

MUSEUM EXPLORATION CARDS

OUR WORLD

Minnesota Children's Museum

1. Follow the child's lead.

Find the many community helpers in *Our World*. Ask the child, "Which of these jobs can you pretend to have?"

2. Share in the joy of learning together.

Talk with the child about his/her favorite meal. In the Market, shop for food to make the meal.

3. Talk About It.

Have the child collect the mail. Practice saying and locating the addresses together. Encourage the child to deliver the mail.

WORLD WORKS

Minnesota Children's Museum

1. Follow the child's lead.

Observe how the child works in the Toy Warehouse with other children.

2. Share in the joy of learning together.

Learn together how to make paper in the Paper Factory by following the steps.

3. Talk about it.

In the Water Area send two different types of boats down the ramp at the same time. Ask the child, "Did they travel at the same speed or did one go faster?" Try it again. What happened this time?

EARTH WORLD

Minnesota Children's Museum

1. Follow the child's lead.

If the child puts on a costume, ask the child, "Who should I pretend to be?"

2. Share in the joy of learning together.

Encourage the child to use language to describe what is in the touch boxes in the Lodge on the fifth floor. Ask, "Is it soft, smooth, or rough?" Take turns making guesses before the box is opened.

3. Talk about it.

Visit each animal home together and talk about what it is called. Ask the child, "Which home would you want to live in? Why?"

ROOFTOP ARTPARK

Minnesota Children's Museum

1. Follow the child's lead.

Encourage to child to make shadows under the dome. Ask the child, "What shadows do you want me to make?"

2. Share in the joy of learning together.

Look through the fence to the city around and below you. Ask the child, "How do the cars, busses and trucks look different when you see them from the top?"

3. Talk about it.

At the streambed, encourage the child to use a brush to put water or snow on the rocks. Ask the child, "What changes happen to the rocks as you put water or snow on them?"