



What Nice Manners YOU Have!

Greetings

If you are hosting greet each guest with a smile and a hello. Answer questions politely and make sure guests feel welcome. If you are a guest complement the host and greet them in a friendly manner.

Table Posture

Sit up straight, keep your elbows off the table, and if you are not eating put your hands in your lap.



Talking

Lively, nice conversation will always improve a meal. Carry on conversations that include all guests. Do not take over; be too silly, or loud when talking.

Napkins

Unfold your napkin and place it on your lap. It remains on your lap until you need to dab your mouth. If you leave the table during the meal, place the napkin on your chair not the table. When you're done with the meal, place your napkin on the table to the left of your plate.

Silverware

Once you pick up a piece of silverware it should never again touch the table. Forks and knives rest on your plate so they do not stain the tablecloth. If you talk with your hands put down your silverware when talking.



Food Portions

When serving family style only take what you are going to eat, also take a reasonable portion of each food and be sure there is plenty for others.

Patience

No matter how good the food looks, do not take that first bite until everyone is seated at the table and all foods have been passed around.

Chewing

Chew with your mouth closed. Do not talk with food in your mouth. Take smaller sized bites and chew thoroughly.

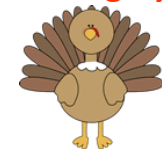


Table Etiquette

Don't use a toothpick at the table, don't blow your nose, scratch, or do other actions that would be uncomfortable to host & guests at the table. Always excuse yourself from the table.

Helping

Offer to help clear the table, help take down extra tables, ask to help wash or dry the dishes, or entertain smaller children.



Grateful

Be grateful for the people around you and the delicious food. "Please" and "Thank You" are always appreciated.

