

BEFORE YOUR VISIT

FOR STUDENTS

Hi friends! We're so excited you're coming to visit our museum.



LET'S LEARN ABOUT THE PHILLIPS!

What is The Phillips Collection?

- The Phillips Collection is an art museum that opened over 100 years ago. It has all kinds of works of art. When you're at the museum, you'll see paintings, sculptures, photographs, and art made out of lots of different materials.

Why does the museum look like a big house?

- Duncan Phillips and his family used to live here! Mr. Phillips and his wife, Marjorie Phillips, opened up three rooms of their home in 1921 for people to see the art they had collected. Eventually, the family moved to another home, and the entire house became a museum.

Why are museums important?

- Museums take care of artworks and keep them safe. They also make an impact on local communities by welcoming guests of all ages and offering community events.
- The artworks that hang on museum walls tell the stories of moments in history.
- Museums inspire and educate—we can all learn in a museum.



WHEN WE'RE EXPLORING THE GALLERIES, THIS IS WHAT WE DO:

Where can we put our stuff?

- Large bags, backpacks, coats, water bottles, and lunchboxes should be left in the large black bins in the main entrance when you arrive.

Why can't we have food or drinks in the galleries?

- Food and drinks can damage the artwork, and they are messy.

What can we use to take notes and sketch in the galleries?

- Pencils without erasers and any kind of notebook or paper.

Can we take pictures?

- The Phillips Educator will tell us when it's a good time to take a photo (without flash). Otherwise, just like at school, we should keep our phones away.

How can we move around the museum?

- We should always move calmly, with our hands by our sides. We look with our eyes, ask questions with a raised hand, listen to others' ideas, and give each other and the artwork space.

Why can't we touch the art?

- The natural oils on our fingers can damage artworks.

What do we do if we have to go to the bathroom?

- We should try to use the bathroom before or after the tour. We can ask the Phillips Educator where the bathroom is.



HOW WILL WE LEARN ABOUT ART AT THE PHILLIPS?

What will we do on a tour?

- We will look at works of art, talk about art, sketch, and ask questions. We might even do an activity where we get to move around!

Who is leading our tour?

- A Phillips Educator will lead our tour. The Educators like to ask questions and hear from you! They want everyone to have fun at the museum, and also learn more about art.

We're standing in front of an artwork. What do we do?

- We can imagine the story behind the artwork. What was the painter thinking?
- We see where our eyes go first. What do we notice? We look at the colors, lines, and shapes we see.
- We draw, we move, we listen, and we work together.

What will we see at the museum?

- Typically, we will spend time with three works of art at the museum. And you'll see a lot more art as you're walking through the museum.

What if we have questions about an artwork?

- Phillips Educators love it when we ask questions!
- We'll also have many opportunities to share and discuss ideas throughout the tour.

