



# Welcome!

This Social Story will help me get ready for my visit to the Children's Museum.

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When I go inside the museum, I will wait in line with my grownup at the front desk. We will wait our turn. If I need headphones, sunglasses, or a sensory toy, I can check them out at the front desk.

Once we are checked in, we will go through the door. I will need to remember to always stay with my grownup and to use walking feet. I will also clean up after myself in each exhibit area I visit.



Once inside, my grownup and I can choose which exhibits to go to. There are so many things for me to visit and lots of things to do!

I may not be able to see everything today. That is okay.

The museum staff wear shirts with this picture on them:



I can ask them questions and they can help me if I can't find my grownup.

The next pages will tell me more about the museum and exhibits and where to find them.

The Snack Area is the only place in the museum that I can eat food that I've brought. I can enjoy my favorite snack here, but I cannot eat anything with peanuts in the museum, because they can make some kids really sick. I will clean up my snack when I am finished, and wash my hands before playing.



The Veterinary Office is inside the little red barn.  
Here, I can pretend to be a veterinarian and help  
stuffed animals by listening to their heartbeats and  
helping them feel better.



Before I go in the Sand Pit, I can take off my shoes. I can leave them on if I want to. In the sand pit, I can play with sand toys and feel the soft sand between my fingers and toes. I will make sure to keep all of the sand inside the sand pit, and make sure I put my shoes on when I leave.



The Ranger Tugboat is a real boat inside the museum! I can climb the stairs and climb into the boat. I will ask a grownup for help if I need help climbing the stairs. I will not go past the fence onto the waves, but I can look at them!





The Diner is a pretend restaurant. Here I can pretend to eat, cook, or serve the play food.



On Main Street, I can pretend to be a Doctor or Dentist, learn about money at the Bank, shop in the Market, or design a building in the Design Studio.



I can build with Builder Boards or blocks and play with tools in the Construction Zone. The Ball Wall uses a strong fan to blow a ball through tubes. It can be loud!



The Sensory Room has a big cozy beanbag, a bubble wall with lights, a large sequin wall, and sensory toys. I can go here if I need some time to myself to calm down.



The Dinosaur Zone has sand to dig in, and dinosaurs to play with. I will leave the sand inside the sandbox.

I can draw and write on the Glow Wall using a flashlight.



The Toddler Farmyard is for kids 3 years old and under. If I am 3 or under I can go inside and play.



There are lots of creatures in the aquariums. I can look at them, but I shouldn't tap on the glass. At the pond, I can seek and find local wildlife and enjoy the sight and sound of the water, but I cannot climb over the rocks or in the water because that would not be safe.



I can pretend to drive the real truck. Sometimes the radio makes noise. I can ask a grownup to turn the volume down if I need to.





In the Music Studio, I can play musical instruments. It can be noisy, so I should close the door while I'm playing music. On the stage, I can act out a play or play dress up.



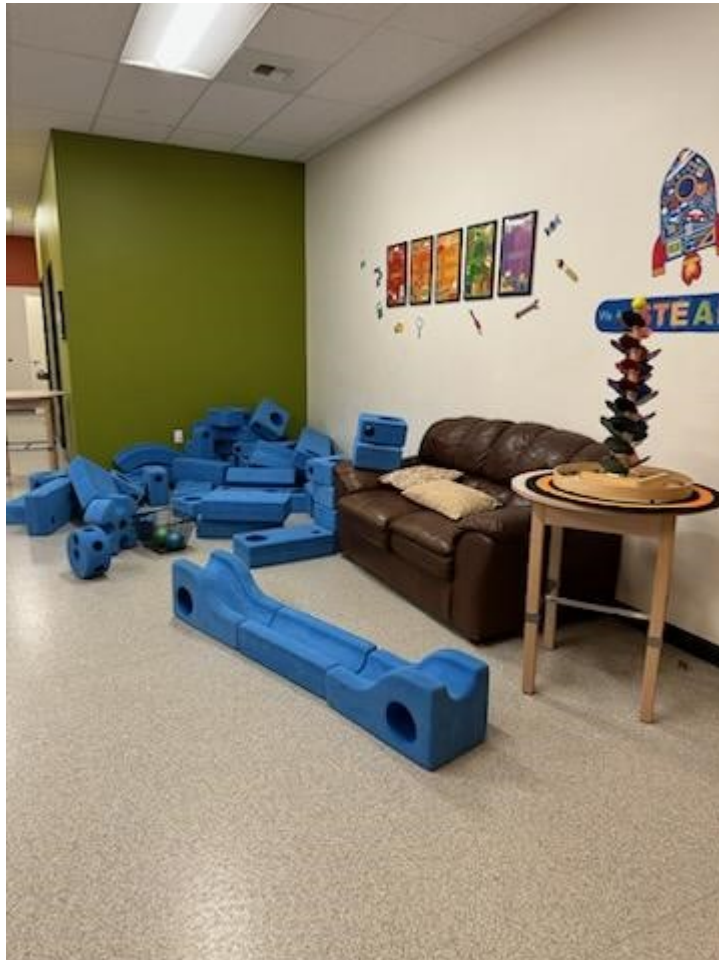
In the Art Studio, I can create all sorts of things! If I want to paint or use something messy, I should have a grown up help me and wash up when I'm done.



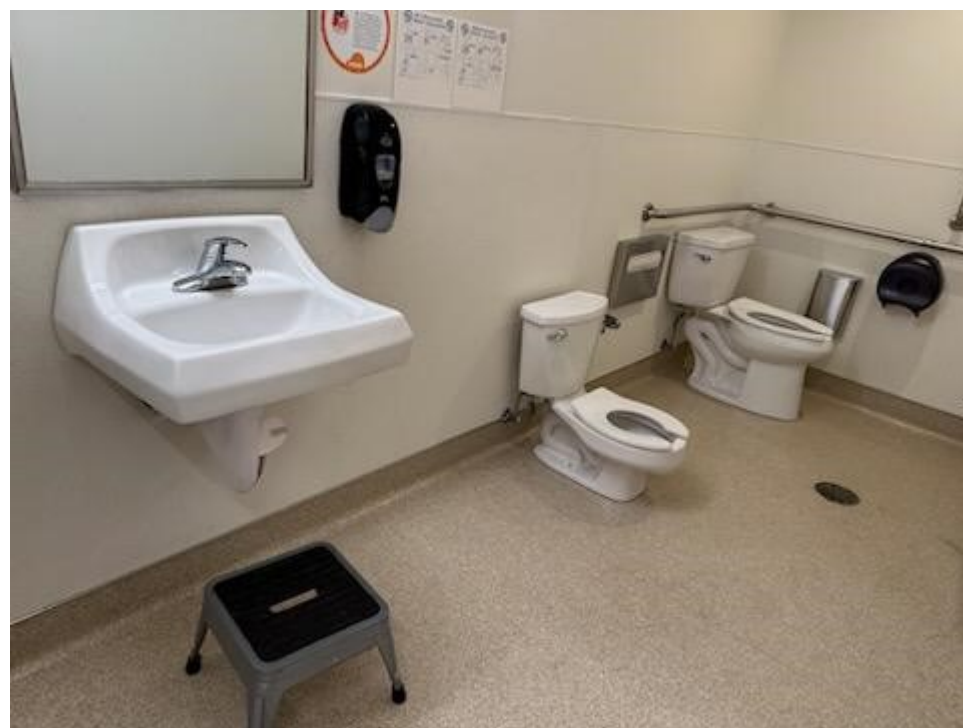
In the Reading Room, I can sit and read a book or play a board game. There is a comfy couch and a driftwood fort.



In STEAM Lane, I can build a fort with the big blue blocks or play with LEGOS. There is also a quiet room here if I need a calm space.



There are 5 bathrooms I can use in the museum. It can be loud when toilets flush. There is a small toilet in the Family Bathroom that is quieter to flush. I can use a step stool to reach the sink to wash my hands if I need it.



When it's time to leave, I will exit with my grownup through the Museum Store. I can look at the toys, but should not touch them unless it's okay with my grownup.

If I borrowed headphones, I will return them to the front desk before I leave.

Sometimes it's hard to leave, but I can visit the Museum again someday!

