

# ODYSSEY ORACLE JUNIOR



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# REFLECTING ON ODYSSEY



**Yael Gonzalez**

At first I believed that Odyssey would be really boring and a waste of my time. I kept putting off going until my parents talked me into going at least once. Now, I'm grateful they did. I came to realize that Odyssey is not like school at all. It has been really fun, enjoyable and a great place to be. I did not think it was going to be like that the first time I came. I really enjoyed learning about different cultures and perspectives, as well as playing really fun games and eating some great food. My views really changed about Odyssey. They changed for the better.



**Safaa Mohammed Saed**

Odyssey has introduced me to different perspectives and that's just incredible. Having an American Indian talk today opened my mind to a different part of the world that has actually always been around us. I've known of the presence of Native Americans and knew of their struggle in society, but I didn't know to what extent. I've heard about Native Americans, but not from one himself. Hearing some of the past from a person from the First Nations is amazing by itself.



**Abdul Mohammed Saed**

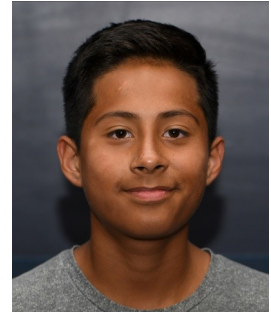
I was in Odyssey last year, and I learned a lot of stuff. Odyssey helped me be a better reader and writer and be less shy and share more. This year, I feel like they helped me more to perform and read aloud and share my ideas about my experiences. I thought that Odyssey was going to be like last year, but it was different and it's more fun. I suggest you come to Odyssey.

**Olivia Partee**

The past year was great. We studied Hamilton and played games. We had a lot of big discussions about big topics.

**Gael Rodriguez**

When I first got into this program, I thought it was going to be boring, but it was actually pretty fun. One thing I really liked about Odyssey was when we wrote letters to our future selves.

**Javé Sanders**

I thought Odyssey would be more like school, but it was like an after school thing where we learned more than we learned in school. My favorite thing is I'm the second oldest here.





# EXPRESSIONS

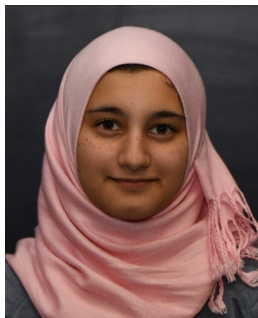


## **A Few of My Favorite Things by Gael Rodriguez**

I love soccer because it takes everything off my mind, and I really like playing. It is really competitive.

I love salsa verde because it has a really good flavor and texture. I like to eat it with tortillas.

I love my turtle, because it's a turtle and it looks funny. My turtle is a racer, and I win races with him, and I win money off of that.



## **A Piece of Golden Art by Safaa Mohammed Saed**

A piece of golden art,  
A shining power  
In a land  
Of singing melody  
Of the birds.  
A cool breeze  
In the warm air  
With every fresh breath,  
But the beauty  
Is of more worth.

A gift not worth an occasion,  
An occasion between two,  
Two expressing love.

A golden art  
Shared between

A husband  
And  
A wife.  
Of love that  
Ever existed.  
Without a beginning  
Without an end.

From love to warmth  
From mother to daughter.

A locket of whispers  
From unknown voices,  
Speaking a language  
Of mystery.

A piece of golden art,  
Made by an artist,  
On an unknown  
Time or weather,  
Day or night.  
A design of a whispering melody  
Without an end,  
Silent to the  
Artist;  
Screaming to the  
holder.





**Goodbye**  
**by Savannah Taylor**

I have waited 13 years for this  
To finally walk across that stage, grab that diploma,  
shake all those hands and smile for pictures.

I have been dreaming about it.

But now that the end is closing in,  
I can't help but wonder...How did I get here?  
How did I manage to get through all of the  
Drama and heartbreak and surprises?  
How? No, no, why? Why is high school ending?  
I swore I was just trying to  
Find my homeroom teacher for the first time ever  
I was just stressing about  
Going to that homecoming party.

This is not real.  
This is not happening.  
I am not graduating.  
I am not ready to say goodbye.



**I love...**  
**by Olivia Partee**

I love too much to list them all

One thing I love is my life because my life is so elaborate. It's a maze you'll never get through, with light places and dark places.

Another thing I love is my hair: the way it curls shows it's the hair from my ancestors, it shows my history.

**Ode to a Turtle**  
**by Olivia Partee**

You shy introvert thing, you.  
I love you  
You tiny hulk





**If Love Were To**  
**by Olivia Partee**

If love were to tell me I'm perfect  
 I wouldn't know what to say, but  
 "No I'm flawed and all, I'll never be perfect  
 But still thank you for in your eye  
 I am perfect"

But let me tell you, love's eyes  
 Are a chestnut brown, love's hair is  
 Beautiful, love's brother is so cool but  
 Confusing because they're Twins

But I'll never mix them up  
 Because love is different than  
 His brother. Love went away for work  
 And came back with different things  
 His eyes were bigger, but Love's hugs  
 Are the same, long and sweet but  
 It was hard to notice love was different  
 Love likes different music and hates politics (I have no problem with that)

If love were to tell me I am perfect.



*"On Pining" activity was a dramatic poetry exercise in which they had to write romantic poetry to make an imaginary lover stay, without using "love" or "sad." The following two poems came from that exercise.*

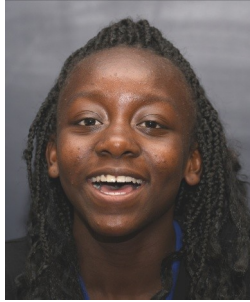
**My Heart Will Cave**  
**by Olivia Partee**

My heart will cave if you leave  
 But when I'm with you I can fly like a dove

Please! What is life without you dear

Tell me you adore me. Come home.  
 You're the lighthouse to my ship  
 You're the Ariel to my Eric  
 You are the paint to my paintbrush





**Sparks and Water**  
by Ashzianna Alexander

Our relationship is like a boat and I feel like I'm sinking  
Without your affection it won't be much appealing  
Baby, I care, I want you to myself.  
We used to be like flames but why would you let water mess up our spark?

I miss us. I want us.  
Let's make up like make-up and stick together  
Like peanut butter and jelly

**SLAM Poem - Odyssey Adventurers 2016-17**

You. Cretinous, loathsome, nonsense person  
Did you fix your bed to have two wrong sides?

I detest your piercing interruption to my peaceful slumber  
I am dismayed at the inconsiderate way you dash my dreams  
In vain I try to silence your screeching  
Nevertheless you persist

You. Blazing, hard, deceitful, unforgiving.  
You destroyed my life, my peace.

You disgust me and made me feel undesirable  
But God told me I was a miracle

It'd be easier if I hated you  
After all you put me through

I have all these bottled up feelings inside  
That I no longer want to hide

My adrenaline flooding like the broken levees  
Making me anxious and worried for nothing

As your tone rises  
So must I

I'll wrap my arm around you in a chokehold  
No wait, an embrace



Oh, what a relief  
Peace at last  
You were not worth the misery after all

If you want to call...that's cool

I want you to know...  
I'm doing just fine



# INVENTING A BETTER WORLD

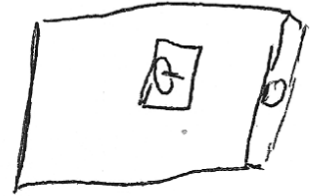
## Olivia Partee

What is the name of your invention? Inspiration Box

What would your invention do? It reads your mind and projects what you're thinking of. If you're a poet and have writer's block, your inspiration box will give suggestions like pictures, writing or videos.

What does it look like? It comes in different colors. It's small – pocket-sized.

How much does it cost to buy? \$10.00



## Safaa Mohammed Saed

What is the name of your invention? Self Protector

What would your invention do? It is a chemical reaction put into the human body by an injection in the upper arm. It wouldn't have side effects. It is like a sensor that sends a buzz through your body and indicates that the person is in danger. In conditions like attempted rape, a buzz goes into the victim's body, giving them a force to push and fight the rapist before the rape happens.

What does it look like? It's a liquid, a chemical reaction in an injection. The liquid would be colored purple, and it's only a small amount.

How much does it cost to buy? \$50.00

## Ashzianna Alexander

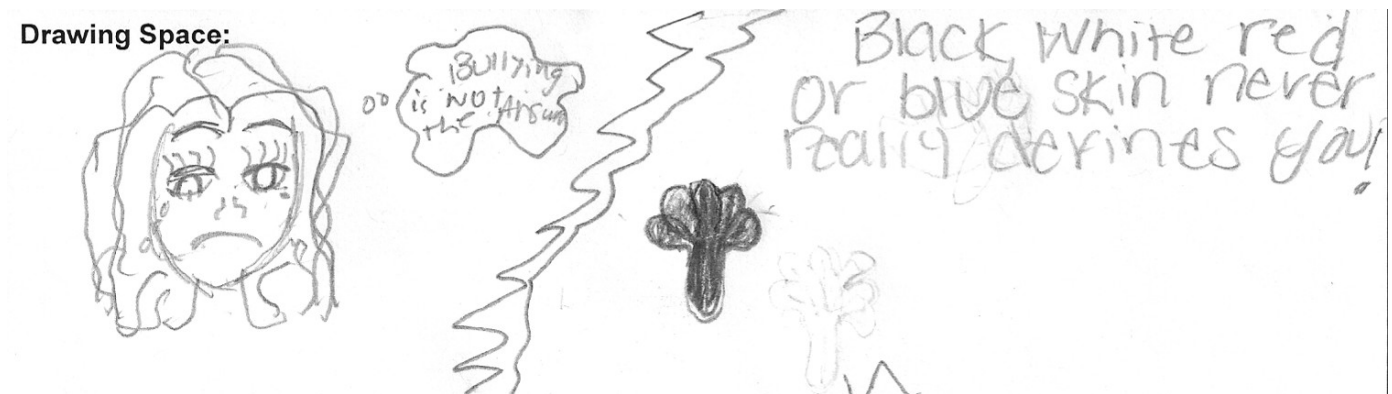
What is the name of your invention? Bullying/Racism

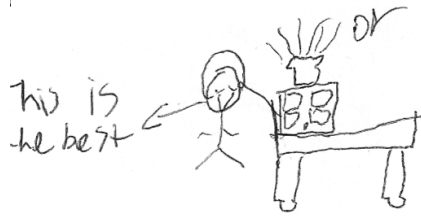
What would your invention do? My invention would stop people from treating each other like crap or looking at them just because of the color of their skin and bullying people. I would make it so people see the other side of the story.

What does it look like? It's a website called Anti-racism/Anti-bullying Community. You go on there, and you hear people's stories about bullying. Then, on the other page, you have stories on how racism isn't right, and you hear poems and things like that.

How much does it cost to buy? It would cost \$2.00 to sign up for the website.

Drawing Space:



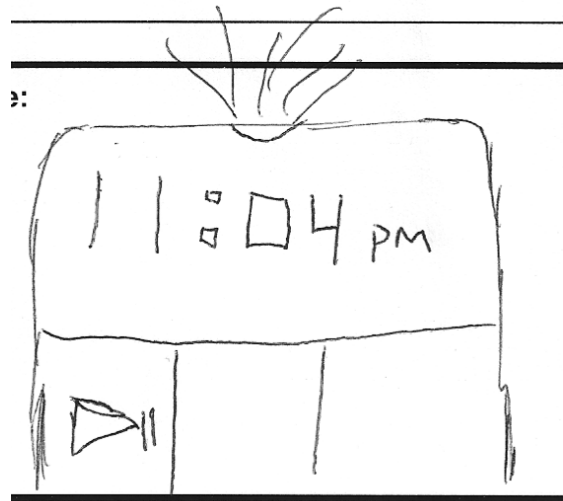
**Abdul Mohammed Saed**

What is the name of your invention? Shopping Friend  
 What would your invention do? It is a shopping cart robot. It moves by itself and never crashes any other carts.  
 What does it look like? There is an iPad on the shopping cart, and you choose what you want, and it will get it for you. You go together, but it chooses the best and freshest fruits and other food.

How much does it cost to buy? The store will buy them for \$6,000.00.

**Javé Sanders**

What is the name of your invention? Project Alarm  
 What does your invention do? It is an alarm clock that projects on your ceiling so you won't have to reach over and turn the alarm off, and then when it senses your body is up, it turns off.  
 What does it look like? It'll look like a regular alarm with a small projector in it.  
 How much does it cost to buy? \$40.00-\$70.00

**Jerry Sanders**

What is the name of your invention? Stat Book  
 What would your invention do? It would be an app that sends colleges your basketball stats, so if they are looking for a certain player, they can search it up, and it shows them different players.  
 What does it look like? It looks like Facebook, but it is only for coaches.  
 How much does it cost? Free (\$.99)

**Yael Gonzalez**

What is the name of your invention? CO2 catcher  
 What would your invention do? It would create energy. They are drones that go to the atmosphere and take the CO2 out of it. This would help with global warming as well as being able to create energy. Energy is produced by fossil fuel, which is carbon. The CO2 catcher grabs the CO2 and brings it back, then splits oxygen and carbon.  
 What does it look like? It looks a lot like a drone but much bigger.  
 How much does it cost to buy? \$500.00 (Keep in mind it's not for public sale)



# ODYSSEY EXPLORERS





# A TRIP BACK IN TIME

*The Explorers visited the UW-Madison Geology Museum on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Our docent, Lee, told us the museum opened up just for us as it is usually closed in the evening. Here are some reflections on what we saw, heard, and learned:*



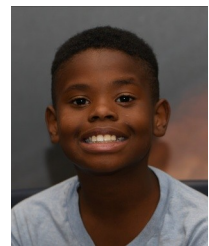
Lee explained how to understand the length of geological time periods by using our bodies. Stand up tall and imagine that where your feet touch the ground is when earth was formed. The very first bacteria (the first life forms) appeared on earth at your knee. When do you think the dinosaurs appeared? They did not appear until you make it all the way up to your nose. Dinosaurs became extinct at your eyebrows. Humans did not appear until all the way to the top of your head!

Fossils are not just the imprints of plants or animals that once lived but can also be the actual remains of the plant or animal. At one point, the fossils had to be alive. **(Anna Uriostegui)**

I liked the huge gold mineral that looked like gold, but isn't. It is actually mineral pyrite (iron pyrite), and it is sometimes called fool's gold. **(Nasier Daniel)**



The Pteranodon was a flying reptile that lived during the time of the dinosaurs. It was not a dinosaur but was a relative of the dinosaurs. I liked it that we each got to take home a mineral or polished rock.



One of the things I learned is that you should never touch the wall of a cave. The oil on our hands will stop the cave from growing. It doesn't matter how many times you wash your hands, it will still stop the cave from growing. **(Alan Mendoza)**



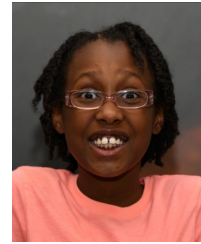




I really liked the display of bacteria in a large glass tube. (called a Winogradsky column) **(Mario Drone)**

Some, maybe all, dinosaurs had feathers. It is possible that some of them had very colorful feathers in red, yellow, blue, and green.

**(Alleanah Hancock-Jammeh)**



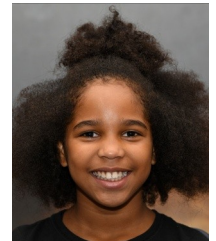
In one of the exhibits, you can lift a cap over a nozzle and smell what earth smelled like billions of years ago or what one of Saturn's moons (Titan) smells like. I did not like those smells at all! **(Don'ielle Spivey)**

I learned that there was a prehistoric duck-like creature (hesperornis) with very small wings that looked like fins. It used its wings like a penguin does. It couldn't fly. **(Francisco Uriostegui)**



I enjoyed learning more about minerals. I didn't know that minerals could be different shapes inside. **(Yarianie Rodriguez Tapia)**

I liked the room where the rocks glowed. They glow under black light (or ultraviolet light). **(Don'ye Spivey)**



I thought that the mineral colors were fake at first – that they had been painted – but I found out that they actually come from caves and the earth. **(Nyjua Daniel)**

I think it is amazing that scientists now believe that Tyrannosaurus rex had feathers! **(Kimari Christian)**



My favorite thing at the museum was seeing all the dinosaur bones. Also, I accidentally kicked my shoe off as we were leaving, and it went flying toward the dinosaur, but it didn't hit it! **(Rae'Jon Shaw)**



# MY FAVORITE SCIENTIST

*This year Kay Kriewald, Senior Outreach Specialist at the UW Space Place, has been one of the co-teachers of Odyssey Explorers. In the last few weeks, Kay led us in a project to encourage kids who visit the UW Space Place to think about STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) careers. Science is part of our everyday lives, and no matter what interests a student, whether it's music, sports, animals, etc., there is a STEM career associated with it.*

*Each Odyssey Explorer chose a subject and then researched a person who had studied the subject scientifically. Their research, a picture of the person they studied, and their own picture will be individually framed and become part of a permanent display at the UW Space Place.*

*Kay hopes that other students who come to Space Place will see the exhibit and be inspired to choose a "favorite scientist" of their own.*

Anaxagoras explained that the moon shines by reflecting the sun's light. He thought that the earth is flat and floats supported by "strong" air under it.

I think he was interesting because he got some of it right and some of it wrong, but he tried his best. **(Amariamma Diagne)**



I chose Edwin Hubble because I am interested in the Milky Way, black holes, life in space, and the separation between gravity and no gravity.

Edwin Hubble didn't care if he was 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup>. All he cared about was being an astronomer.

He never got a Nobel Prize, but they named a telescope after him. He also hoped that he would find something we had not expected.

**(Francisco Uriostegui)**

Evelyn Glennie studied how vibration works, and she studied how to play instruments without hearing them.

The interesting part about Evelyn Glennie is that she is deaf and plays instruments by using vibration. **(Alleannah Hancock-Jammeh)**







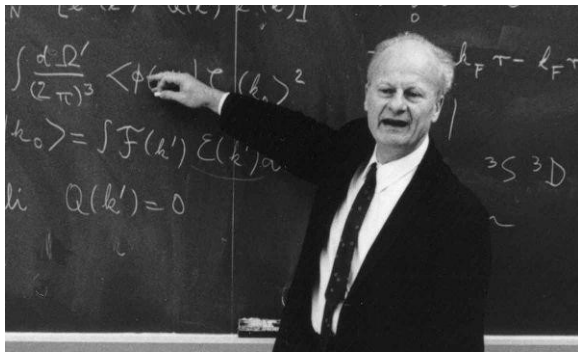
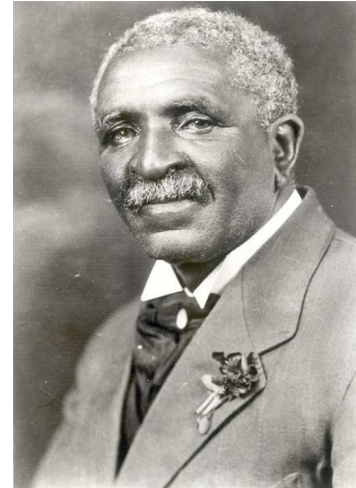
Charles Goodyear studied rubber so that he could invent soccer balls that were solid, round, and durable. The method was called vulcanization.

Before he invented the rubber soccer ball, they were made of animal bladders.

The brand name "Goodyear" came from Charles Goodyear. It was interesting to me because I like soccer. **(Alan Mendoza)**

George Washington Carver was a plant biologist. He studied peanuts, sweet potatoes, soy beans, and pecans. He invented types of paints, dyes, and a type of gasoline.

He was born a slave. He had to travel 10 miles just to get to school when he was a kid. Without him, a lot of farmers would not have been able to grow the food they did. **(Keenan Hayes)**



Hans Bethe studied how stars shine, and he won a Nobel Prize in Physics for his discovery.

Bethe was born in 1906 and sadly passed away by heart failure in 2005. He lived to be 99 years old.

Hans Bethe went to college at the University of Frankfurt and Maximilian University. Most importantly, he loved looking at stars.

This man is interesting because I always like to look at the stars and wonder how they shine, kind of like me. **(Anna Uriostegui)**

Jane Goodall studied about chimpanzees when she was 26 years old. She did a lot of research about monkeys. Jane Goodall called the forest in Tanzania her home. She recognized the chimps as her family.

I picked Jane Goodall because I think that it is interesting to study about chimpanzees, and sometimes I admire her. I like chimpanzees because they are smart and cute.

**(Yarianie Rodriguez Tapia)**



I'm interested in physics, boxing, sports, working out, study of light, genetics, cell biology, and science.

I'm studying Gregor Mendel. He worked with seven characteristics of pea plants: plant height, pod shape and color, seed shape and color, and flower position. He gained recognition as the founder of the modern science of genetics. **(Nasir Daniel)**



Virginia Tucker studied mathematics. She was one of the first women to be in NASA. She was the first Head Computer at the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory in Hampton, Virginia, so she calculated stuff like the astronauts' orbits.

I wanted to learn about Virginia because I went to the movie "Hidden Figures" and thought she would be interesting. **(Sheari Evans-Miller)**

Valentina Tereshkova started working at a clothing factory before she became an astronaut. She also studied engineering; that's amazing, right?



Valentine Tereshkova was the first woman to fly in space. In 2013, Valentina Tereshkova offered to go to Mars. If I were she, I would not offer to go to Mars. **(Kimari Zakyra Christian)**



Walter Camp was the first American man who invented football. He was a coach for football and wrote lots of books about football. When he died, he had over 30 books and 250 magazine articles. Among a long list of inventions, he invented the sport's line of scrimmage.

I chose Walter Camp because I like football. **(Nyjua Daniel)**

Samuel Wendell Williston discovered the Diplodocus dinosaur in 1877. The first place it was found was in Colorado, USA.

I found it interesting that Diplodocus dinosaurs have spikes down their backs and they eat leaves and ferns. **(Mario Drone)**







The Wright brothers (Orville and Wilbur) invented the first working airplane. The first flight lasted only 12 seconds.

I like planes because they are awesome. I make them out of paper and fly them. I think the Wright brothers were brave.

**(Rae'Jon Shaw)**

Joanne Loewy studies about

how music relieves depression and pain. It was interesting that she doesn't only study music and the sounds of music. She studies how it helps us feel.

**(Don'ielle Spivey)**

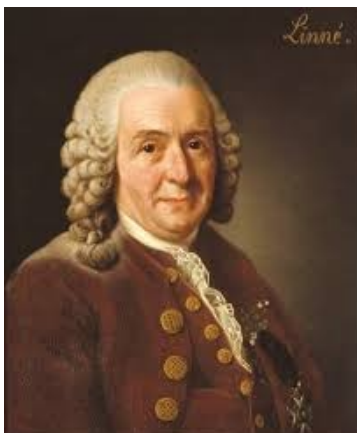


Brian May studied astrophysics. An interesting fact about Brian May is he is a songwriter, singer, musician, and record producer and was in the band

"Queen." **(Don'ye Spivey)**



Francis Crick (1916-2004) and James Watson (b. 1928) studied the structure of the DNA molecule in 1953. Crick, Watson, and Maurice Wilkins were awarded the 1962 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their discovery of DNA and "its significance for information transfer in living material." **(Ali Melendez)**



The first person to study giraffes scientifically was Carolus Linnaeus. He lived from 1707 to 1778. He is sometimes called "The Father of Taxonomy" because he developed a system of naming and classifying plants and animals that is still in wide use today although there have been many changes. **(Isabel Melendez)**



# POEMS WITH FABU

## ACROSTIC POEMS

Doing it till it is done  
Obviously hilarious  
No nonsense  
,

Inspiring like my mama  
Energetic  
Loving like dogs  
Likeable like Ms. Shannon  
Elegant. **(Don'ielle Spivey)**

Amazing Grace is the song!  
Naughty a lot and also a little angel  
New start for me  
Always a pain in the butt.

Marvelous individual  
A brave person  
Rotten to the core  
I'm inspired  
Encouraged by others.

Uses Google for a lot of things  
Really likes piano  
Intelligent student  
Original Anna  
Sister of three brothers  
Talks way too much  
Eats lots of yummy chicken  
Gets into trouble  
Unforgettable moments  
Incredible young lady. **(Anna Marie Uriostegui)**

Mom's Name  
Don't play games  
Only the best mom ever  
Marvelous (like a good mom)  
Intelligent and important  
Noticeably pretty  
Incredible as in The Incredibles  
Queen of the world  
Unique as in Beautiful  
Eloquent as in well-talking. **(Kimari Christian)**

Nice makes me spoiled  
Yelling makes me feel good  
Jogging makes me tired and angry  
Unbelievably good at football and boxing  
Always on fleek

Dangerously mean to people  
Antagonizing to everyone  
Naughty whenever I want to be  
Inspired to everyone I know  
Energetic every day.  
Lazy when I have to clean up. **(Nyjua Daniel)**

Fun  
Regretful  
Allowing  
Nice  
Caring  
Intelligent  
Smart  
Courageous  
Original **(Francisco Uriostegui)**

Magnificent in math  
Ain't nobody got time for that  
Relaxing like the cool blue water  
Intelligent cookie  
Extreme in sports. **(Sheari Marie Evans-Miller)**

Do my best trying  
Outstanding typer  
Never giving up  
,  
Yes, pretty and beautiful  
Embracing working out. **(Don'ye Spivey)**

Young  
awesome  
(W)riter  
imagination.

Happy  
Estrella  
Dancer  
I'm Yari. **(Yarianie Rodriguez Tapia)**

## MORE POEMS

My cat hisses and fights  
when he scratches at my face,  
it frights.

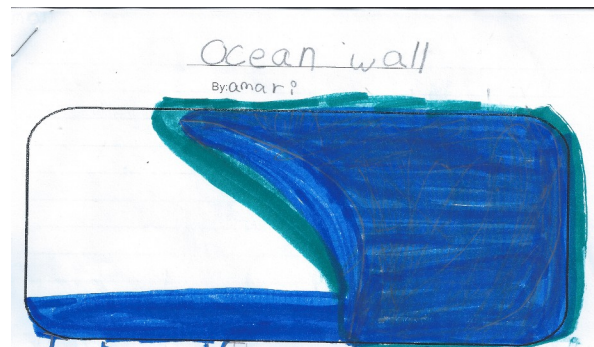
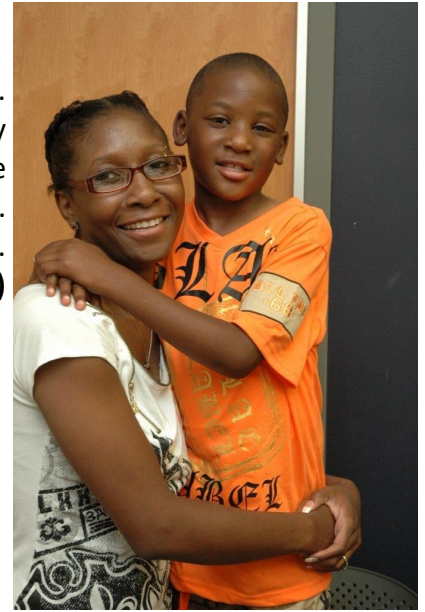
He silently gets into my bed  
and meows until he is fed.

When he is done with a fight,  
he will leave my bed and sleep  
somewhere in our house at night.  
**(Francisco Uriostegui)**

Ocean Wall  
I'm the ocean soothing and blue and  
I have animals living in the blue ocean.  
Waves in the sea with me. **(Amari Diagne)**  
American Bulldog



My mom takes care of me.  
On my birthday  
she takes me  
to Dave & Busters.  
My mom is nice.  
**(Keenan Hayes)**



Ace the puppy  
He is brown and he is little.  
He is cute and small.  
I ran around the couch with Ace. **(Mario Drone)**

I'm Alleanah, 9 years old

Tengo un cumpleaños mañana.  
Me gusta jugar fútbol. Me gusta jugar  
delantero.  
Messi es mi jugador que me gusta más.  
Soy inteligente.  
Hablo dos lenguajes.  
Hablo español mucho y soy muy bueno en  
hablar español.  
Yo casi no me rio en la escuela.  
Me gustan los chistes.  
Mi equipo favorito es Barcelona.  
Yo corro muy rápido.

I have a birthday tomorrow.  
I like soccer. I like to play forward.  
Messi is the player that I like best.  
I am intelligent.  
I speak two languages.  
I speak Spanish a lot and I am very good at  
speaking Spanish.  
I almost never laugh in school.  
I like jokes.  
My favorite soccer team is Barcelona.  
I run fast. **(Alan Mendoza)**

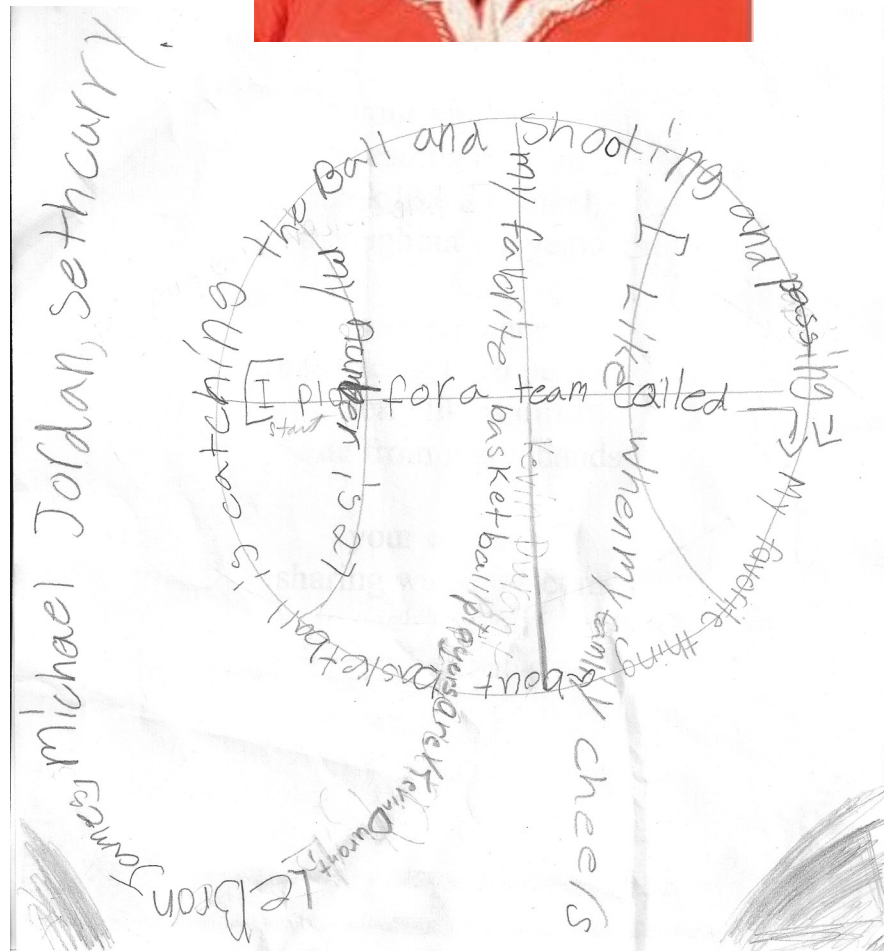


I'm me, myself, and  
 No one else because  
 I'm a young learner,  
 artist, singer, writer, dancer,  
 animal lover, and a great reader.  
 My favorite colors are baby pink and grape purple.  
 Dogs are my favorite animal.  
 I'm kind, caring, honest, beautiful of course,  
 Yum, yum, yum, good baker.  
 Chunch, chunch, chunching  
 White sharp cheddar cheese,  
 My most favorite food so creamy and tasty,  
 Just like milk, but cheese.  
 Ha, ha, ha, ha, I love laughing!  
 Yah, yah, yah, dreams are like rainbows  
 running throughout your mind  
 with thoughts flowing  
 through your head.  
 I also have a dog Rocky  
 with white snowy fur and black spots  
 of the night sky or darkness anyway.  
 I'm different.  
 It's fun being me, myself, Alleanah,  
 a 9-year-old unique girl!  
**(Alleanah Hancock-Jammeh)**




#### A Story Inspired by Spending Time with Fabu

I am writing about me and four other girls  
 who like to meet in a corner and talk  
 about our personal lives, like family,  
 friends, and other kids in a good way.  
 That is what we like to do at recess/lunch  
 time. The girls' names are Nyasia,  
 Peaches, Pebbles, and Ayana. The end.  
**(Don'ye Spivey)**




**(Nasier Daniel)**

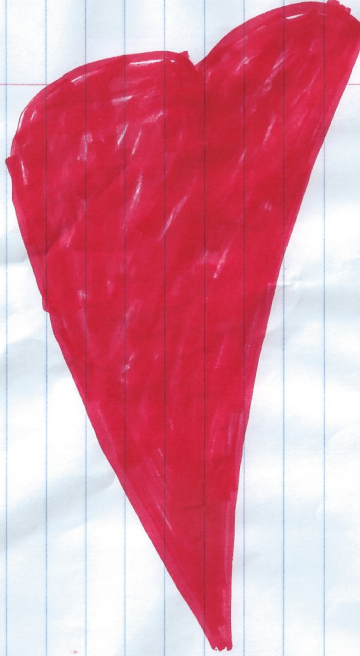
# A LETTER FROM RAE'JON



Dear Odyssey Class,  
I love this class. I love the things we  
do, too.  
From Rae'Jon to the class



Dear Odyssey  
Class  
I Love this class  
I Love the  
things  
we do too  
From Rae'Jon  
to the class





# ¡Ballet Folklórico!



*Yarianie has had to miss a couple Odyssey nights because she had mandatory practice for Ballet Folklórico. In this essay, she tells us a little about this form of dance and why she is passionate about it.*



Ballet folklórico is a Mexican dance. Ballet folklórico has been around for a long time, but Amalia Hernandez showed it to the world in 1958, and that is when it started to become popular. She started the first school for ballet folklórico. Amalia Hernández is from Mexico City. She was born on September 1, 1917, and unfortunately, she is dead. I started dancing when I was nine years old. The reason I started was that I liked how they danced so I was like "I want to do that!" So now, I am in Ballet Folklórico.

Here is a picture of my teacher dancing folklórico. She is really good at dancing.  
{**Yarianie Rodriguez Tapia**}

*Thank you for your time and attention. Do you have any questions?*



*This is my teacher dancing folklore she is a really good at dancing !!!!*



# KINDNESS

## A NOTE FROM CHRIS WAGNER

Odyssey Explorers have been studying the concepts of KINDNESS and INTENTION this semester. We've been thinking about what being kind means, and we've been sharing times that we have experienced kindness or given kindness or even observed it. Sandra Bonnici, Associate Director of Education at the Madison Children's Museum, has taken us through a number of activities and exercises to help us learn to understand ourselves and others better with the concepts of kindness and intention in mind. We have made our own juggling balls on which we wrote our intentions and then learned how to center ourselves and focus through group juggling. We get better every week! In addition, we have played games like "Magic Stick," in which one person picks up a simple stick and turns into anything he or she desires. The rest of us have to guess what it is based on what the person is doing with it. We also created Mind Jars that help us center ourselves and meditate. Ms. Marian has helped us understand what it means to "set your intentions." Each night, we have the opportunity to set our intentions at the beginning of the class, and then at the end of class, we review the evening with our intentions in mind.



We have also worked on a couple service projects. We made tie blankets for homeless animals at the Dane County Humane Society Shelter. Two weeks ago, we made "goodie bags" for disabled veterans who are living in a halfway house in Madison. Each of the 24 veterans received bags of cookies, snacks, notebooks, pencils and other items that they enjoy. Trinity United Methodist Church added new socks and toiletry items. Each child also designed cards



and wrote beautiful notes to the veterans. One of our Explorers, Anna, said, "I love doing things like this to help others in need!" The rest of the Explorers agreed wholeheartedly. Generosity is kindness in action – and our Explorers are very generous people!

# TELLING A FRIEND ABOUT ODYSSEY

*If you were going to tell a friend about Odyssey Explorers, what would you tell them?*

I have loved Odyssey Junior and Explorers ever since I came here. I feel like family is here, and it's always a nice place to look forward to. I think a friend should NOT come because I want Ms. Marian, Ms. Chris, Ms. Shannon, Mr. Max, and Ms. Kay all to myself!

I will miss this place with all my heart. I loved the people here, the visitors and especially the food (tacos, pizza, Chicken Alfredo, and dessert)! Miss you guys! Love, Anna (Your Student for Life)  
**(Anna Uriostegui)**



Hi Friends,

So, today, I'm going to tell you about Odyssey. Odyssey is a great learning place. In my opinion, you should go to Odyssey and find new friends. Also, in grades 4 and 5, you get the best teachers. Odyssey is just like summer school but... I will call it winter school (LOL).

Now, if you're my friend, you should go to *ODYSSEY*. My opinion is to go to *ODYSSEY*. Please do.  
Love, Kimari **(Kimari Christian)**

My friend Kimari is cool! I met her at Odyssey. I learned how to spell "Odyssey." We set our intentions. We read to a dog! **(Mario Drone)**

I would tell my friend Max about Odyssey by saying it's fun, great, amazing, and has a bunch of fun



stuff, so I could convince him to join. I'd also tell him we read to dogs, did yoga fitness, animation, field trips, and learned how to set our intentions. One of my intentions is paying attention to who is speaking. **(Francisco Uriostegui)**

I would tell my friends about Odyssey, that it is fun because you learn something new each time you come like we plant things and we look through a telescope at the sky at night. That is why I think Odyssey is fun; you get to learn new things and meet new people. You also get a snack at the end; you might get cookies, gummies, or a juice box.

**(Yarianie Rodriguez Tapia)**



I love Odyssey because you can learn new things and read new books and set your intentions. You can meet Ms. Chris, Ms. Shannon, Mr. Max, Ms. Marian, and Ms. Kay, your teachers. Odyssey, I love you! Love, Amari. **(Amari Diagne)**

I love Odyssey because you get to have more friends like Francisco. Also, we get to do animation, we get to go to the Madison Children's Museum, and we get to go to the UW Geology Museum. We get to do new things every Wednesday with new people, too. And you can read to a dog. Writing is good and fun to do in Odyssey. Eating dinner is something we do. We sometimes eat pizza and tacos, and Slow Food might come and give us food for dinner or snack. It's fun in Odyssey. You should come! **(Alleannah Hancock-Jammeh)**

What I would tell my friend, Jamari, about Odyssey is that it is really fun. It is fun because in 2016-2017, we read to a dog. We had a little bit of field trips, but they were really fun. One of the field trips was to the Madison Children's Museum. Half of the class had never been to the Children's Museum. **(Alan Mendoza)**

I think Odyssey Jr is a great place to be. We have lots of field trips (Madison Children's Museum and the UW Geology Museum rocks and fossils). We also had lots of special guests in our Space Place. My favorite was the stop motion exercise brought to us by the Goodman South Madison Library. I made a movie about school. **(Sheari Evans-Miller)**





# ODYSSEY JUMPSTART





**“Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it.”**  
~ Maya Angelou

*What do you like best about yourself, or what do you like to do?*

RJ: “I like to flip.”

Parish: “I really like playing house with my baby sister.”

Ione: “I love watching TV.”

Nakyiah: “I like that I am a big girl. I like going to the beach and swimming.”

Alex: “I like playing outside.”

Jonathan: “I like building with blocks and legos. I’m good at it. I build castles.”

Erick: “Something I like is to ride my bike.”





