

SCHOOLMARM SALON ETIQUETTE



INTRODUCTIONS

No need to shake hands - a head tilt, curtsy, bow, or the tip of an imaginary hat will suffice. Upon greeting someone, offer your title (Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mx.) and last name(s).

Please refer to other participants by their name and title. You may, if you wish, invite someone to use your first name if you're in a small group or 1:1 conversation. Unless someone says they prefer to be called by their first name, you can keep using their title and last name.



TOPICS

The focus of a Schoolmarm Salon is education. Public, private, homeschooling, math, reading, PE, transportation, etc. - there are 100s of topics under the umbrella of education. Some starter prompts have been provided on the white boards. You're welcome to add your own and invite others to join your table. If you're mingling, you're welcome to broach a topic. You're encouraged to stay away from partisan politics (discussion of elected officials or parties). If you're not sure if a particular topic should be broached, you're welcome to check with the host!



DISCOURSE

Approach each conversation like you're heading out on a walk with someone with no pre-determined destination. Once you decide what kind of walk you want to go on (your topic), head off together! You can start with invites ("What are your thoughts on...?") or requests ("I'd like to talk about because") You're always welcome to head off on an actual walk! "Walk and Talks" are a great way to create and strengthen social bonds.

