SENSORY SUNDAY
AN INCLUSIVE FAMILY DAY AT MORRILL HALL
Today I am going to visit Morrill Hall with my adult. We are going to drive to get there.
We will park in a parking lot or in a parking garage. We will look for the statue of “Archie” the mammoth to know when we are there.
When we get to the Museum, we will go inside by walking up the steps behind Archie or by using an elevator.
Once we are inside, we will buy tickets at the front desk. If there is a line, we will wait our turn.

There will be other kids with their adults. It might be loud when we first get to the Museum.
There are barriers in some places in the Museum to keep me safe.

I should not reach over the barrier.
The Museum has four floors. The front desk is on the second floor. We can visit the different floors using the stairs or the elevator.
Some exhibits in the Museum have glass in front of them like a window.
There are bathrooms and water fountains on each floor of the Museum. I will tell my adult if I need to use the bathroom or get a drink of water.
If I get hungry and need to eat while I am at the Museum, I should tell my adult.

There are picnic tables outside behind the statue of Archie. We can go outside to eat.

When we are finished, we can come back inside.
MUSEUM EXHIBITS
On the second floor of the Museum, there are many fossils to see. There are pictures painted on the walls behind the fossils. These pictures are called murals.
I should look high and low for fossils. There are even some fossils in the floor!

They are covered with strong glass. It is okay to walk on the glass. It will not break.
I should not touch the fossils if they are behind a barrier. I should look around for a barrier before I touch.

There are lots of fossils that I can touch – even elephant teeth.
There is a planetarium at the Museum. It is dark in the planetarium. I can lean back in the chair and watch a show to learn about space or other interesting things.
The Discovery Center is on the first floor. There are lots of things to touch and see and smell in the Discovery Center. If my adult says it is okay, we can go in.
In the Discovery Center, there is a pit where I can pretend to be a paleontologist.

I can use a brush to uncover a fossil rhino.
I can use my nose to sniff different smells at the smell bottle stations.

There is a list of smells that will help me know what is in each bottle.
I can look at different shells, fossils, insects, and bones in the Discovery Center. I should ask my adult before I pick something up. Some of them are heavy and my adult might need to help.
I can build a tower with the wood blocks or read a story with my adult.
In the Evolution exhibit, I can play with the Tree of Life table or look in a mirror and pretend to be a chimpanzee. I can look through a microscope like a scientist. I might hear music in the Evolution gallery. There is a video about dancing flies. I can even try to sing like a fly!
I can walk down the Hall of Nebraska Wildlife.

I might hear some animal sounds in this hall. The sounds I might hear are: a bird, a rattlesnake, or a bison.

If I push the button in front of an exhibit, I will hear an animal sound.
There are lots of Rocks and Minerals on the third floor.
In the First Peoples of the Plains gallery, I can open drawers to look at beautiful Native American artifacts.

I might hear the sounds of a powwow. I can press buttons to play different videos to learn about Native Americans.
On the Fourth floor, there are many things I can touch and explore. In the Science Exploration Zone, I can make my own collection and look at things close up with the DinoLites.
In the Visible Lab, I can watch scientists working. I can ask them questions about what they are doing.
When it is time to leave, we will go back to the second floor.

We can visit Archie again soon!