

## Testing Limits/Boundries at Mealtime

Spitting food out, Throwing food, Dropping Food

## STAY CALM

(If you show your frustration, she may enjoy your response and want to do her behavior again)

Say "No \_\_\_\_\_. Food is for eating, not \_\_\_\_ " in a CALM but FIRM voice

If behavior persists

Tell her: "Ok, dinner is done"

Remove the food from her tray and remove her from her chair\*

<sup>\*</sup> Do not end mealtime prior to your child finishing her meal if there are medical concerns that involve how much food/calories your child takes in as reported by your child's pediatrician