

# Kids in the Castle

by Teresa Kathryn Grisinger Reilly, Author: "Etiquette Lessons"

Teaching etiquette lessons in school begins with reminders of familiar events of history, continues into basic etiquette training and ends with an endowment. It is the *right* of each generation to learn, and it is their *nature* to embrace and preserve core beliefs of their culture. Children seek order and want to know what is expected of them. But who will teach them and How? It can be introduced with fundamental school curriculum

In America, we are all free to learn rules of etiquette and be on our best behavior everywhere. One of many great quotes from Thomas Jefferson is, "Information is the currency of a Democracy." Providing etiquette training to children in school gives our young Americans tools of their inheritance. As they learn the history of our Democracy, they should be introduced to good social behavior, table manners, meeting protocol and social grace practiced by the Founders.

Children learn quickly by "acting-out" the roles of Ladies and Gentlemen. This is what replaces juvenile tyranny, ignorance and prejudice. This is the practical and natural approach to etiquette training. Young people practice, gaining confidence and skill together. They soon begin to conform to roles of ladies and gentlemen at the table and on the dance floor. We must strive to prepare our students to dine capably and independently. We can review and reinforce good manners taught at home. This system of social behavior training creates opportunities for each graduate's best traits to shine through.

It is important that youth understand the value of Freedoms they were born with. It is important that together they embody the culture they will protect and preserve. America is a sovereign nation where virtually every man is king in his own castle. Every woman is queen in hers. In the eyes of loving parents, all girls are Princesses and boys are Prince Charming.

Family, friends and loved ones sit at our table with us to dine. We prepare meals and make celebrations for each other here. We share important discussions and announcements here. Our holidays are here whether they are picnics set outside or formal banquets in ballrooms. This is where we give thanks and honor our ancestors.

The Human Race thrives on social interaction. We form interest groups and families to make places for everyone. We don't have to become best friends with everyone. Etiquette Lessons in school will show children how this is done. Social grace and an understanding of protocol will foster respect for each individual and each domain. People relax when they know what to expect from others. Allowing room and respect for each other and for diverse ethnic traditions fosters Peace.

Peace is the magnetism, which allows us to dwell within a Democracy and Freedom allows us to make progress. Peace is a continuous power exerted with the practice of good etiquette and the exchange of information.

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