

Central Elementary ABCs of Etiquette

- A. Place your napkin in your lap as soon as you sit down.
- B. When you are finished eating, place your napkin to the left of your plate.
- C. Never place your elbows on the table.
- D. Use one hand to eat.
- E. Do not lick your fingers.
- F. Do not smack your lips and chew noisily.
- G. Do not chew with your mouth open.
- H. Do not talk with your mouth full.
- I. If something is caught in your teeth, do not go after it.
- J. Do not slurp.
- K. Do not play with your food.
- L. Do not pick up anything you have dropped until you have finished eating.
- M. You may use your hands to eat: pizza, bacon, cookies, bread, corn on the cob, hot dogs, hamburgers, sandwiches, French fries, chips, fried chicken, asparagus, small fruits
- N. Never reach over someone's plate to get something.
- O. Never start eating off your tray until you are seated.
- P. When eating at a restaurant, do not begin eating until everyone at the table has been served.
- Q. Don't complain about long lines or bad food.
- R. Always pay attention in the serving line. Make sure you have all necessary items before proceeding through the line.
- S. When finished eating, do not push your tray or plate away from you.
- T. Never place a piece of used silverware on the table. Leave it on a plate or saucer.
- U. Always say thank you to the server.
- V. Always make eye contact with the server.
- W. Make it a point to remember the waiter's name when he introduces himself to you.
- X. You should stand up and say, "Excuse me," as you leave the table.
- Y. Politely respond to servers using "Yes ma'am" or "No sir."
- Z. Treat all servers with respect and kindness. You do not want to be on the bad side of a server.