

## Preschool Summer Camp Social Story

Parents:

Camp at the Adler Planetarium is a very exciting and enriching experience, especially for preschool aged children as this might be one of their earliest drop-off experiences! Even though this might be one of their earliest drop-off experiences, it shouldn't be their first as the short nature of camp makes it difficult to address separation anxiety as a normal developmental milestone in young children. Please read (and share with your child) the below social story to get a feel for a day at camp at the Adler Planetarium for young children!

If you need additional information before deciding if this program is a good fit for your child, please email [summercamp@adlerplanetarium.org](mailto:summercamp@adlerplanetarium.org) or call 312-322-0329!



Hi friends! Welcome to camp at Adler Planetarium. My name is Lisa and I'm going to tell you all about a day at camp!

Every morning for this week, I will get dropped off by my dad and meet new counselors and friends at the Adler Planetarium. Dad will sign me in, give me a quick hug or high five, then he's on his way to start his day! I will wait outside with my new friends until 9:00am for all of the other friends to arrive and then walk into the building together. Don't worry, we will all stay together by holding onto the walking rope! If we're ever running late, Dad will bring me into the South entrance (other side of the building) and a counselor will come get me.

**Here's one of my new friends at drop off!**





Once we get into the building, we will take the stairs up to our Community PlayLab, made especially for kids 6 and under! The Community PlayLab has a sink for hand washing and the bathrooms are close by for when we need to take a potty break as a group or with a counselor. Dad made sure I wore clothes that I can manage so that when I use the bathroom, I can do it all myself.

**This is the Community PlayLab!**

We will get to know each other through games and other fun activities! We might do science activities that involve cutting, coloring, and pasting too. When it's time to transition to something new, the countdowns from the counselors help me move on without getting upset. We will eat our healthy snacks from home together in the Community PlayLab also.



**(Doesn't this look fun?!)**



Throughout the week, we will also explore other parts of the museum and museum exhibits together. We will also get to see a show in one of the theaters! My counselors will talk about the show before we go so that I feel ready. We will always use the walking rope when walking through the museum and walking outside. Safety is so important!

**This is in Planet Explorers, an exhibit designed for kids our age!**

When camp is over for the day, we will get all of our belongings and use the walking rope to walk outside. My dad will pick me up at 11:30am at the same place that I was dropped off.

**My friends and I like to draw while we wait for their families at pick up.**



I had so much fun meeting new friends and exploring the museum that I can't wait to come back tomorrow!