Pioneers in Flight

National Air and Space Museum
Morning at the Museum
Soon, I will go to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. This story is about some things I may see there.
Many of the exhibits in this museum are in big, open spaces. There are planes hanging overhead. The planes are hanging overhead to show people what they look like when they are flying.
A pioneer is a name for one of the first people to do something. This exhibit is about some of the first people to fly airplanes.
There is more than one way to go through this exhibit. Sometimes people start at the left side. Sometimes people start at the left, or in the middle. This is okay. Together, my adult and I will decide where to start. Once in the exhibit, we will try to stay together, near my adult, for safety.
I will see real planes hanging from the ceiling over my head. The planes do not move, and it is safe to walk under them. They may look like they are flying, but they are still safe.
I may see a basket that is used to carry people that ride in hot air balloons. It is okay for children to go in the basket. The basket stays right where it is, all the time. To fly, it would need to be outdoors, with a filled hot air balloon attached, and an expert to fly it safely.
In the exhibit, there are many objects in cases. Some are up high and some are down low. I may see objects that are okay to touch. I may see displays on screens that are okay to touch, too. I may go into Don’s Air Service and play with the gears and propellers.
Some of the objects are things that our pioneers took on their flight. Other objects (jacket, goggles, snowshoes) are things that people would have worn or seen on their trip.
There are places where I may make rubbings of airplanes. I may have to wait for my turn before I can make my rubbing. I will try to be very careful to keep my crayon on the paper. That way, my rubbing will be on the paper to take home, and the exhibit will be clean for the next person.
My adult and I may take a picture at the viewing tower. I may look for the different planes from the viewing tower or I may crawl under the tower and read a story.
There are many computer touch screens in the exhibit. I may play on them and learn about the planes and flying. If someone is already there, I may have to wait my turn. This is okay. My adult may limit my time on the screen so that others may play on them too.
There are many things to do and see at the National Air and Space Museum. The exhibits I may see are about pioneers in flight and planes.