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Louisville Restaurant News | Oakroom offers dining etiquette classes for kids

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Entertainment Louisville Dining And Restaurants The next in the Oakroom's series of classes on dining etiquette for children will instruct kids age 7 to 12 how to politely enjoy a family-style dinner (and graciously receive gifts). The <u>class</u>

 takes place Nov. 15, 6 to 8 p.m., and costs \$35.

"Mind Your P's and Q's" classes started about a year and a half ago, when Oakroom events coordinator Jennifer Biesel "realized that there was a real void in the Louisville area for classes like this."

"Parents were looking for fun ways to teach their children better manners," she says, "and the kids are really open to the idea of learning how to be polite!"

This holiday edition will include a review of earlier class topics,

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which were geared toward dining in a nice restaurant, including "what to do when presented with food that you do not like and how to have polite dinner conversation with people that you may not know very well," Biesel says. This time, though, "we will be serving a family-style dinner. We will enjoy roasted chicken with mashed potatoes and gravy with green beans while we learn how to do that in the most polite way."

Biesel will also instruct kids how to show appreciation when they open gifts - even if they don't like them. "To practice this skill - and trust me, it is a skill that takes practice - I will have a wrapped gift for each child," she says. The children will also write a short thankyou note.

Call (502) 585-9292 for reservations. Space is limited. The Oakroom is at the Seelbach Hilton, 500 S. Fourth St.

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