You can tell a lot about a person by the way they behave while dining out or interacting with restaurant staff. You should use the same table manners in a restaurant as you do at home, but a few extra rules apply:

- Read the menu- if you’re not sure what something is, ask the waiter or a parent. Try not to order the most expensive item on the menu.

- If the waiter comes to take your order, but you’re not ready, just say “Could I have a few more minutes to decide, please?”

- If you need something from the waiter, just try to catch their eye, or give them a gentle wave. Never snap your fingers.

- Remember that food is served from the left and removed from the right.

- A lady should place her purse in her lap or between her back and the back of the chair- never on the table or on the floor.

- Don’t talk too loudly while in a restaurant.

- Don’t forget to leave a tip- even if you ate at a buffet style restaurant.

- If you are on a date or a job interview, you may not want to order food that is tricky or messy to eat (such as spaghetti or sushi).