My Trip to Omaha Children’s Museum

Social Story
• We are going to visit Omaha Children’s Museum!
• There will be many fun things for me to see, hear and touch as I play and learn.
• These are the front doors of the museum.
• This is the front lobby. It can be loud sometimes, but I know it is because kids are excited like me.
• We need to check in at the front desk. I will try to keep my body calm and stay near my adult.
• I will get a sticker like this to wear on my shirt so the staff will know we checked in. It might be a different color because there is a different color for each day. All the colors are fun to wear.
• I can check out a sensory-friendly bag at the front desk. I can use any of the items inside to help me enjoy all activities at the museum. We will turn the bag back in before we leave.
• The museum staff wear blue or purple shirts or grey jackets like these. If I have a question or need help, I can ask one of the staff.
• The Imagination Playground area has many things to do. The water table looks like a river and I can float boats, build a dam, and make it rain. I might get a little wet, but I can dry myself off with a hand dryer.
• I can pretend I work at a grocery store, a bank, a hospital, and even a fire station.
• There may be other children playing with the things I want to try. That is okay. I can wait until they are done to take my turn or ask them if I can play next to them.
• Other kids may also bump into me on accident. That is also okay. I am able to say, “excuse me” and continue playing.
• There may also be noises that surprise me, like announcements over the intercom. These are important because they tell me about exciting shows.
There are many things to do in the Art Smart Center. I can use the materials at the Tinker Tables to make what I want.
• I can paint on the Paint Window. I might get messy but there is a sink to wash up.
• I can even paint on my face with special paints.
• There is a piano and other instruments I can play. It might be noisy when people are playing so I can use my headphones.
• The Tinker Factory is a special room where I can use real tools like hammers and drills. I need to wear safety goggles at all times. It can get very noisy, so I can wear my headphones. If I don’t know how to use a tool, I can politely ask my grown-up or the Tinker helper.
The Science Center is a big room where there are lots of balls on the floor. I can put the balls in different tubes and watch it them move around the room.
• Light Play is in the back. It is dark and quiet and has glowing lights.
• When I want to move to a new area, I will tell my adult so we can go together.

• To go upstairs, I can use the elevator.
• I can also walk up the stairs.
• The stairs are big and blue. They also make noises on each step. I can find out what noises they make on each step.
• If we get hungry, we might get food from the Rainbow Café. I might have to wait in line to get my food.
• There are two rides upstairs, a train and a carousel that my family can buy tickets to ride. I will follow all the rules while I ride.
• My family can buy a bag of fossils or gems to use in the sluice. My hands will get wet and dirty, but I can wash them.
• My family and I might visit the Museum Store. There are toys and books for visitors to buy.
• The Omaha Children’s Museum is a fun place to visit, but there are often many things going on at once.

• If I get overwhelmed, I can:
  • Go to the Family Discovery Room. The lights are not as bright, it is quieter, and I can relax there.
  • Or Use one of the tools in the Sensory-Friendly Bag.
• I had a great time at the Omaha Children’s Museum! I can’t wait to visit again!