I am going to the Nelson-Atkins with my family!

We are going to The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. Inside the museum, there is art from all over the world. Some of the art was made just last year and some is over five thousand years old.

Today we get to go to the museum before it is open to the public, so it will be a little less crowded and a lot more quiet!
Visiting the museum is really fun because I can see a lot of great paintings and sculptures. Today’s visit may be different than other times we have visited the museum. This is because the Nelson-Atkins has made some changes to keep me, other visitors, and museum staff safe.

During our visit, there are some new rules we will need to follow to stay safe.

- We will get a wristband to wear while at the museum. This tells the museum staff that I reserved a ticket.
- We can choose to wear a mask to cover our nose and mouth, but we do not have to.
When I arrive at the museum, I will meet the workers at the check-in table by the Museum Store.

The workers will help me and my family get signed in. We will also get a map to help us find our way.
The check-in table has fidgets for me to take and keep with me while I explore the museum!

They also have headphones and communication cards for me to borrow while I spend time at the museum.
While I am in the museum, I will be sure to follow these rules to keep the art safe:

- I will not touch the art, walls, or glass display cases.
- I will not eat or drink inside the museum.
- I will keep my hands down and my body safe.
- I will stay with my group.

There will be security guards throughout the museum. They help people and protect the art. If I get lost, have a question, or need help, I can tell one of the security guards and they will help me.
Now I get to look at some art!

I can also make some art at the FunSpot, too!
Some areas of the museum are loud and some are quiet; some are crowded and some have fewer people. If I need to go somewhere quiet, I will tell my family or friends and ask to go to the Sensory Break Room.

The Sensory Break Room is dark and quiet. It has different types of seating and activities for me to do when I feel overwhelmed.
We will leave the museum through the same door that we used to enter. It might be a little more crowded and louder than when I arrived because the museum opens at 10:00 am. This is okay.

The Nelson-Atkins is a FREE museum, so I can come back with my family and friends another time!