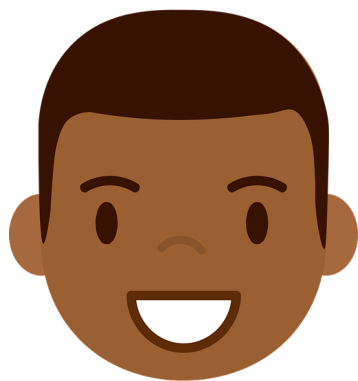


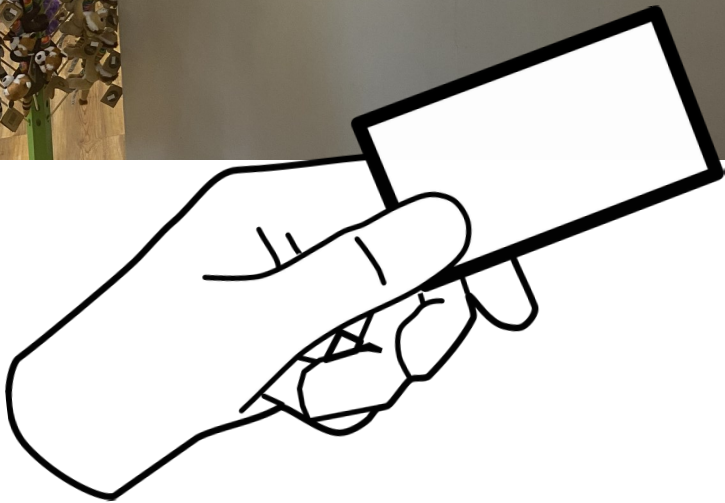
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ALEXANDRIA  
ZOO

This social story is made to help me understand what to prepare for and expect during my trip to Alexandria Zoo. While I'm visiting, it's important to remember to listen and follow all directions from the adult I am with and the Alexandria Zoo staff to ensure the animals and I are safe while having fun.





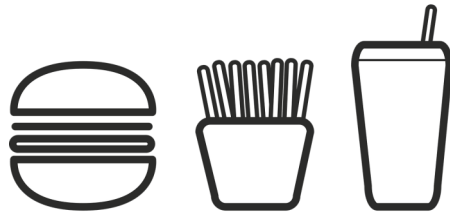
Today I am going to visit the Aussie Aviary at the Alexandria Zoo. When we arrive at the Zoo, I can choose to purchase a feed stick ticket at the Ticket Window, Zootique or, Dippin Dots cart.



I will follow the signs to the Aussie Aviary.



At the aviary we will park our stroller, or wagon, along the rope to the right of the entrance.



Certain items are allowed into the aviary while others are not for the health of the birds.



Before entering the aviary I will look to see if there is another group inside the screen door. If there is, I will wait my turn to enter.



Once inside, we will wait at the window and listen to instructions on how to have a fun and safe time at the aviary. We will give the attendant our feed stick ticket(s) if we have them.





Wiping my shoes on the sanitizer mat helps keeps the birds healthy. The plastic drapes helps the birds to stay in their home. The screen door must be closed behind us before moving through the drapes.



Once inside, I will walk into the middle of the aviary to make room for other visitors. I will remember to stay on the gray concrete and watch out for birds on the ground.



The Aussie Aviary is home to four different types of parrots that are found in Australia. I might see some birds missing feathers on their head. This is unique to those individuals and is perfectly fine for them.



I will experience parrots up close in here. I'll hear their squawks, feel the breeze as they fly past, or feel their claws tickle my skin. The birds will not hurt me, but they might surprise me!



While in the aviary I will move slowly, use my indoor voice, and not touch the birds.



Zoo employees wear t-shirts with the zoo logo on it. I can ask them questions about the zoo or the animals. I will wait my turn to ask my question.





When my visit to the aviary is over, I will leave with my group. It might be crowded when I am leaving with my family/group, so I will be prepared to wait our turn to exit.



As we exit, my group will wait for the drapes to close behind us before opening the screen door.





We will throw out our  
feed stick in the trash  
can and wash our  
hands once we're  
outside.



After exploring the aviary my group can visit more of the zoo!