Books selected by a Timberland Regional Library Youth Services specialist
A dinner out can be a fun learning experience!

- Read some books about restaurants before you go out, so your child has a better understanding of what to expect.
- On the way to the restaurant, discuss what sorts of foods may be on the menu. Add silly foods if you are in the mood. How silly of a menu can you create?
- When you receive the menu, look it over with your child and look for foods that you predicted earlier.
- Run your finger along menu items as you read so your child understands that you are “reading” the items.
- Encourage your child to order their own food from the server.
- Bring crayons and coloring sheets or some sort of simple craft with you as an activity to do as you wait.
- Bring books along to read while you are waiting for the food.
- Count how many people are wearing blue or white or red, etc.
- Play “I Spy” with colors and objects in the restaurant.

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