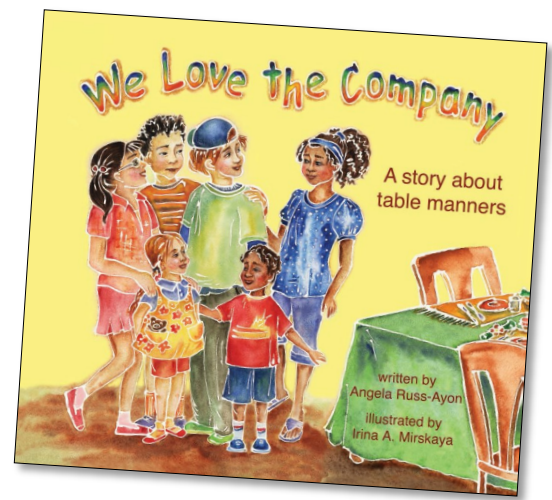


# ***We Love the Company:*** ***A Story about Table Manners***

**Making connections to discuss  
in the classroom and at home**

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- ***Welcome friends...***  
Welcome new classmates. Introduce yourself. Show them around. It's fun to meet new friends.
- ***And you can wash up before we begin...***  
Wash up after messy or dirty activities to prevent skin irritation, the transfer of materials, or the spread of germs.
- ***Let's go to the table and all take a seat.***  
There is one seat for each person, and only so many chairs available for different activities.
- ***We unfold our napkins...***  
Use appropriate clothing and tools for messy activities: aprons, trays, mats, gloves, goggles, helmets, etc.
- ***We don't reach over people to get what we need...***  
Politely ask for items to be passed to you.
- ***Using utensils will often depend on the culture...***  
We come from different families, backgrounds, and cultures. Not everyone will do things the way you do.
- ***We don't complain or make a face...***  
Try something new. You might like it. If not, there is no reason to complain when you can move on to something else.
- ***We sit straight in our chairs...***  
There is a proper way to sit in a chair and at the table.
- ***We use our napkins whenever we can...***  
Respect and take care of the supplies and toys you have. They have a purpose, and once they are broken, no one can use them.
- ***No using a napkin we dropped on the floor...***  
Please do not use utensils that have been dropped on the floor or eat food from off of the floor.
- ***No slushing or slurping...***  
Please do not play with your food or drink.
- ***No feeding the pets or dumping in pots...***  
Let's not be wasteful. There are others who are less fortunate.
- ***No one wants to see pieces and bits...***  
Be careful around others. It's okay to play, but if you throw objects, someone could get hurt.
- ***(We) always remember to thank our host.***  
Be courteous and kind, using polite words like please and thank you.
- ***We offer to clean up...***  
Clean up the messes you make. Offer to help others.
- ***We make music together, playing a song...***  
Take turns on musical instruments. There is enough for everyone to do: play, sing, and dance.
- ***All of our friends are here...***  
Let's take photos, draw, and journal, to remember what we did.