

CHILDREN'S TEA & ETIQUETTE

Brewing Good Manners in Young Minds



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This book is dedicated
to all generations, young and old,
and especially to those wonderful relationships
between grandparents and grandchildren.

Our mission is to inform children
about having and using good manners and
to tell children about tea's ancient roots.



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W elcome!

There is something magical about a tea party that casts a spell on children of all ages. It's a wonderful enchantment that charms anyone who answers the invitation, "Would you like a cup of tea?"

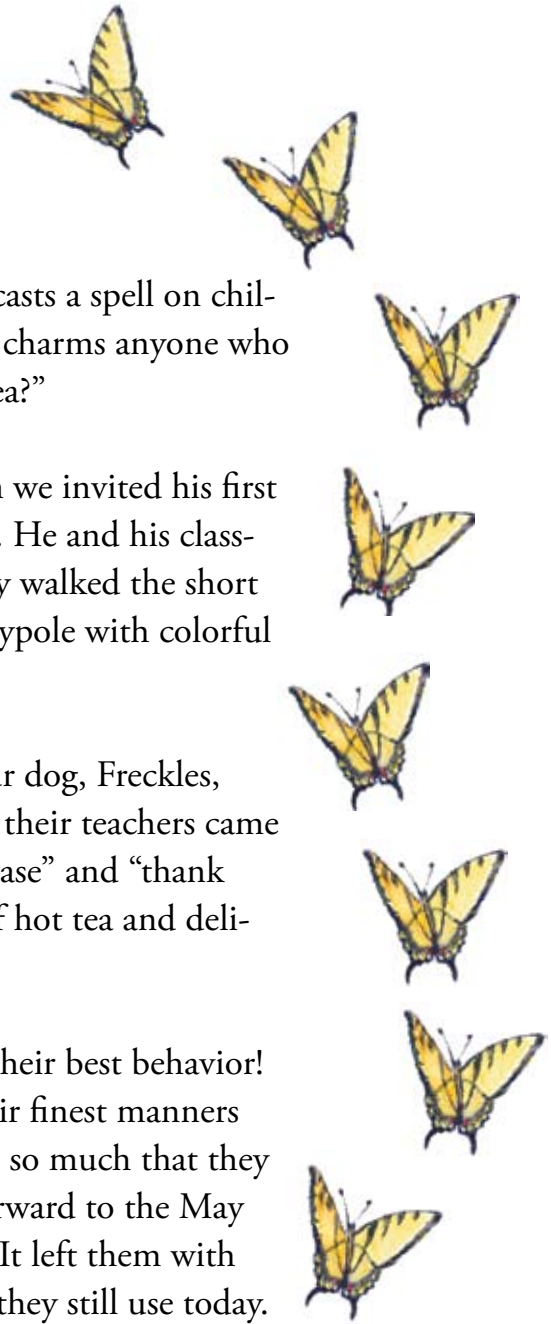
My son, Ben, had his first tea party at age six when we invited his first grade class to join us for a May Day dance and tea. He and his classmates wore their best clothes to class that day. They walked the short distance from school to our front yard where a Maypole with colorful streamers had been placed.

The children danced around the Maypole while our dog, Freckles, howled to the music. Afterwards, the children and their teachers came into our dining room for a morning tea party. "Please" and "thank you" filled the air as the children passed the pots of hot tea and delicious goodies to each other.

The teachers were so surprised to see everyone on their best behavior! I knew they would be. Children always exhibit their finest manners when they come to a tea party. The class enjoyed it so much that they came back the next year, and continued to look forward to the May Day tea parties through all their elementary years. It left them with valuable memories and the confident dining skills they still use today.

Join my friend, Dorothea Johnson, as she uses a tea party as a classroom to teach children classic dining and social manners.

— Bruce Richardson —





The Invitation

Harry and Kate were very excited to see their Gramma and Papa and gave them big hugs as they opened a card inviting them to a tea party.

They were happy to accept the invitation but were curious about the word intergenerational and the abbreviation RSVP. They asked their grandparents to explain those words.

Papa said, “Intergenerational means all ages of moms and dads, grandparents, aunts and uncles, their nieces and nephews, and special friends.”

Gramma explained that RSVP is the abbreviation for a French term, *repondez s’il vous plait*, which means, “Please respond.” She also added that when you receive an invitation, you should tell the host whether or not you will attend the party.

*Who are the members of your intergenerational family?
What is your favorite name for your grandparents?
How do you respond to an invitation?*

*You are invited
to join us for an
Intergenerational Tea Party
Saturday,
the fourteenth of June
in the Botanical Gardens
History of Tea at Two o’clock
Tea Party at Three o’clock
Please wear your best clothes
RSVP to 555-1234*





The First Meeting

Harry and Kate's grandparents enjoy sharing their knowledge about many things and thought it would be fun to talk with them about manners, and also what to expect when they go to the tea party. They asked their friend, Ms. Johnson, if she would meet with the children and give them some lessons in manners and the etiquette of a tea party.



Gramma said, "Ms. Johnson, I'd like to introduce Harry and Kate Goss, our grandchildren." She told the children, "Ms. Johnson is a well-known expert on etiquette, and has helped many people learn good manners."



Harry and Kate knew how to be polite, and stood up as they put out their right hands and took turns shaking hands.



"Hello, Ms. Johnson," they said as they greeted her.



She replied, "Children, it's a delight to meet you. I'm looking forward to spending the afternoon with you talking about manners and tea. Let's get started!"



Shaking Hands

It's important to shake hands when you meet another person. Reach out your right hand, fingers straight out and together, thumb up, and let the palm of your hand meet the palm of the other person's hand. Give a gentle squeeze with one or two shakes of the hand. That makes a great handshake!







Introducing Yourself

When you meet someone for the first time, it's important to say, "Hello, my name is _____." Always say your first and last name.



Smiling and Making Eye Contact

Smile and look into the person's eyes and make eye contact as you say hello.



Sitting In A Chair

There is a correct way to sit in a chair – simply pull the chair out from the table and enter from the right side of the chair.



Picking Up Your Napkin

Always wait for the host or older person to pick up his or her napkin before you pick up yours. Now you may pick up your napkin and place it on your lap; then open it with the crease towards your waist.



Drinking A Cup Of Tea

After the tea has been poured, you may add sugar, and/or milk. Lemon should not be used with milk.



Please Pass the Jam

When there is something on the table that you can't reach, simply say, "Please pass the jam, milk or sugar."

