Sensory-Friendly Hallowe’en in Greenfield Village

Social Narrative
I can’t wait for Sunday, October 20! I get to go to Hallowe’en in Greenfield Village!

I can wear my Halloween costume if I would like to or I don’t have to if I don’t want to. I will need to leave any kind of sword, broom, weapon, or other sharp object at home for tonight.
We go over the rules for visiting Greenfield Village one more time when we get there:

1. Stay with my adult at ALL times.

2. Walk only. No running.

3. No touching anything without my adult’s permission.

4. No climbing on anything unless my adult says it is ok.

If I get lost, I can go to a Greenfield Village worker and ask for help. To find a Greenfield Village worker, I look for someone who is handing out candy or selling something or wearing a police officer uniform.
There will be lots of people in Greenfield Village. They may stand close to me. I should not touch other people.

Some of the people will be wearing Halloween costumes. Some of the costumes may include bright or flashing lights.

If I am bothered by the people or lights, I need to tell my adult that I need a break.

We will make many stops throughout Greenfield Village tonight to get treats and watch shows. To get treats, we will walk by different characters. I will let my adult know if I am too scared to go near a character.
Our first stop of the night is to listen to a group of singing vampires called The Transylvania Trio. We stop and listen to them sing a song.

We next stop to watch the Grim Reaper. I will see a black-cloaked figure near the fence and a large fire at a distance. There will be other people watching too. If I am bothered by this area, I need to tell my adult.
Soon, we will pass by figures that have heads made of pumpkins. We can stop to take pictures.

Near these figures, we will come to a quiet zone. It is in the Ford Motor Company building. There are bean bag chairs, fidgets, and coloring sheets. I can take a break here.
Next is our first treat stop! I will see the Queen of Hearts and Alice from *Alice in Wonderland*! We may have to wait in line for treats. I will be patient, not touch other people, and let my adult know if I need a break.

Just down the road, I will see the Mad Hatter and March Hare. I can get my picture taken by them if I would like to.
After getting our treats, we will stop to watch the Top Hat Side Show. I can see people doing acts using fire or swords. There are lots of other people here. If I am bothered by the crowds or show, I need to tell my adult.

We will now see Madam ZaZa. She’s a fortune teller!
After walking by people who are talking about a monster, we will walk through an area about dreams and creatures under the bed. I will see pictures on buildings and a bed with a person looking for “creatures” under it. I will hear spooky sounds, such as a door opening.

There may be lots of people here. If I am bothered by the area or crowds, I need to tell my adult. We can go around this area by continuing down the street. We will watch for curbs as we go to and from this area.
Up ahead, we will come to our next treat stop. I will see a very tall wizard!

After getting our treats, I can stop to listen to a few songs from three witches known as the Potion Sisters or listen to the telling of the story of “Hansel & Gretel.”
Up ahead, I see skeletons dancing and playing music! We stand and watch them.

Next, we will come to a covered bridge. There are spooky sounds and fog inside the bridge and it is dark. There is a creature called a troll sitting on a bench after the bridge. If I’m too scared to go inside the bridge, I can go along a path outside of it. I do not get too close to the water under the bridge.
After crossing the bridge, we can stop for a snack break or we can keep going. If we stop, we can watch a silent movie.

We will next pass by a row of scarecrows. I wonder if any of them will move!
I see another treat stop up ahead! It’s a giant pumpkin.

Near this treat stop, I hear some singing. Could that really be singing pumpkins? It is!
Up ahead, I see a woman dressed all in white, walking across the balcony of a house. Nearby, I can listen to a story - either “The Tell-Tale Heart” or “Little Red Riding Hood.”

After going down a hill, we will stop for more treats, this time near Good and Bad Fairies. There will be bright, colorful lights on the ground here.
Up ahead, we will watch a show with singing pirates. It may be crowded here, with lots of people and noise. I will not get too close to the water.

After the show, we will go up a hill. A mermaid will be here with treats. We will also see a cemetery with fog in it. We will watch our step around curbs here.
Down the road, we will pass by a Halloween market with brooms on display and a witch. I may be able to sit on a broom here and get my picture taken.

Our next treat stops have characters from *The Wizard of Oz*. I will see Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, and Cowardly Lion.
After getting our treats, we will walk through a haunted forest. It will be dark and the ground may be uneven. I will tell my adult if I am too scared to go through the forest. We can go around it. While in the forest, we may see Flying Monkeys from *The Wizard of Oz*.

We will watch our step over curbs as we leave the forest, as it will be dark. After leaving the forest, we will come to a treat stop. I will see the Wicked Witch from *The Wizard of Oz*.
Nearby, I will see the face of Oz on a wall. There is fog in this area. If I am uncomfortable here, I can tell my adult and we can move on.

Near the face of Oz is another quiet zone. This one is set up in a red building called the Carding Mill. It has bean bag chairs. I can take a break here if I need to.
In this area, we will see a pumpkin tree. I can look up into the tree and see lots of lighted pumpkins.

After the pumpkin tree, we will come to our last treat stop. I see Glinda the Good Witch from *The Wizard of Oz*. 
Our last stop of the night is to see the Headless Horseman. It is loud here, with spooky sounds. I see lots of people watching. We watch too. If I am bothered by the crowds or show, I need to tell my adult.

After this stop, my visit to Hallowe’en in Greenfield Village has come to an end. I had a great time and can’t wait to come back next year!