 cup finely chopped pecans
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- Powdered sugar (optional)

Directions:

- 1. In the bowl of an electric mixer, with the paddle attachment, on medium high speed, cream together the cream cheese and butter for 30 seconds.
- 2. Add 1/2 cup brown sugar, the vanilla, and salt. Beat until combined, scraping down sides of bowl as necessary.
- 3. Add the flour and mix until combined, scraping down the sides of the bowl as necessary.
- 4. Divide dough into thirds. Flatten each dough portion into disks. Place between pieces of parchment paper and place in a large plastic zipper bag. Refrigerate for 1 hour or until easy to handle.
- 5. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
- 6. In a small mixing bowl, combine the 2 Tablespoons brown sugar, the cinnamon, nutmeg and pecans.
- 7. On a lightly floured surface, roll out each disk of dough into 9 inches circles.
- 8. Lightly baste each dough circle with milk.
- 9. Evenly sprinkle the pecan mixture over each disk of dough, coming about 1/2 an inch to the edge.
- 10. Using a pizza cutter or sharp knife, slice each circle into 12 triangles.
- 11. Starting from the wide end, roll each triangle into a croissant shape.
- 12. Place shaped dough onto an ungreased cookie sheet about an inch apart.
- 13. Bake for 14 to 16 minutes or until lightly browned on the bottom of the cookies.
- 14. Cool on cookie sheet for 2 minutes then transfer to a cooling rack to cool completely.
- 15. Sift powdered sugar over the cookies immediately before serving (if desired).
- 16. Serve and enjoy!!