



PEORIA
RIVERFRONT
MUSEUM

LITTLE VISITORS MEAN **BIG FUN**

Programs and activities designed to excite and engage Pre-K groups.



PRE-K TOURS

Pre-K tours are designed to last 20-25 minutes, and have a capacity of 25 students.

A TO Z MUSEUM ART SEARCH

Capacity: One class, approximately 25 students

Location: Permanent Collection Gallery

Students will learn and review the letters of the alphabet, while exploring art in the galleries. Students will sing the alphabet song, come up with words that represent each letter of the alphabet (for example, “A” is for “apple”), and play “Alphabet Art Match,” linking letters of the alphabet with key paintings in the gallery.

MUSEUM SAFARI TOUR

Capacity: One class, approximately 25 students

Location: Permanent Collection Gallery

Students will go on a museum “safari” tour, and even dress like explorers, as they examine artwork of living creatures in the museum’s art collection. Students will borrow a discovery pack that allows them to observe and record the findings of their safari tour.

MY FIRST MUSEUM TOUR

Capacity: One class, approximately 25 students

Location: Permanent Collection Gallery

Students will learn all about museums, exploring topics such as “what is a museum,” “why do museums take special care of their collections,” and “what is proper museum etiquette?” Students will also explore the rich art, science, history and achievement displays in the museum.

PASSPORT TO THE WORLD

Capacity: One class, approximately 25 students

Location: Permanent Collection Gallery

Students will explore people and places of different countries around the world. Each student will receive a “passport” and get a special stamp for each artwork they visit, with each artwork representing a different country. While viewing the artwork, students will learn about the customs, foods and traditions of various cultures around the globe, and even get hands-on exploration of items from different countries.

SHAPES AND COLORS

Capacity: One class, approximately 25 students

Location: Permanent Collection Gallery

Students will listen to the story Mouse Shapes and spend time reviewing shapes and colors. Students will then go on a “shape and color” hunt, looking for circles, squares, triangles and rectangles in the artwork in the gallery, as well as search for their favorite color in the gallery. Students will also work in small groups to create pictures out of piles of shapes.

SOUNDS ALL AROUND

Capacity: One class, approximately 25 students

Location: Permanent Collection Gallery

Students will explore artwork in the gallery and imagine, create or listen to the sounds being made in the artwork. Students will also have the opportunity to play different percussive instruments, during their investigations.

PRE-K WORKSHOPS

Pre-K workshops are designed to last 20-25 minutes, and have a capacity of 25 students. Stay tuned - the following two workshops are currently in development:

BUBBLE BLAST WORKSHOP

Capacity: One class, approximately 25 students

Location: Classroom 1 or 2

Based on our popular “Bubble Blast” show, this workshop will introduce young learners to the science of bubbles. Learn how to make giant bubbles, paint with bubbles, and make a bubble explosion!

BUSY BEES

Capacity: One class, approximately 25 students

Location: Classroom 1 or 2

Students will learn about the life-cycle and roles of honeybees, what goes on inside a beehive, how bees pollinate flowers, and how they produce honey. They will also learn how honeybees communicate with one another using a special “bee dance,” and get to practice performing the dance themselves. Students will even get to taste different kinds of honey and learn a little about beekeepers!

ORIGAMI ADVENTURES

Capacity: One class, approximately 25 students

Location: Classroom 1 or 2

This hands-on workshop is perfect for little fingers that just can’t keep still! We will begin by reading *Fold Me a Poem* by Kristine George and talking about all of the amazing things you can make with paper. Students will then learn about the ancient roots of paper, and get to compare and contrast regular paper with recycled paper and traditional origami papers. The second half of the workshop will be dedicated to creating several examples of origami animals that students will get to take home!



BEST PRE-K GALLERY EXPERIENCES

While you are welcome to tour the entire museum, there are certain galleries which are ideal for Pre-K students:

DISCOVERY WORLD 1

A room for young learners which includes a crawl and discover area for toddlers, a magnet wall and sand table, construction area, and water play area.

DISCOVERY WORLD 2

A room for older learners which includes giant construction blocks, slats and arches, as well as a stop motion animation studio and water play area.

THE STREET “HANDS-ON AREA”

This interactive room in “The Street” exhibit includes a sand and truck play area, a gear manipulation wall, and a car design and test track.

PRE-K PLANETARIUM SHOWS

ONE WORLD, ONE SKY | 30 min.

Learning Standards: 1-ESS1-1 (Earth in Universe)

This show is based on the popular television program, Sesame Street. Big Bird, Elmo, and their friend from China, Hu Hu Zhu, take viewers on a voyage of discovery to learn about the Big Dipper, the North Star, the Sun, and the Moon. (grade PS-1st)

PERFECT LITTLE PLANET | 24 min. or 35 min.

Learning Standards: K-PS3-1 (Energy)

Discover our solar system through a new set of eyes: a family from another star system seeking the perfect vacation spot. Fly over the surface of Pluto, our best known dwarf planet. Dive down the ice cliffs of Miranda. Sail through the rings of Saturn. Feel the lightning storms at Jupiter. Walk on the surface of Mars. Which destination would you choose? (grade PS-4)

SKY ABOVE MR. ROGERS’ NEIGHBORHOOD | 30 min.

TV personality Mr. Rogers takes us to the Neighborhood of Make-Believe to see the night sky. Clouds, constellations, meteors, and the moon are topics introduced in this friendly show. (grade PS-K)

STORYBOOK SKY | 30-45 min.

Explore the planetarium chamber and hear some star stories. Observe the current evening sky. Students are asked to participate in locating the constellations. (grade PS-3)

ZULA PATROL: UNDER THE WEATHER | 30 min.

Based on a popular television show, this show features the Zula Patrol embarking on an expedition to collect weather samples from the planet Zula and attempting to thwart Dark Truder’s designs to rule the universe. (grade PS-2)

IN MY BACKYARD | 40 min.

Especially for young children, Fred Penner narrates this show and performs original songs while teaching about the sky and celebrating the beauty of nature all around us. Learn about seasons, constellations, the Solar System, and how to be a scientist in your backyard! (grade PS-1)

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR TRIP

To reserve your trip, call (309) 863-3013. For more information, visit peoriariverfrontmuseum.org

Pre-K groups of 15 or more receive a discounted* admission price of:

- \$5.50 per student, which includes the museum galleries and one additional program offering
- \$8.50 per student, which includes the museum galleries and two additional program offerings

**This discounted rate does not apply to Kindergarten-aged students and older.*