Our Visit to the Katonah Museum of Art

We are going to the Katonah Museum of Art, also known as the KMA. Every 3-4 months the art on view changes. It is recommended that we sign up online ahead of time.

We will enter the Museum from the parking lot through the front door. When we enter the Atrium the reception desk will be straight ahead to the left. The all gender accessible bathrooms are to the right and left of us. The bathroom to the right has a diaper changing table.

At the reception desk a Guest Services Associate will greet us, check us in, and give us a mini book to use in the Learning Center. If at anytime during our visit we have a question we can ask one of them for help.
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Past the Atrium is the Sculpture Garden. We can go outside to look at the sculpture. It is also a place to rest and sit at the chairs and tables or on a bench. If we bring a snack we can eat it out there. The tall trees are called Norway Spruce.

The KMA has two main galleries. The gallery on the right is the Righter Gallery. The exhibition on view, Tenacity & Resilience: The Art of Jerry Pinkney, features work from seven picture books the artist illustrated. We can’t touch the artwork.

The Beitzel Gallery is on the left and continues the Jerry Pinkney exhibition. We can walk in and look around. There is a reading area as we go in where we can sit quietly and look at the picture books in the exhibition. Behind the wall is a video that shows Jerry Pinkney speaking about his artistic process.
A Sense of Community: Celebrating Jerry Pinkney’s Legacy is another exhibition on view in the Spot Gallery and the Learning Center. It explores Pinkney’s role as a mentor to, and model for, artists and illustrators of color.

This exhibition continues in the Learning Center where we can view illustrations, sit and talk, and create art. There is another couch and reading area here.

We can practice being a picture book illustrator. There are handouts to help us think about the elements that go into a picture book. There are three materials boxes that we can use to practice creating in different media. We can use the mini book we got when we arrived to start our own picture book.