My Visit to the Greater Cleveland Aquarium
Today I’m going to the Aquarium. I will see animals from lakes, rivers, oceans and tropical forests.

There will be fish, turtles, lizards, birds and invertebrates.
The Aquarium is inside the historic Powerhouse building. The smokestacks on top are really cool. Sometimes the parking lot can be crowded, so I will stay close to my group.
The Aquarium is on the bottom level of the building. I can take the stairs or the elevator to get down there.
This is the main entrance of the Aquarium.

I will wait in line with our group to get our tickets. We’ll also get a map so we know where we are going.
While in the Aquarium, I will try to stay close to my group. If I get separated from my group or need help, I should stay calm and ask an Aquarium team member for help. They are easy to spot because they wear blue uniforms.
The first gallery I’ll go through has animals found in Ohio. There is a waterfall that is a little loud, so I can move away from that if I’d like. The top of the big exhibit is open, but I shouldn’t put my hand in that one.
In the Asia and Indonesia gallery, I may be able to touch an animal! I should use 2 fingers and touch it gently on the back.
The Aquarium can be dark and crowded in a few spots, but if I keep moving I’ll get to a brighter area. Seeing the animals is fun!
In the Coastal Boardwalk Gallery, I am able to touch some animals, but I don’t have to if I don’t feel like it.
Stingray barbs are trimmed so they cannot sting. I should use 2 fingers and only go to my wrist in the water. I can gently touch their backs and wings, to see how they feel. I can ask my adult to help me touch gently, but I don’t have to touch if I don’t want to.
The invertebrates are very small and fragile animals. I will use 2 fingers and be extra gentle when I touch. I won’t pick up or grab any creatures, but I can touch sea stars and urchins here.
I can learn a lot about the animals from Aquarium team members.
In the Shark Gallery, there is a seatube I can walk through to feel like I’m underwater. It is neat to see sharks swimming overhead, but I don’t have to walk through if I don’t want to.
Sometimes SCUBA divers are in the water. They wave and give high-fives. Other times they even talk to you through a speaker.

I don’t need to worry about them being in the water. They are trained and they dive many times every day.
The exit of the Aquarium is through the Coral Cove Gift Shop. Some people buy things in the store, but we don’t have to.
When I’m all done looking at the animals, the 2nd floor has a few more activities in the Imagiquarium.

I can take the stairs or the elevator to get there. I can also skip this room if I don’t want to play or if it’s too noisy.
Knowing what to expect when I visit the Aquarium helps me stay calm so I can have a great time.
Goodbye for now. I had fun seeing all the animals at the Aquarium. Maybe I will visit again one day!