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PS 163 students learn the art of throwing a dinner party BY JOE DZIEMIANOWICZ

Tips from the 5th grade

At Public School 163's dinner party, salad was served with "Rush Hour Vinaigrette," whose name arose from a lesson about the four food tastes: salty, sweet, bitter and sour.

When student Genesis Nunez sampled a vinaigrette chef Feliberto Estevez made with vegetable oil, rice wine vinegar, lime, ginger, mustard, cilantro, pepper and salt, the youngster said, "It's like rush hour on my tongue." The name stuck and helped make last week's menu memorable.

In addition to having lots of desserts, the kids gave these suggestions for dinner-party success.

n "Plan ahead," says Christopher Dela Rosa. "And have a backup plan." When linens didn't arrive last week, paper napkins were substituted.

n "Keep things simple," says Josiah Mercer.

n "A theme makes things fun," says Emma Diaz. "A fun color is one idea."

n "Ask parents and friends to help," says Naomi Guzman. Last week, moms and dads came with desserts.

n "Don't forget about the entertainment," says Andrew Del Rosario. "People have to have a good time."

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