OUR FAMILY’S GOLDCEN RULES

When asking for something, say “please.” When receiving something, say “thank you.”

Unless it’s a true emergency, do not interrupt when grown-ups are speaking. Wait until they are finished, or until there is a definite pause in the conversation.

Call adults by their last name with the proper title (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms.) unless instructed otherwise.

If you have doubt about whether or not you can do something, or have something, ask permission from an adult.

Choose kind words. Always.

When making a phone call, introduce yourself before asking to speak with the person you are calling. Also, when answering the home phone, introduce yourself the following way: Hello, this is ____________.

If you are bored, keep it to yourself. You are responsible for your own entertainment.

If you see an adult or a friend struggling with something, offer help right away. Also, if you are seated and an adult is standing, offer your seat.

Use proper table manners. Ask for items to be passed, chew with your mouth closed, napkin stays on lap, and use utensils properly. When finished eating, clear your own place setting.

Mom and Dad are the bosses. End of story.