

ODYSSEY ORACLE JUNIOR



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ODYSSEY ADVENTURERS

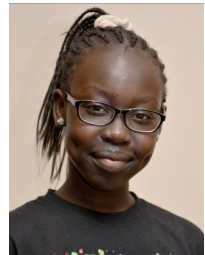


ARE YOU A WRITER?



I'm a writer and I like it because I like how you can write and tell a story to yourself, tell it to family and friends, and also you can tell narrative stories about life and stuff. Writing in a diary and telling what happened today is another reason I like writing because every night I write so I can get better at writing. **(Kimari)**

I enjoy the thrill of writing! It's a way to express my thoughts. I do not like the idea of journals. However, I do have a fondness for typing creative essays or papers. So, to answer the question, again, Yes! I am a writer! **(Zawadi)**



I am a writer. I can write poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and fantasy. **(Ruhqayyah)**

I think I'm a writer because I sometimes write fantasy stories. **(Shadavien)**



No, I am not a writer. I can put my pen to paper and make words appear, but they aren't any good. They don't mean anything. Being a writer, to me, means that it is your passion. You want to pursue something with writing. To me, writing is something that I have to do. Maybe if I had the gift of being able to make words flow nicely in a sentence, then it would be more enjoyable, but I don't. **(Niya)**

I am a writer because I like to write very truthful things and I like to document and reread things. I like getting into details when I write because I want the reader to feel like they are in the story, in front or beside me, reading and writing it too. **(Kamoria)**



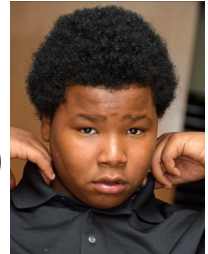
Am I a writer? A lot of people have their own definition of what a "writer" is. It could be being able to write words with a pen on a white piece of paper. Others may think about the flow of a language that dances across a page. A period not only stopping sentences, but stopping walls and barriers. I don't know what MY definition of a writer is yet. Am I a writer? **(Jenni)**

WHAT'S TRUE ABOUT THE ADVENTURERS?



I love Sci-fi/Marvel movies/DC/comics and books.
 I love animals. I learn about them a lot and might want to make that into a career.
 I love music. I specifically love rock, Def Leopard, Pearl Jam, Nirvana, etc.
 I play the cello. **(Kamoria)**

I like playing flag football. My favorite part is getting wins.
 I like playing and goofing around sometimes.
 I am a pro at Fortnite. **(Jeremiah)**



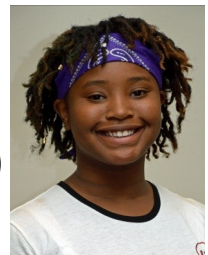
I am a good person.
 I am funny sometimes.
 I play football and I love going to my friend's house and going to sleepovers. **(Angel)**

I have three daughters.
 I was born and raised in Chicago.
 I am a teacher. **(Karen)**



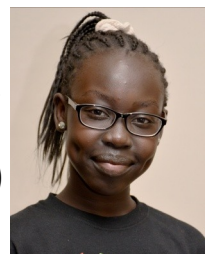
I love pizza. I eat it everyday.
 I play football and basketball.
 I hate homework. **(Nasier)**

I like to dance and play football.
 I like going to my friends' houses.
 I like to cook and help my family. **(Nyjua)**



I am a sixth grader at Hamilton Middle School.
 I play Fortnite sometimes.
 I play soccer for a team.
 My favorite subject is writing.
 My favorite movie is Mission Impossible Fallout. **(Tenzin)**

I have three siblings, two brothers and one sister.
 I like art, specifically painting.
 I am fluent in Spanish. **(Zawadi)**

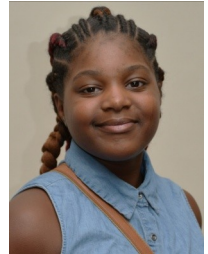




I am a gamer and I would do anything to protect my games.
I stay in my room and I'm not active.
I have made a decision of what I'm going to do with my life. **(Elijah)**



I love design and fashion.
I want to travel to the fashion capital of the world: Milan.
Cheerleading is my escape. **(Ruhqayyah)**



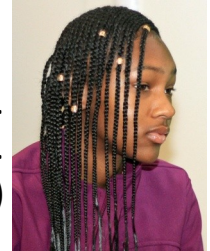
I love to play games.
I love to eat and sleep.
I love my dog, Bianca. **(Tara)**



I like History because it's fun to know what happened in the past.
I like marching. I just completed my first season.
I have very supportive friends. They are always there for me
and give me some good laughs. **(Juan)**



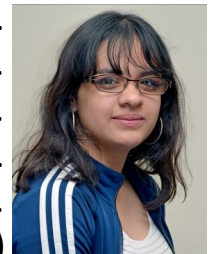
I like school.
My favorite subject is math.
I love to play sports. **(Shadavien)**



I have a big heart.
I am very determined.
I like to shop. **(Niya)**



I love being black.
I love that I'm a learner.
I love that I have a family in need. **(Kimari)**



I am persistent.
I am kind and care for everyone.
I am anxious, but that doesn't stop me from helping others.
I like to dance.
I love my dog.
I am an artist. **(Jenni)**

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

My name doesn't tell you instantly who I am. It's bland, boring, blank. It doesn't define me as a person because I didn't choose my name. It was a label I was told to own and call mine. The jumble of letters I write in the upper right corner on every page that is given to me. The jumble of words that is never pronounced wrong when roll-call is being called. The jumble of words I use to introduce myself.

I did not choose this label.

It does not tell you who I am.

But call me Jenni.

Not Jennifer. **(Jenni)**



My name is Kimari Z Christian. I like my name because I got it from my mother and I will never change it because it's my identity for my whole life. Never change your name because it's your identity that your parents gave you when you were born. My name is not a family name, it's just mine. When I was little I wanted my name to be Hannah Montana because it was a pretty and famous girl. I always watched her. I wanted my mother's name because I really like it, but I have to stick with Kimari Z Christian. I love my name, just like I love my mother's.

(Kimari)

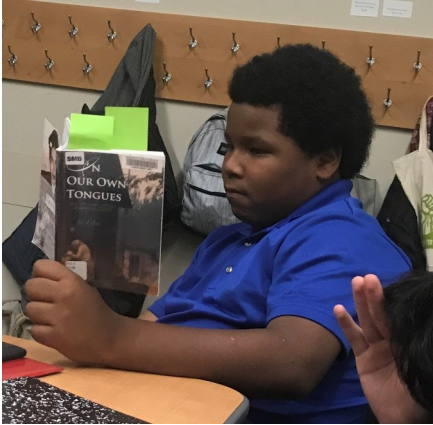
My name is love and hope. I like it because it is me. I'll never give up on this name because it's cute and I love it. It sounds like me. I also like that it's easy to spell. Angel. But sometimes, people say "angle." **(Angel)**

My full name is Nasier. I love my name. I will never change my name. My family calls me Nazz. My name means KING! **(Nasier)**

I used to not like my name because people would get it wrong or say it wrong like Nyhjah or Nihja. Some people would call me Ni-yah or Nigeria, but now I like my name and people say it's beautiful. When people say my name, I smile. **(Nyjua)**

My name is Tenzin Leumon and my parents gave it to me. I like it because it's different from other people and I like being a little different. I do not know how I got it. I would not change it because I like it as it is, and I don't care if people say it wrong. **(Tenzin)**





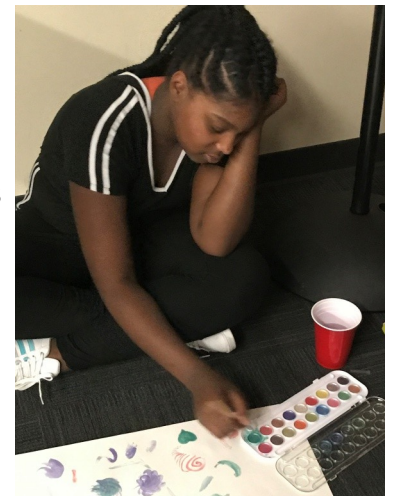
My full name is Jeremiah Lorenzo Campusano. I like it because that's what my parents named me. I got Lorenzo from my step dad. I got Campusano from my dad because that's his last name. My mom named me Jeremiah. It means "appointed from God." **(Jeremiah)**

Zawadi: a name impossible for people to pronounce without me saying it. It rhymes with karate/biscotti...worst of all, potty. However, there is a difference in my name that many people do not know: A present from God. My name gives me pride. **(Zawadi)**

I don't really think about my name very much. It means "the earth." My little brother and I were named after our parents. I like my name. **(Tara)**

My name is very unique in its spelling and meaning. In Arabic, it means gentle. Ruhqayyah was also Prophet Muhammad's daughter, and his wife's name was also Ruhqayyah. I love my name because it's unique, and I've never met anyone with a name like mine. My name reminds me to be humble. **(Ruhqayyah)**

Juan Angel Morales. My mom chose it for me. I have a lot of nicknames. My name sounds like "wan" or "Jaun," but it's not and most people get used to it over time. I don't blame them for it. They just haven't heard of me yet. I always wait for a teacher or fellow student to say it wrong, but I like when they say my name right. It doesn't matter if they spell it wrong as long as they say it right. Then I won't care. **(Juan)**



Shadavien. My name is fun, but unusual. I've always thought of my name as a pencil. My name is as long as one and forgotten way faster. **(Shadavien)**

Jeniya Jaanay Adams rhymes. My mom chose it for me. I like it. I know I got my first name from my auntie's middle name. I wouldn't change it because it fits me. **(Niya)**

Staff Spotlight: Leigh Button

Leigh Button is in her fourth year working with Odyssey Junior. This year Leigh will be focused on coaching Odyssey Adventurers in identity and setting plans to achieve their goals through individual and group work. This goal setting coaching will help Adventurers identify a sense of purpose, improve confidence, and achieve their dreams.



ODYSSEY EXPLORERS

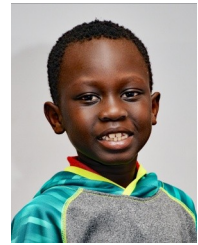


MY ODYSSEY EXPLORER PROFILE



My first name is James. My nickname is J.T. I am seven years old and in the first grade. My favorite colors are blue and red. My favorite food is strawberries. My favorite activity is to draw robots. My favorite story is Little Red Riding Hood. I like to read pop-out books. Something I would like you to know about me is that I am really good at drawing. This year in Explorers, I would like to learn more about Spanish. **(Jameson Taylor)**

My first name is Zion. My nickname is Zi. I am eight years old and in the third grade. My favorite color is red. My favorite food is pizza. My favorite activity is checkers. My favorite book is Diary of a Wimpy Kid. I like to read books that are funny. I am really good at sports. I would like to learn more about space this year. **(Zion)**



My first name is Gabrel. My nickname is Dylan. I am seven years old and I am in the second grade. My favorite color is gold. My favorite food is pizza. My favorite activity is math. My favorite book is Diary of a Wimpy Kid. I like to read books that have brave superhero animals. I am really good at Baldi's Basics in Education and Learning. This year, I would like to learn more about playing with games. **(Dylan)**

My first name is Rasaki. My nickname is R.J. I am seven years old and in the second grade. My favorite colors are red and blue. My favorite food is pizza. My favorite activity is playing basketball. My favorite book is Fly Guy. I am really good at football. Something I'd like you to know about me is that I can do a backflip. This year in Explorers, I'd like to learn Spanish. **(Rasaki)**



My first name is Jayden. My nickname is xxxtentacion. I am nine years old and in the 4th grade. My favorite color is red. My favorite foods are purple rice and orange rice. I like to read dictionaries. I am really good at backflips. Something that I would like you to know about me is that I am never happy. I would like to learn more about music in Explorers. **(Jayden)**

My name is Rogelio. I am six years old and in the first grade. My favorite color is black. My favorite activity is going to the park. Something I'd like you to know about me is that I like going on field trips. **(Rogelio)**



My first name is Zinedine. My nickname is Z. I am nine years old and am in the fifth grade. My favorite color is red. My favorite food is tacos. My favorite activity is Jurassic World. I like to read cookbooks. I am really good at music. Something that I'd like you to know about me is that I am from Mexico. This year, I'd like to learn more about music. **(Zinedine)**



My first name is Elijah. My nickname is Big Head. I am ten years old and in the 5th grade. My favorite color is red. My favorite food is McChicken from McDonald's. My favorite activity is gym class. My favorite book is Wings of Fire. I like to read graphic novels. I am really good at doing backflips. Something that I'd like you to know about me is that I am colorblind. This year in Explorers, I'd like to learn more about Fortnite. JK! * I already know a lot about Fortnite. *JK means just kidding. **(Elijah)**

My first name is Emily. I am six years old and in the first grade. My favorite color is pink. My favorite food is ice cream. My favorite activity is to play outside. I like to read books that have pictures. I am really good at singing. I would like you to know that I like to make cupcakes. I would like to learn more about math and reading this year. **(Emily)**



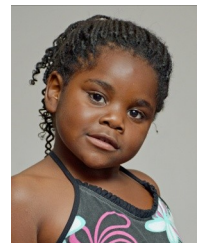
My name is Carmella. I'm nine years old. I'm in the fourth grade. I really like pizza and chicken. I really like writing. I like to read, too. My favorite book is Diary of a Wimpy Kid. I'm really good at drawing pictures. This year, I want to learn more about technology. That's me – thanks for reading! **(Carmella)**

My name is Aimee. I am seven years old and in the second grade. My favorite color is blue. My favorite food is pizza. My favorite activity is coloring. My favorite book or story is Pete the Cat. I like to read chapter books. I am really good at making friends. I would like you to know that I am funny! This year in Explorers, I would like to learn more about writing. **(Aimee)**



My first name is Jessica. My nickname is Chikis. I am nine years old and in the 4th grade. My favorite color is pink. My favorite food is pizza. My favorite book is The Dot. I like to read fiction. I am really good at making friends. I would like you to know that I like smaller groups, and I love field trips. This year in Explorers, I would like to learn more about the future. **(Jessica)**

My first name is Zamorah. My nickname is Momo. I am six years old and in the first grade. My favorite color is pink. My favorite food is corn. My favorite activity is art. My favorite book is Princess Barbie Doll. I am really good at art. Something I would like you to know about me is that I like singing. This year, I would like to learn more about reading. **(Zamorah)**

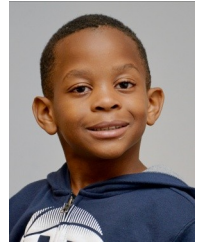


My first name is Alexander. My nickname is Alex. I am eight years old and in the second grade. My favorite color is blue. My favorite food is horchata. My favorite activity is playing with my friends. My favorite book is Captain Underpants. I like to read books that make me laugh. I am really good at math. I would like you to know that I like dogs. I'd like to learn more about dinosaurs this year in Odyssey Explorers. **(Alex)**



My first name is Nakyah. My nickname is Nikki. I am seven years old and in the first grade. My favorite color is pink. My favorite food is steak. My favorite activity is painting. My favorite book is Pinkalicious. I like to read books that are funny. I am really good at painting. Something that I would like to you to know about me is that I am an artist. This year in Explorers, I would like to learn more about writing. **(Nakyiah)**

My first name is D'Angelo. My nickname is D.J. I am seven years old. I am in the second grade. My favorite color is red. My favorite food is pizza. My favorite activity is playing on the iPad. I like to read books that are true. Something that I would like you to know about me is that I am good at running. **(D'Angelo)**



My first name is Essence. My nickname is Pokin. I am six years old and in the first grade. My favorite color is blue. My favorite food is pizza. My favorite story is Goldilocks and the Three Bears. I like to read books that are in Spanish. I am really good at singing. Something I would like you to know about me is that I like to see the sunset. This year in Explorers, I would like to learn more about science. **(Essence)**

EXPLORERS ACROSTIC POEMS

*Explorers made up acrostic poems using their names or another word they like.
Read the first column of letters down to see the names or special words.*

Dreamer
Yummy
Lucky
Amazing
Nice **(Dylan)**

Really fun
Outside playing
Good brother
Eats pizza
Likes to go to Walmart
Incredibly nice
Outgoing **(Rogelio)**

Joyful
Energetic
Stupendous
Sweet
Incredible
Creative
Adventurous **(Jessica)**

Jump
Art
Math
Eat
Swim
Ocean
Neptune **(Jameson Taylor)**

Excellent
Sweet
Six
Excited
Nice
Cuddly
Entertaining **(Essence)**

Joyful
Acrobatic
Young
Determined
Explorer
Ninja **(Jayden)**

Duty
 Awesome
 Noodles
 Global
 Eight
 Like
 Outside **(D'Angelo)**

Cats are cute
 Awesome
 Ready
 Mindful
 Entertaining
 Lucky
 Loves to draw
 Amazing **(Carmella)**

Zany
 In like the word
 Ogre
 Nice **(Zion)**

Amazing
 Interesting
 Magical
 Excellent swimmer
 Exciting **(Aimee)**

Artist & awesome
 Lucky
 Excellent
 eXciting
 Adventurous
 Nice
 Dreaming (dreamer)
 Entertaining
 Rocks at math **(Alexander)**

Excellent
 Magical
 Imaginative
 Lucky
 Young soccer player **(Emily)**

Run
 Art
 Soccer
 Always dancing
 Kicking
 Incredible **(Rasaki)**

Science
 Nice
 Art
 Knowing
 Energetic **(Zinedine)**

Zooms around, zestful, and zippy
 Artist
 Mysterious, merry and magical
 Ostrich
 Runner, rocks at always smiling
 Adventurous
 Helpful **(Zamurah)**

Nice
 Artist
 Kind to others
 Young
 Innocent
 Awesome
 Happy **(Nakyiah)**

Elijah
 Leap
 Incredible
 Jerk (jk! – just kidding!)
 Annoying (NOT!)
 Hebrew **(Elijah)**



READ TO A DOG!

Every month, Odyssey Explorers will have the opportunity to Read to a Dog with the Alliance of Pet Therapy Dogs. On September 26, we had our first Read to a Dog night, and it was a huge success! Our Explorers told us they really enjoyed this opportunity, and even some children who were a little afraid at first ended up participating and having a great time. Children always have the option of reading to a stuffed animal or a person.



“Read to a Dog” is a program where each child reads a story to a dog. All of the dogs in the “Read to a Dog” program are registered pet therapy dogs through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs, Inc. and are trained to be extremely gentle and work with children. The dog’s owner is with the dog and your child the entire time so you can be assured that your child is safe with these well-behaved, gentle animals.

There are many wonderful benefits for your child from the “Read to a Dog” program. Children who are learning to read find that the dog is a grateful listener who doesn’t correct their “mistakes” or mind if they read slowly or have trouble pronouncing something. They also learn to associate reading with the very positive feelings of unconditional love that comes from these kind creatures. Children feel very comfortable reading to the dogs and actually challenge themselves to read better.



A TRIP TO INDIA

Explorers created their own passports to the world and started their international travels by taking a trip to India! Guest musician, artist, storyteller, and yoga instructor Clare Norelle told us a story from India about how yoga began. Then we practiced our yoga poses.



FINDING YOUR INNER ARTIST

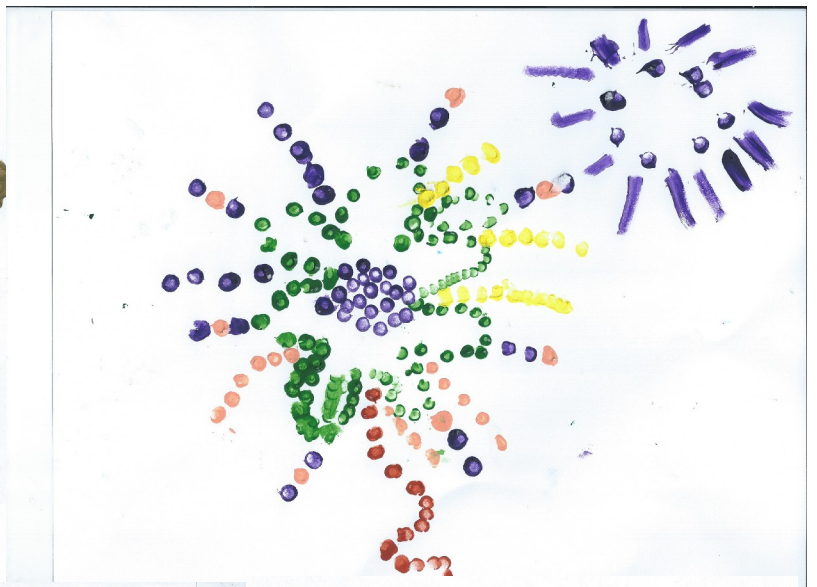
Have you ever thought to yourself, “I can’t draw! I don’t know how to paint! I’m no good at art.” In Explorers we learned about a little girl named Vashti who feels defeated by the sheet of blank paper in front of her. With some wise encouragement from her teacher, “Just make a mark and see where it takes you,” Vashti gets “unstuck” and finds her inner artist. This story is called, The Dot, and it’s by Peter H. Reynolds. Here’s what the Explorers created after reading the story.



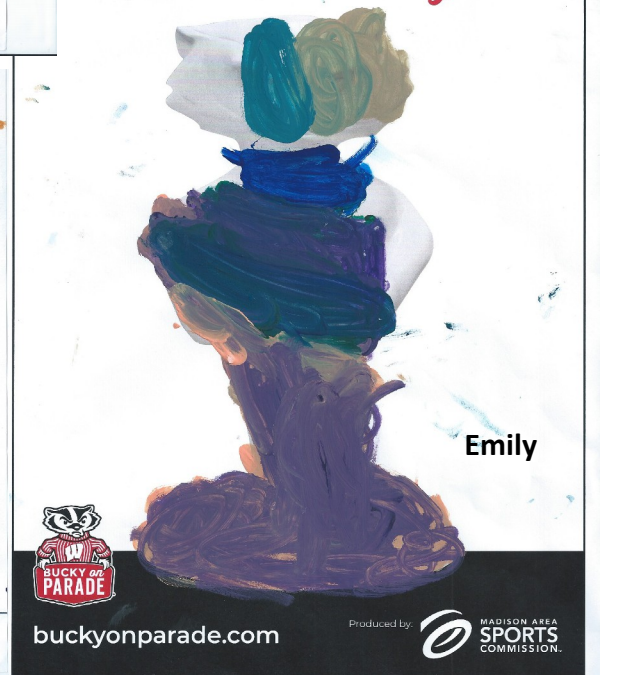
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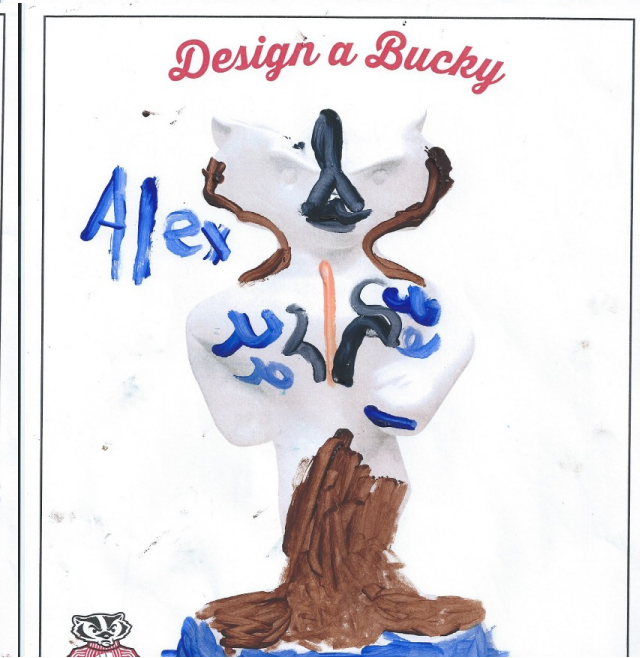
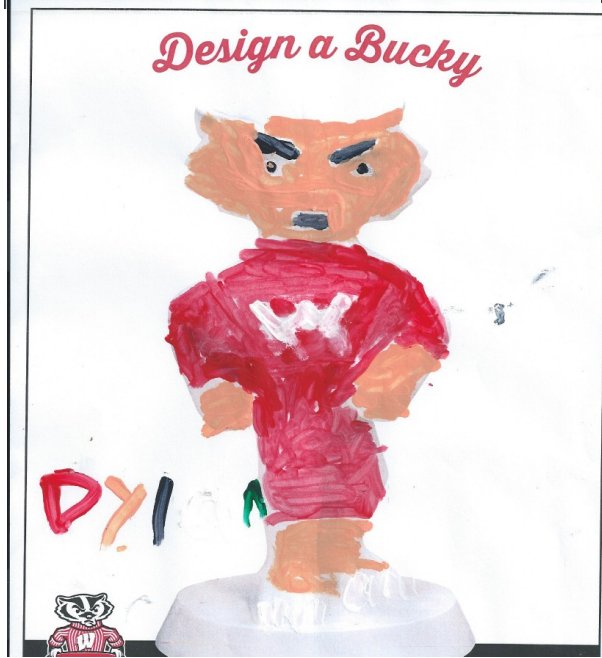
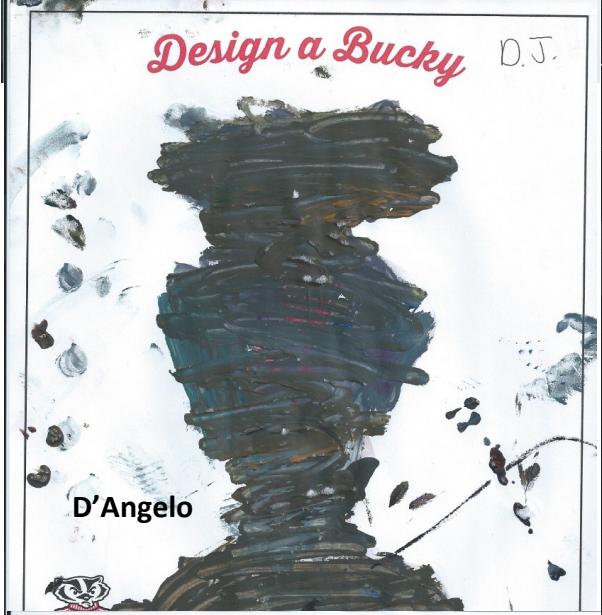
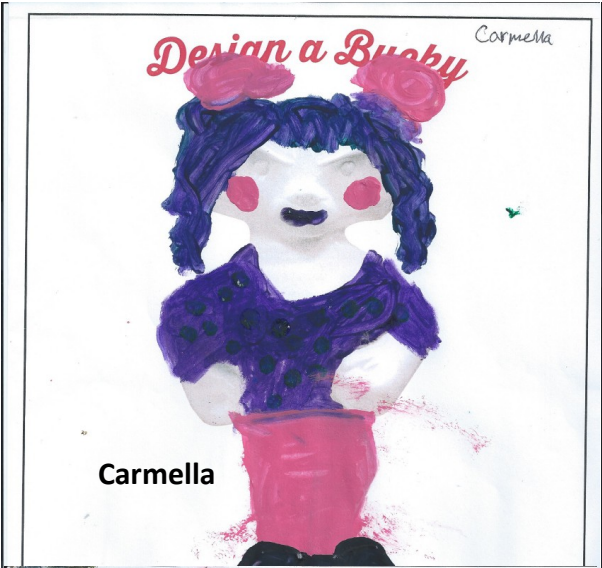


Jayden



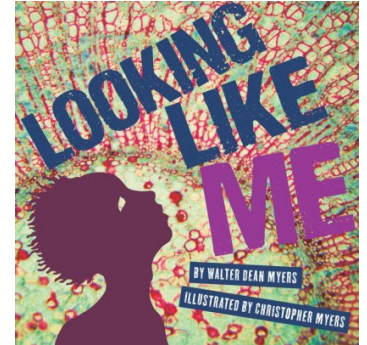
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LOOK IN THE MIRROR AND WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Odyssey Explorers are asking the question “Who Am I?” this semester, learning a lot about themselves and each other. We read a book together called Looking like Me by Walter Dean Myers in which we follow a young boy named Jeremy as he discovers more and more about himself as he goes about his day. For each discovery, there’s a mutual “fist bump,” starting with bumping fists with his own reflection in the mirror and continuing fist bumping with everyone he talks to about himself.



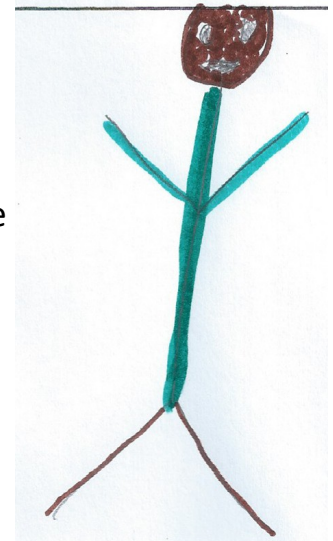
Here are some of the things the Explorers discovered about themselves:

I am...



writer, player, shopper, dancer, little sister, daughter. **(Carmella)**

brother, artist, football player, airplane maker, basketball player, bot maker. **(J.T., Jameson Taylor)**



football player, baller, dancer, runner, friend, funny. **(Rasaki)**

big brother, artist, gamer, Four Square player, card player, Asian, Mexican. **(Jayden)**

singer, inventor, best friend to Max, Yu-Gi-Oh master **(Zinedine)**



Fornite player, dude, bro, Black. **(Elijah)**



brother, movie watcher (Jurassic Park and Jurassic World), dog owner, artist. **(Rogelio)**

dodgeball player. **(Dylan)**

sister, artist, friend. **(Aimee)**



cheerleader. **(Nakyiah)**



runner, friend, artist. **(Zamolah)**



dancer, artist. **(Emily)**



sister, movie watcher. **(Jessica)**

sports, football, basketball, baseball player. **(Zion)**



Tonight before bed, you just might want to ask your Explorer a little more about how they see themselves or about how you see them. Don't forget to share a "fist bump" for each answer!

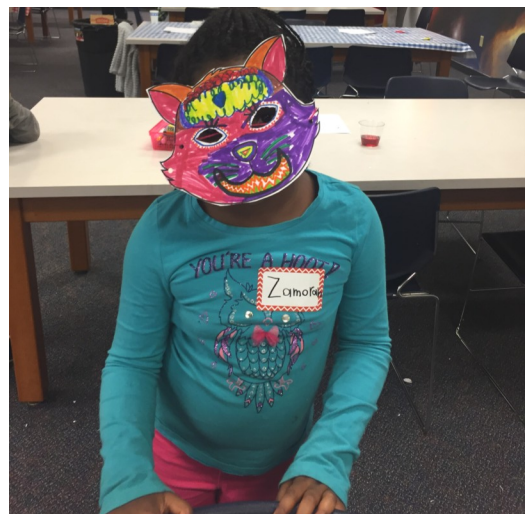
OUR COMMUNITY CONTRACT

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Odyssey Explorers made up their own classroom contract. We all signed it and agreed to abide by it.

How we can work together to make our classroom safe and happy:

- 1) Be respectful to adults and each other.
- 2) Be kind to each to each other and the teachers.
- 3) Be friends with each other.
- 4) Share with each other.
- 5) Be helpful.
- 6) Sit up and listen.
- 7) Be a good example.
- 8) THINK before you do or say something.
- 9) Treat each other's bodies nicely.
- 10) Let us use iPads.
- 11) Separate kids who are touching other people in a way that annoys them or disrupts the class.
- 12) Add music and art to help us calm down.
- 13) Add dancing.



ODYSSEY JUMPSTART

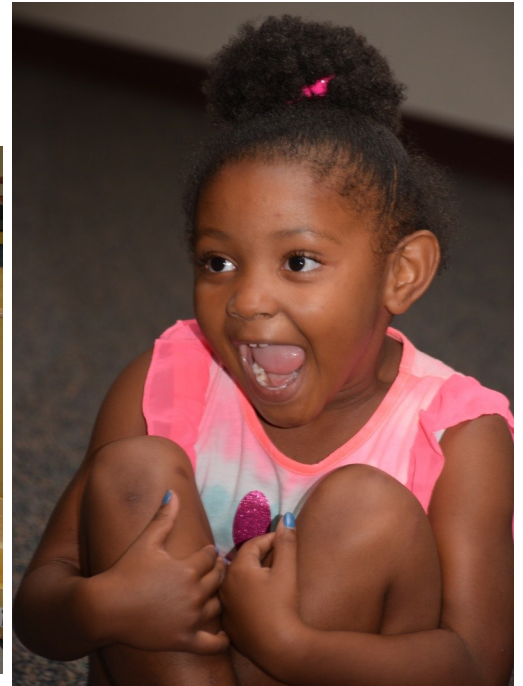


OVERHEARD DURING JUMPSTART

“It’s okay, We can help each other. Just like Daniel Tiger says” – Lauren

“I write my name. This is Super girl. I made my name” – Taraji

“I’m gonna do a puppet show. When I’m a kid I’m gonna be a rockstar and I’m gonna sing.” –Khali



“We’re playing soccer – we were at the soccer field and I saw a big light on my head – that means I have an idea.” – Zayden

My favorite superhero is “Wonder Woman”- Jamayla



“I was dancing to coco” – Daphne

“These oranges are juicy – I like oranges” – Grace

“What you doin’? Let’s play” – Tenzin

LITERALLY ARTS WELCOMES STANLEY SALLAY TO THE JUMPSTART CLASSROOM!

We are thrilled to announce that Stanley Sallay is joining the Literally Arts program as our new art instructor! The Literally Arts program is designed around a series of famous children's books. The children read the book together and then complete an art, music, and movement activity based on various parts of the story. Stanley graduated from the Odyssey Program in 2007, has done exhibits of his art, and is now a Graphic Designer in the Division of Continuing Studies at UW-Madison.



Stanley is a natural teacher. His calm and gentle presence is a wonderful asset for the children and teachers in the program. It was such a treat to watch him teach the art activity by completing his own version of the project right alongside the children, and we want to commend him for figuring

out a way to be comfortable in those tiny chairs at that low table! We are also looking forward to

actually having such a tall person to serve as the tree for our movement activity in April! As is very apparent in the accompanying photos, the children and all of the adults involved developed an instant rapport with Stanley. We hope you enjoy the photos here in the Oracle as much as we enjoyed having Stanley on our team that day! Welcome Stanley! (submitted by Jamie Henke, Literally Arts)

