



CHICAGO
CHILDREN'S
MUSEUM

Storybook Guide



EARLYVENTION

A collaborative project between EarlyVention
and Chicago Children's Museum



Chicago Children's Museum's mission is to improve children's lives by creating a community where play and learning connect.

Chicago Children's Museum believes an accessible and inclusive museum must address each visitor's experience - making the museum's facilities, offices, exhibits, services, programs, and staff welcoming to all. Play For All, the museum's access and inclusion initiative, is recognized as a critical component of the museum's planning and development.

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EARLYVENTION

EarlyVention exists to create an ecosystem of impact for individuals with autism and different abilities, and the families who love them.

EarlyVention designs Interactive Stories and Subscription Activity Boxes to help facilitate play, language and participation; engages adults with special needs to help assemble their products; and works with businesses in the community to help drive inclusion initiatives. For more information, visit www.earlyvention.com or email info@earlyvention.com.

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Please use this book to help guide your child's visit at the Chicago Children's Museum.

Picture graphics are included to promote understanding and independence.

Choices on how to play are also provided.

To help locate each exhibit, the exhibit names are outlined in the colors representing the museum's floor levels:

Tickets (Floor 1)

Exhibits (Floor 2)

Exhibits (Floor 3)

Environmental distractors that may impact your child's senses are included at the bottom of certain pages.



**There are many places to
play in the museum.**

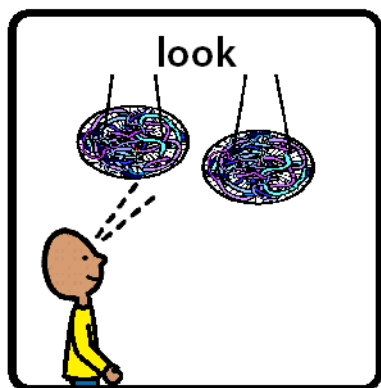
**There are different things to
do in each place.**

Entrance

I am about to go to
Chicago Children's Museum.



I can look at the art on
the ceiling while I wait.



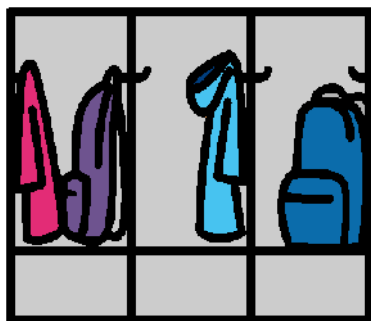
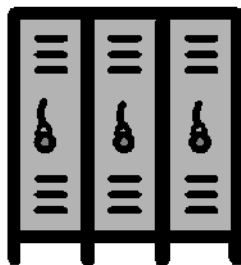
I can think about where
I want to play while I wait.



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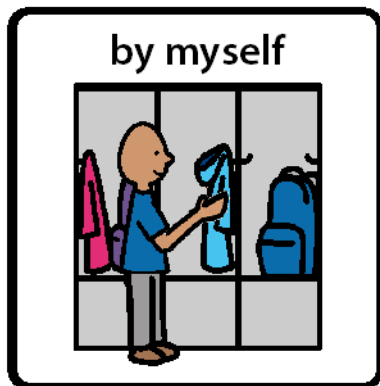
Lockers and Coats

I can hang up my coat, jacket, or extra clothes.

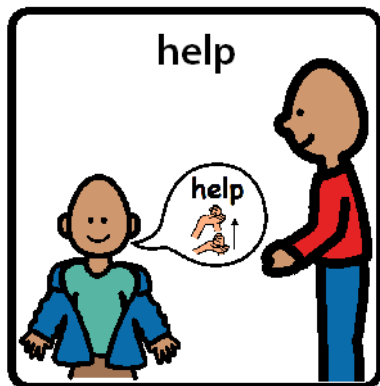


I can hang it up
by myself.

I can ask an adult to
help me hang it up.

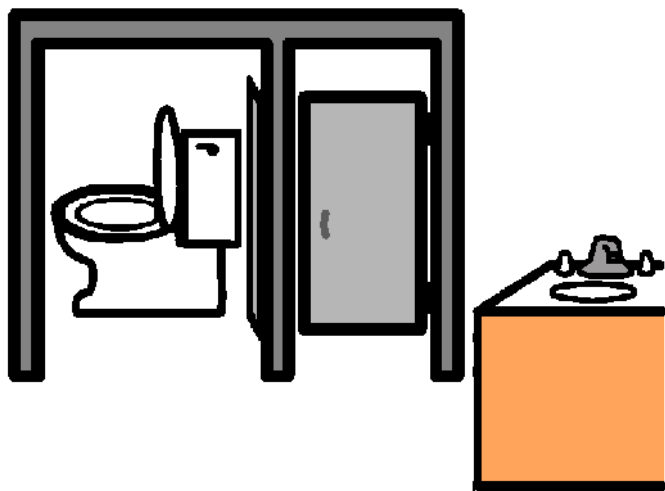


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Bathroom

I can use the bathroom
with a grownup.



After I go to the bathroom,
I can return to the exhibits.

It may be time to
leave the museum.



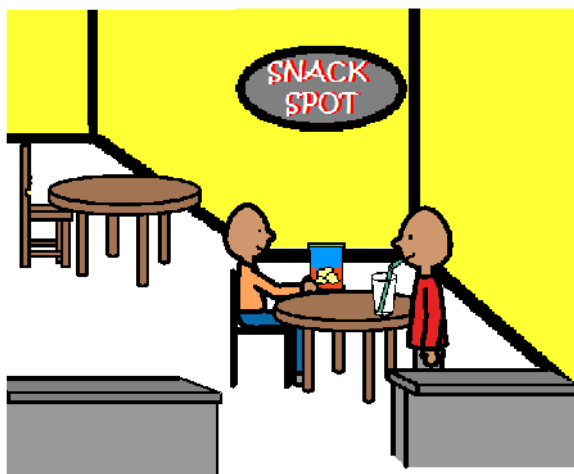
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Located on the 2nd and 3rd floor

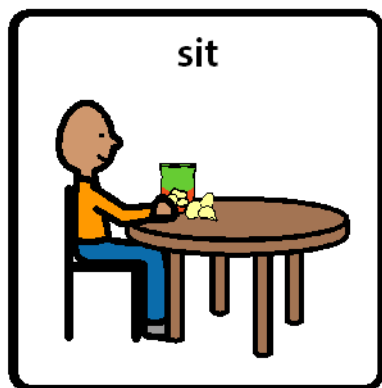
Snack Spot

If I have a snack, I can eat at the Snack Spots.

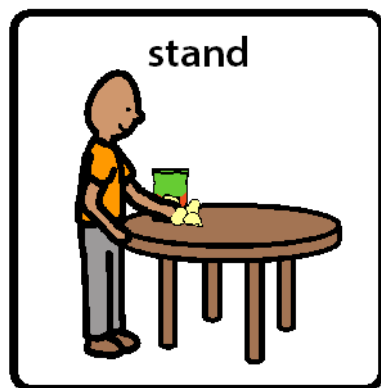


I can sit in a chair and eat my snack.

I can stand next to a table and eat my snack.



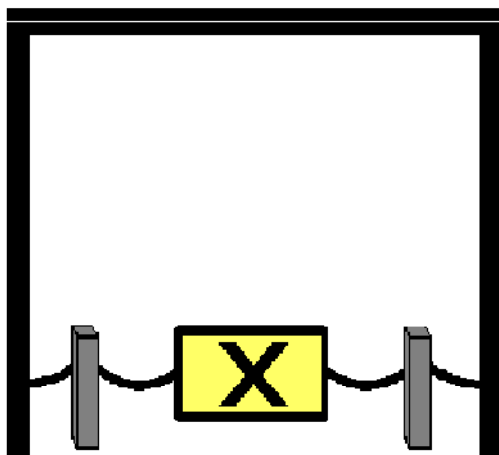
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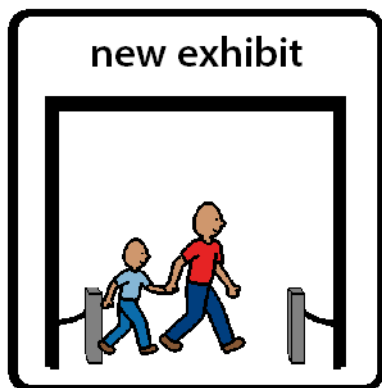
Possible exhibit distractions:

Closed/Changed Exhibit

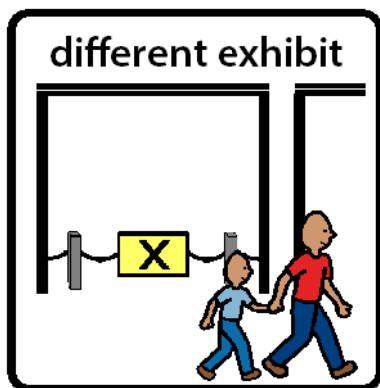
Sometimes an exhibit will change or be closed. This is okay.



I can play in the new exhibit.



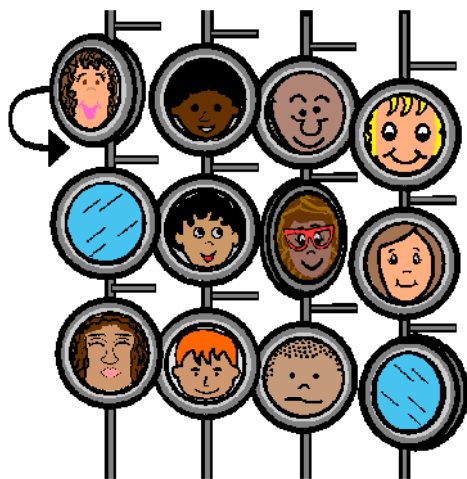
I can go to a different exhibit



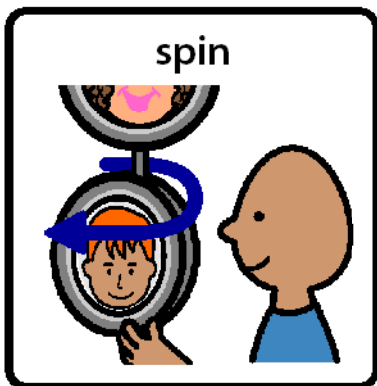
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Faces

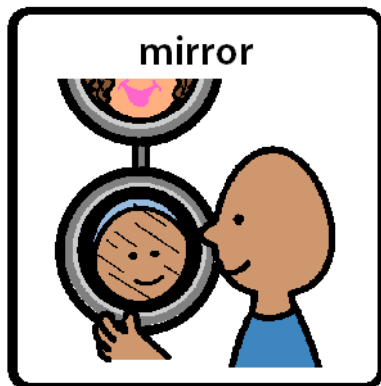
There are rows of
handmade faces.



I can spin the frames
to see the different faces.



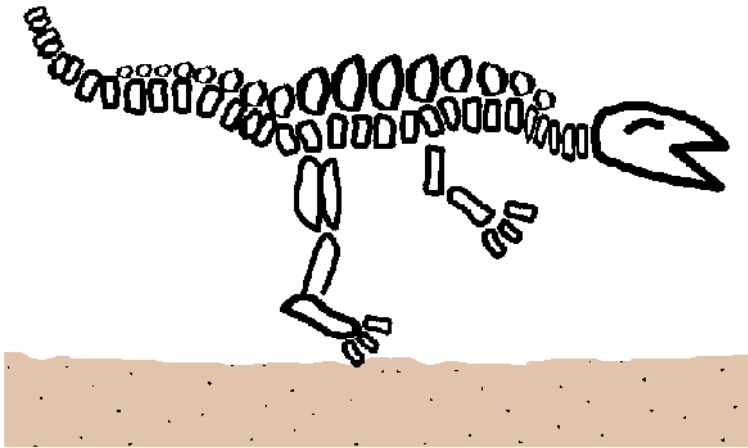
I can look for a mirror in
the frame to see my face.



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Suchomimus

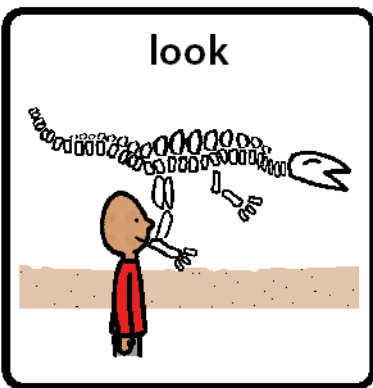
I will see the skeleton of a dinosaur named Suchomimus.



I can look at the dinosaur skeleton.

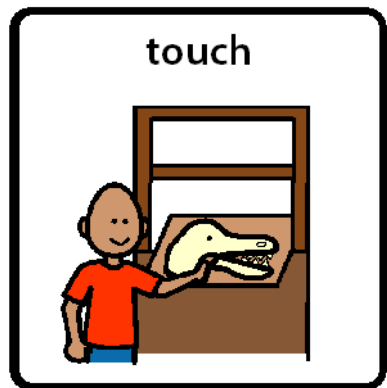
I can touch the dinosaur skull on the table.

look



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touch



Art Studio

I can create using different materials and tools.



I can work with someone else to create.

I can create on my own.

with someone

on my own



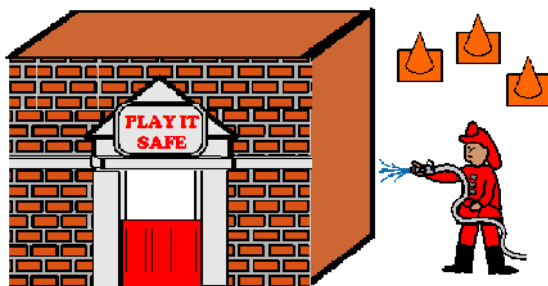
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Quieter space

Play It Safe

I can pretend to be a firefighter and learn about fire safety.



I can pretend to drive the fire truck.

fire truck



I can crawl through the smoke room.

smoke room

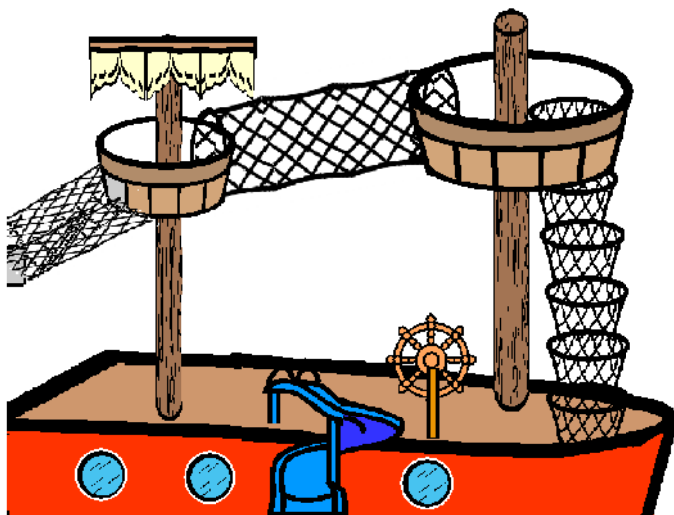


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Smoke alarms, loud noises, flashing lights

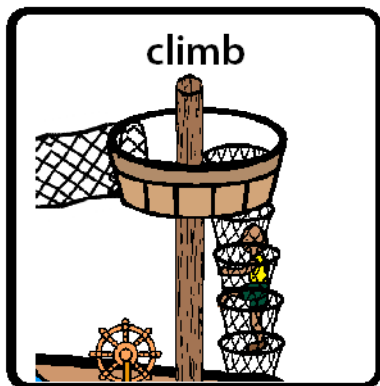
Climbing Schooner

I can climb up
and down a big boat.

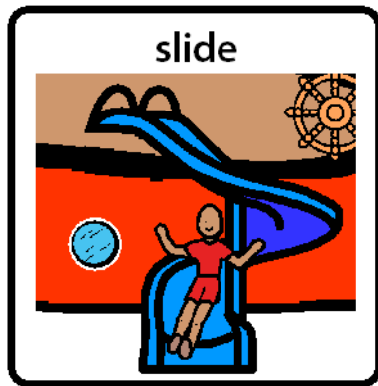


I can climb up
the ropes by myself.

I can go down to the
lower deck and use
the blue slide.



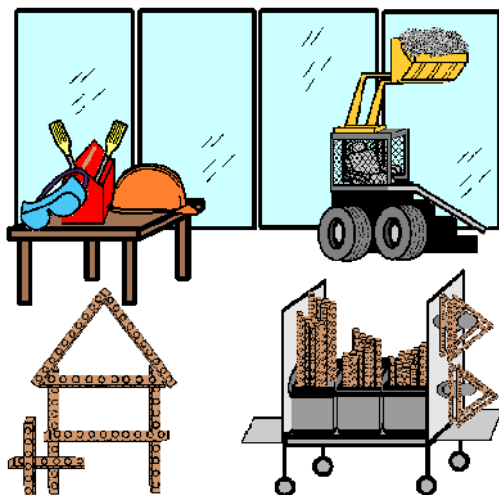
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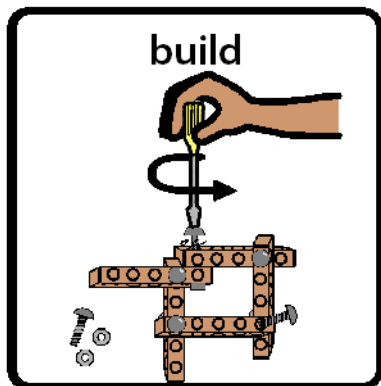
Not wheelchair accessible

Skyline

I can build big
and small structures.

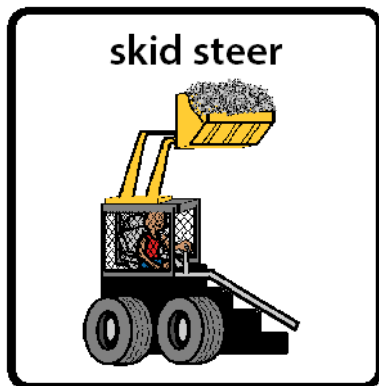


I can build using
nuts and bolts.



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I can pretend to drive
the skid steer vehicle.



WaterWays

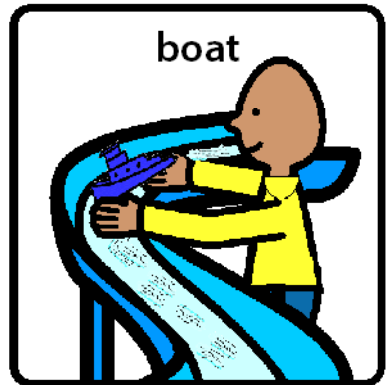
I can put on a raincoat and play with water.



I can put my hands in the water to build a dam.



I can put a boat in the water and watch it go downstream.



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Chlorine smell, potential to get very wet, hand dryer is loud

Great Hall

I can take a break
in the Great Hall.

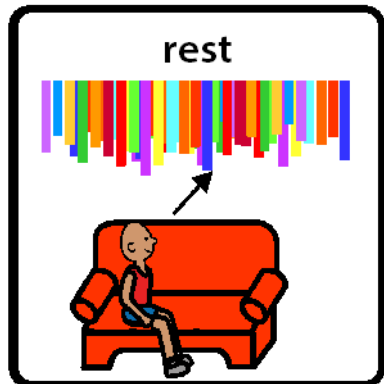


I can join in the activities.

I can rest on the couch
and look up at the ribbons.

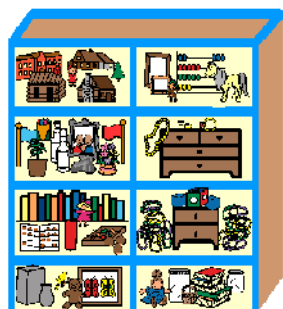


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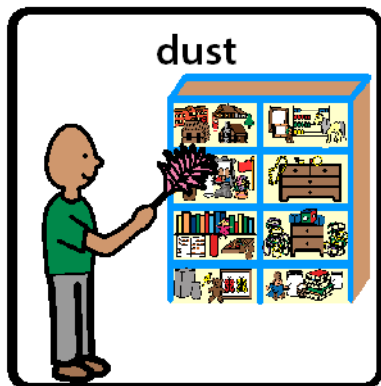


Michael's Museum

I can look at lots of tiny things on shelves and in drawers.

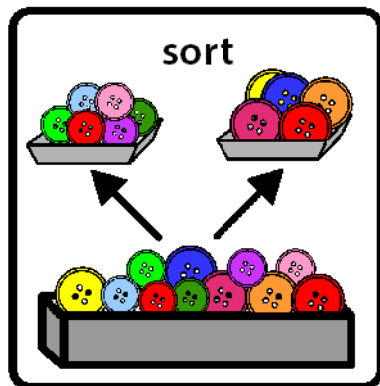


I can dust objects with a feather duster.



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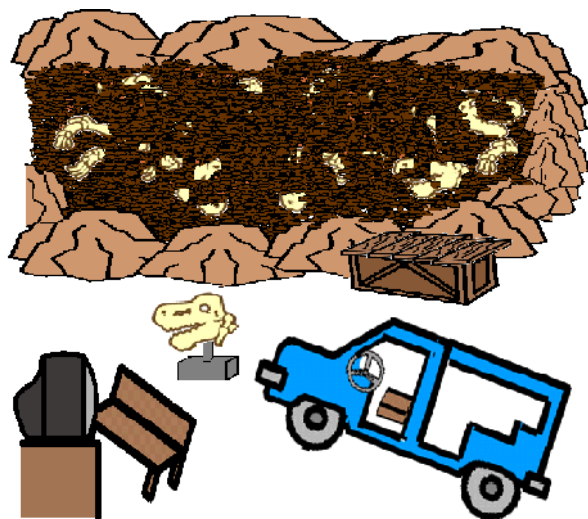
I can sort objects at a table.



Quieter space

Dinosaur Expedition

I can play in an exhibit about dinosaurs.



I can dig to find dinosaur bones.

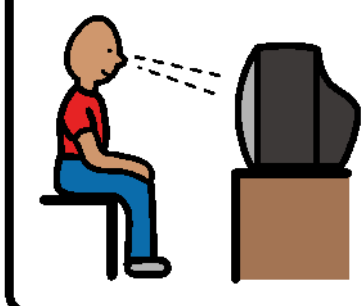
I can watch a video about how this dinosaur was found.

dig



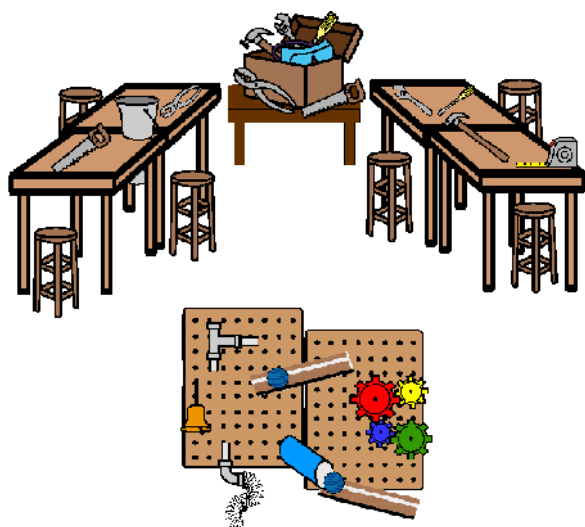
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watch video

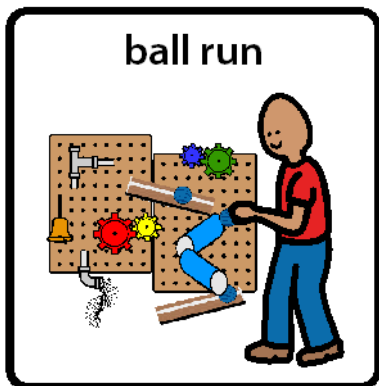


Tinkering Lab

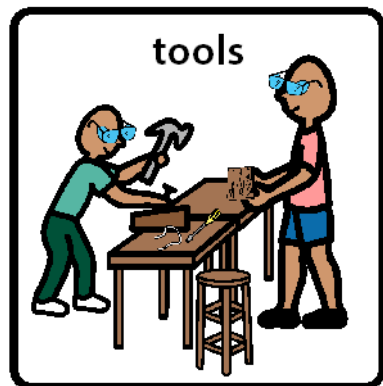
I can work with real materials.



I can make a ball run.



I can put on goggles and work with real tools.

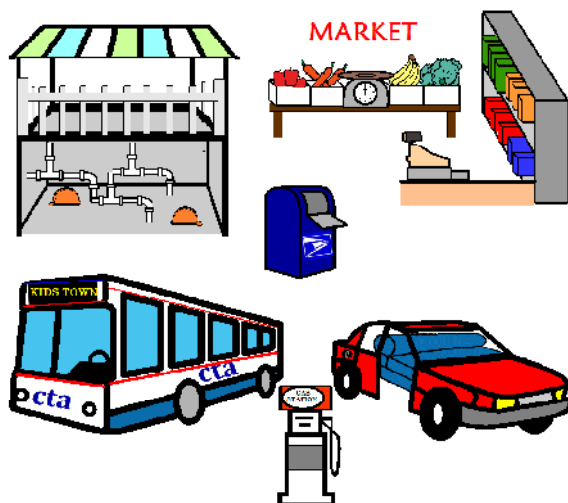


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Loud hammering, headphones available

Kids Town

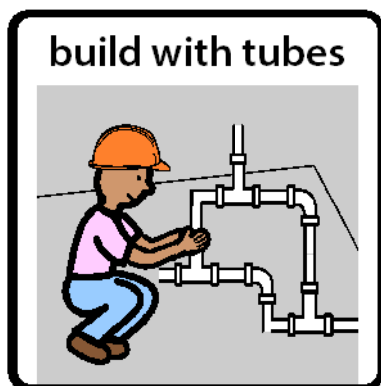
I can play in a pretend town.



I can shop for play food in the market.



I can build with tubes in the plumbing area.



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Loud, boisterous play

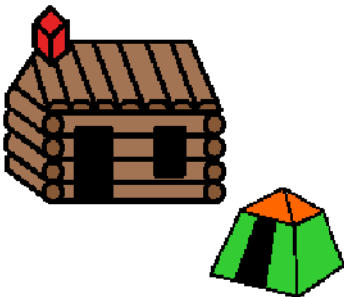
Treehouse Trails

I can pretend to be in the woods.



I can play inside the cabin or tent.

cabin or tent



I can climb and slide.

climb and slide

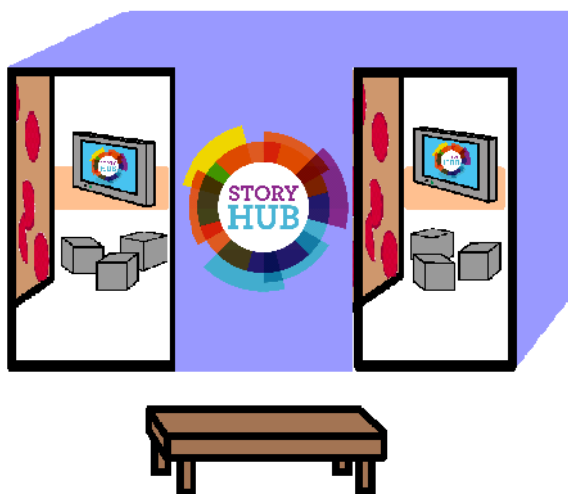


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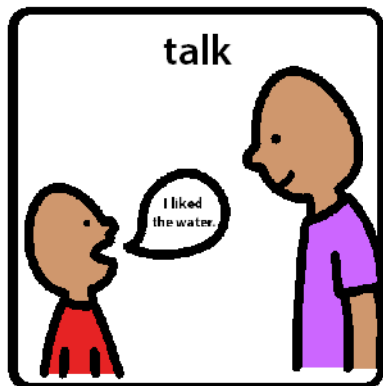
Quieter space

Story Hub

I can make a movie
about my visit.

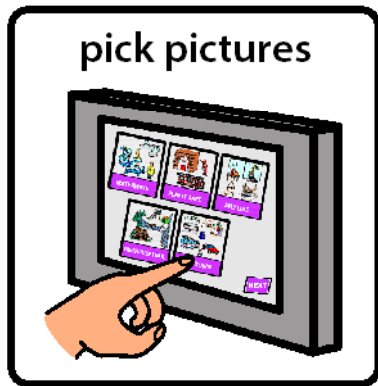


I can talk about my
visit with a grownup.



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OR

I can pick out
pictures for the movie.



Quieter space

My Visit

I got to play in
the museum today.



I can frown and say,
"I didn't like the museum."

I can smile and say,
"I had fun."

frown



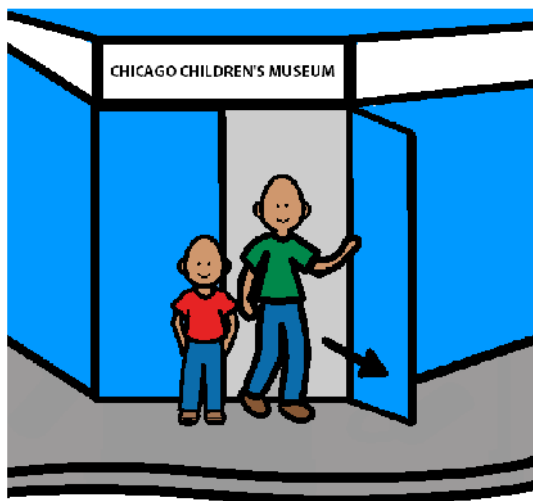
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smile

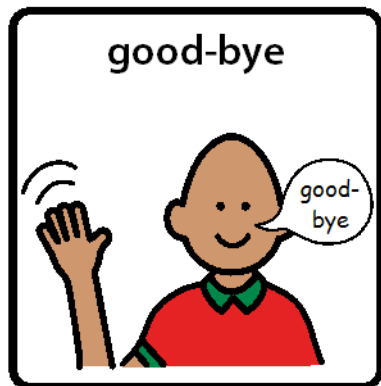


Leave

When my visit ends,
I will leave the museum.



I can say or
wave, "good-bye."



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I can ask to come
back another day.



Rules for Play



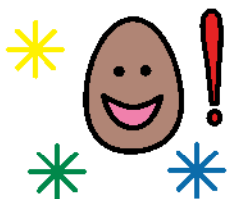
Stay together.
Play together.



If you need help, look
for museum staff.



Food is allowed in
Snack Spots only.



Have fun.



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