

# KIDS DISCOVERY STATION

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## Pre-K Field Trip

July 2021  
350 W Yosemite Ave., Merced. CA 95348



## KiDS: Field Trip Guide



Thank you for choosing the Kids Discovery Station of Merced for your school or organizations field trip. We look forward to curating a space where your students can learn as they explore and discover the different activities and exhibits at the Kids Discovery Station.

### Mission statement:

Our mission at the Kids Discovery Station (KiDS) is to offer interactive exhibits and educational programs designed to engage children and families in joyful play and discovery, to foster appreciation of our world and its diversity, and to promote the love of learning, and spark the imagination.

### General Visit info

#### Allocated Time for Visit

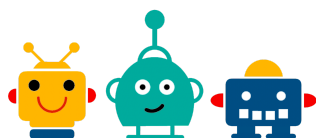
- Group visits are allocated 1-3 hours for their museum visit, based upon the desired programming during reservation. If you expect to arrive late, please let us know. However, if your group arrives late, we cannot guarantee an extension to your visit.

#### Chaperon Rules

- We require one adult chaperone (18+ years old) for every four students
- Please assign each chaperone their group of students prior to your arrival.
- We ask that chaperones actively supervise their assigned students.
  - Depending on the activity, chaperones are encouraged to ask open-ended questions to encourage students to think about the activities and exhibits.
- There must at least be one chaperone (non-museum staff) with the students at all times.
- We ask that chaperons only use their cell phones - and other electronic devices - for taking pictures, when actively supervising their students.
- We remind Chaperons that this is a children's museum, meaning it's okay for your students to express their excitement . (*i.e. being loud or jogging short distances is okay!*)

#### Student Rules

- Remember to be safe by always walking to exhibits and activities.
- Remember to be friendly by taking turns and sharing exhibits.
- Remember to be kind and gentle to the exhibits, so that other children can use them too.
- Remember to always stay with your adult/group at all times.
- If you need to use the bathroom, ask one of the adults that came with you to take you.
- And if you need help or are lost, find someone wearing our colorful robots!.





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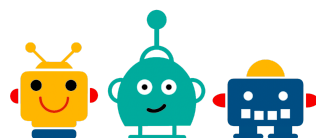


### Food and Drink Rules

- Food and drinks other than water are not permitted in the Museum's exhibit areas.
  - *It is highly recommended that each museum guest come with their own water bottle.*
- Groups eating during their visit must eat in the designated lunch spaces.
- In consideration of guests with allergies, we ask that guests do not bring food that contains nuts.
- Please note that we do not have food available for purchase.

### Upon Arrival and Departure

- Upon your arrival:
  - Buses and Private Vehicles:
    - All buses and private vehicles will use the back parking lot.
      - *Designated parking spaces will be marked or shown to you by museum staff.*
    - Stay with your bus/vehicles (on it or next to it) until a museum staff member greets you and guides you to the meeting space, where everyone will be given name tags.
      - *Name tags will be provided by museum staff.*
    - Once at the meeting space, we will have introductions and a short museum orientation, before beginning the trip activities.
- Upon your Departure:
  - Entire group will be guided back to the meeting space.
  - Final remarks and announcement will be given by museum staff.
  - Museum staff will guide you back to your stationed buses/private vehicles.
  - Once everyone is ready, and as instructed by the museum staff, you are free to go!



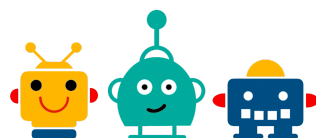


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## Agenda

Time	Event	Location	Description
5 Minutes	Introductions + Welcome Orientation	Meeting Space	KiDS staff guides participants to the meeting space for a brief orientation, distributions of names tags and group assignments.
20 Minutes	Group 1 – Five Senses Activity	Health Center	Students will be learning about their senses and body parts
	Group 2 – Superhero Healthy Eating Activity	Little Explorers Planet	Students will participate in the healthy eating activity
20 Minutes	Group 1 – Free Play	Health Center	Students will play and explore on their own.
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20 Minutes	Group 1 – Free Exploration and Play	Play Room	Students will play and explore on their own.
	Group 2 – Painted Rocks Activity	Creativity City	Students will participate in guided art/story time activity
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5 Minutes	Departure		KiDS staff will guide the groups to their transportation.





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### Activities

#### Healthy Eating | Little Explorers Planet

- Standards:
  - 7.3.N*  
*Choose healthy foods in a variety of settings*
- Summary
  - As little chefs, students must assemble different breakfast, lunch, and dinner meals for their favorite superheroes using healthy foods.

#### Our Five Senses | Health Center

- Standards:
  - 1.5.G & 1.6.G*  
*Name body parts and their functions and name and describe the five senses.*
- Summary
  - Students will learn about the 5 senses (sight, smell, hearing, touch, and taste) along with their body parts and functions that are involved with their senses.

#### Storytime and Art Activity | Creativity City

- Standards:
  - PK.VA: Cr.1.1*  
*Engage in self-directed or collaborative exploration with a variety of art materials.*
- Summary
  - Students will partake in a guided arts and crafts activity through reading a heartwarming story about a little stone who was able to spread kindness to the world. After reading *Scribble Stones*, students will share their own kindness by painting their own stone.

#### Free Play | Opened Museum Exhibits

- Summary
  - Students will be allowed to explore and play in the Little Explorers Planet, the health center, or Creativity City

