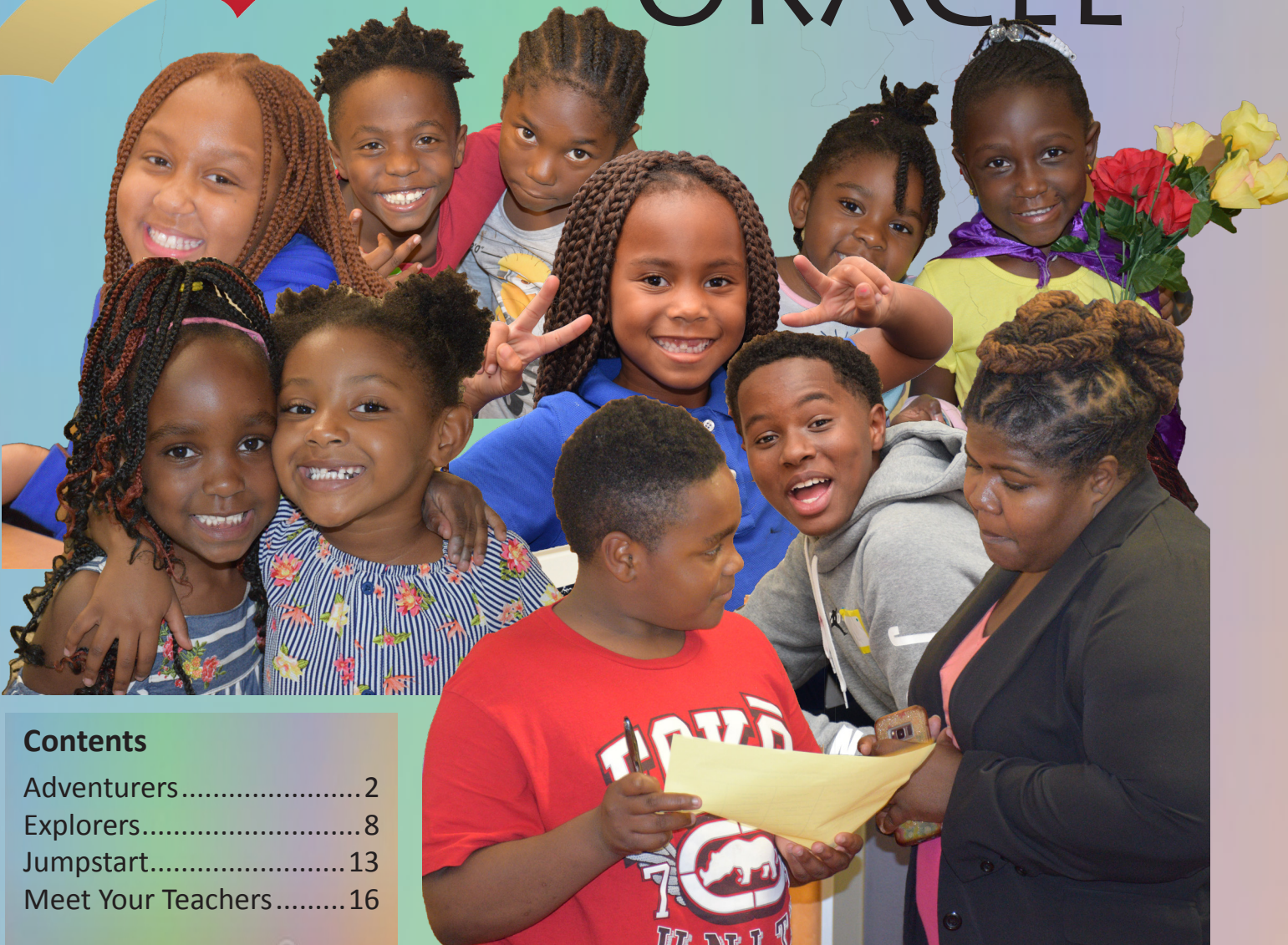


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ODYSSEY ADVENTURERS



WHAT'S IN A NAME?



My name is **Ruhqayyah** not Rakiyah.
 My name means gentle, doesn't mean I am.
 Ruhqayyah was a wife of a prophet.
 I am supportive, optimistic, and intelligent.
 I love my name, for the simple reasons that it's not widely popular, it has meaning,
 and my dad gave it to me.
 When you see me, remember I am Ruhqayyah, the supportive, optimistic daughter of a leader.

My name is **Jacary**

A lot of people mispronounce it with
 Jakary.

I am named after my father

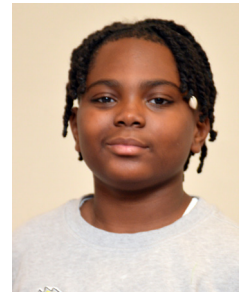
I love my name because it's not basic and a lot of people don't have it
 So when you see me remember my name is Jacary!
 I LOVE MY NAME!!



My name is **Nyjua** not Nyjuda, Nijuah, Niju, Niguh or Nija.
 I don't know what my name means and I don't know what I want it to mean.
 I want to be known as a black girl that ain't scared of nothing.
 No one has a name like mine unless it's spelled differently.
 I love my name

My name is not Marcell, Marquell or Mantell. My name is **Martell** and that name
 meaning is that I'm a forceful person [hammer]. It's also my dad's middle name.

When people hear my name they might think of the liquor. When people hear my
 name, I want them to think of me as a really good rapper and a loving and cool person.



My name is **Zawadi** Ozulamoi

My name is not:

- Zawada
- Zowady
- Zoowadi
- Zawadai
- Ozulamoo
- Ozulami
- Ozulamwai

My name means gift in Swahili

I want people to know me as a kind, funny, cool, approachable person who volunteers



MY NAME



My name is **Derek**.
I got my name from my dad.
I want to be known for singing.
I love my name

My name is **Nasier** Daniel. Some people call me Nasser or Naseir. My name means king, kind, and a leader. I let some people call me Naz. I would like to know how my mom got my name. I think it's made up. I think my name is after the rapper Nas.



My name is **Noah**
I don't know why my mom named me Noah but
I'm guessing it was from Noah's Ark. I Love My Name!

My name is **Reyna**
My name is not Reyainya
My name means Queen in Spanish
I want people to think of my name and think funny, smart, kind
I love my name



My name is **Sheari**
My name is not
Sherry
Sheri
Shari
My name means song of God

My name is **Michael**
My brother named me after Michael Meyers
I want to be known as a good streamer on Fortnite
I love my name



My name is **Illiana** Angelina Lizette Rodriguez.
My name is not Lilliana, Ilana, or Illianna. My name means "ray of light." When people hear or see my name they think of a nice and funny person. When I'm older I want to be a cosmetologist or social worker.
I LOVE MY NAME!

My name is **Jayvon** Davis
My name is not Javon, Jade, Jayden, Jace or John
I don't really know where my name comes from
When people look at me, they think I'm ghetto, mean and stupid
I love my name



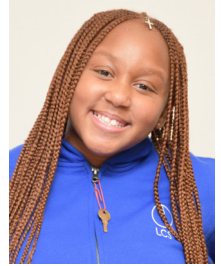
My name is **Neveah** Marie Conklin.
I am sassy, rude, and kind of funny. My name spells Heaven backwards.
My mom lived in Milwaukee and someone said Neveah and she really liked it. So, my name is from Milwaukee. Some people say my name is backwards, but it's really not.



My name **Angel** means a person, esp a woman, who is kind, pure, or beautiful, a male or female name, a guardian spirit.
 My mom named me Angel because she thought she could not have kids and then I came.
 Sometimes they call me angle at school.
 When people hear my name, I want them to think I am kind and I'm going to always be me.

My name is **Kimari** Christian.
 My name is NOT Kamari or Kemari.

My mom thought she was making Kimari up, but she wasn't.
 I don't know what it means, but I want it to mean a beautiful black woman or girl.
 When people hear my name when I'm older, I want them to know that I finished college and got my dream job. I want them to say, "She's like her mom, Dominique."
 I LOVE my name!



My name is **Kamoria** Priscella Sharon Blacks.
 My name is not Kamoreea, Kamariah, or Camora.
 My name comes from a famous poet, but I also know my name means beautiful snow flower in a native language. When people hear my name, they might think "pretty name" or "different name" or maybe even "weird name."
 I love my name.

SENTENCES ABOUT US

I have a lot of goals for the future.
 I want to be an entrepreneur.
 I'm really bad at saving money. (**Ruhqayyah**)

I love basketball.
 I love football.
 I like sports. (**NyJua**)

I like music.
 I like traveling and riding on planes.
 I like watching YouTube music videos.
 (**Martell**)



I'm empathetic towards others.
 I was born in Erie, Pennsylvania.
 I like art and singing and music. (**Zawadi**)

I like to sing.
 I like to go outside.
 I like to come to Odyssey. (**Derek**)



I like to play basketball.
I hate math.
I like to play video games. **(Nasier)**

I like football.
I love math.
I like cooking.
I love riding my bike. **(Noah)**

I am Amariamamma.
I love to cook.
I have a brother.
I love different types of countries and states.
I have a mom and dad, but something is different about me. My mom is American and my dad is from Senegal, which is the western part of Africa. I have many hidden talents like playing the violin and drawing. I like to paint. I love art. I love going to the opera and going out in nature. I love movies and I know when the latest movies come out, sometimes before my parents.
These are some of the things some people didn't know about me. **(Amariamamma)**

I'm shy at first but once you get to know me, I'm a fun person to be around.
I like to do hair and makeup.
I get along with everyone.
I like to play peace maker. **(Illiana)**

I like video games.
I'm shy.
I like to cook.
I love to draw. **(Jayvon)**

I like drawing.
I like singing.
I like playing the violin. **(Neveah)**

I am creative.
I am resilient.
I am an innovator. **(Qiana)**

I like to draw.
I love football.
I was bit by a squirrel. **(Kamoria)**

I do too much.
I'm a nice sister.
I'm a great little sister.
I like to cook. **(Reyna)**

I like food.
I like to cook.
I like to dance. **(Sheari)**

I like football.
I like pizza.
I like the color red. **(Michael)**



I like math and science.
I'm in 7th grade.
I hate Trump. **(Shadavien)**



COMMUNITY WALK

On September 18, the Adventurers took a nature walk and cleaned up the community along the way. With gloves on, students walked through south Madison picking up trash and getting to know one another. Students were encouraged to take photos and notice small things as they walked. It was a great opportunity for teachers and students to get to know each other and do our part for the earth.

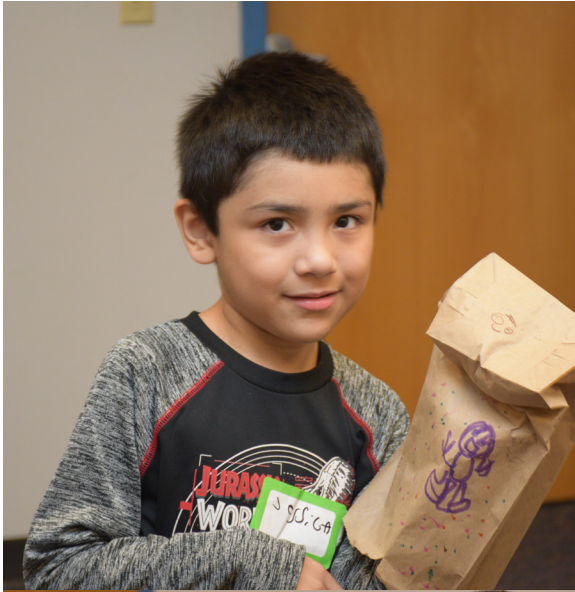


STORYTELLER TAKEYLA



Adventurers welcomed Odyssey alumna Takeyla Benton '11 to class on September 11th. Takeyla is our resident writing coach, visiting class monthly, to inspire and support our young writers. This month she focused on getting to know students and started with names. She shared some interesting stories about her name and guided students to reflect on what their name means to them. We are thrilled to have Takeyla on our team this year.

ODYSSEY EXPLORERS





My name is JT. I am 7 years old. I want to be a racer. I like to play basketball, but my favorite thing to do is to build giant robots. **(JT)**

I am Amazing because I'm beautiful.
My birthstone is Emerald because my birthday is in May
I can be capable because I'm strong.
I am Smart because I'm Excellent.
I can be Incredible because I'm Sweet.
I can be Joyful because I can Enjoy things.
I can Imagine this because I'm Amazing.



I Love Art because I can Imagine. **(Jessica)**



I want to be a basketball player and get very rich. And I want to be a business man. I have a nice heart. I am quick and fast. I am good at Math and I love cookies. I like school sometimes. I'm intelligent and a gentleman. I have friends and brothers and sisters. The End **(Zion)**

(Inspired by Read to a Dog) If I were a dog... I am a dog. I am fast. I dig, dig, dig. I lick people I like. I like people. **(D'Angelo)**



My name is Damien. I am 7 years old. When I'm older, I want to be an animal tamer. I like to play soccer. Practice helps me to be better at soccer. **(Damien)**

My name is Jamyla. I am six years old.
When I am older, I want to be a teacher.
I like to do gymnastics. This helps me stretch, too.
(Jamyla)

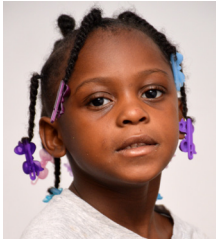


My name is RJ. I am eight years old.
When I am older, I want to be in the NBA.
I like to play and practice. **(RJ)**

My name is Rogelio. I am seven years old.
I love my sister. **(Rogelio)**

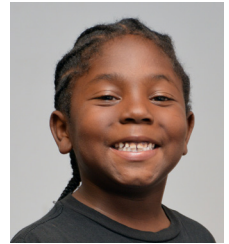


My name is Essence. I am seven years old. When I am older, I want to play baseball. I like dance. I helps me calm down. I am nice because I help others. I am caring because I'm thankful. I am a star because I'm kind. **(Essence S.)**



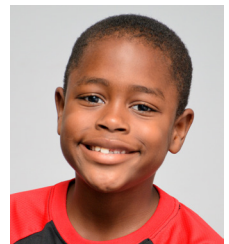
I am smart because I am big. I am sweet because of my mom. I am six and my birthday is in December. (**Essence E.**)

My name is Kas'Myr. I am six years old. I want to be a doctor and be rich. But, I really like to go to the pool and read books. I like to help and help my family. (**Kas'Myr**)



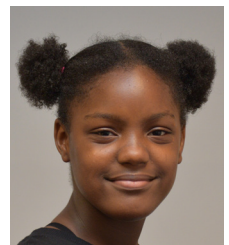
My name is Devvin and I am six years old. I am good at video games because I beat games really quickly. I am really nice because I say nice things and not mean. (**Devvin**)

I like to run because I like to play. I like to have fun and I like dogs. I'm in the second grade. I like my name. My name is O'Shawn. (**O'Shawn**)



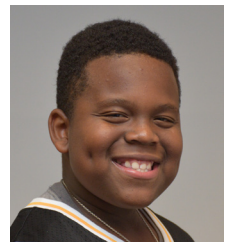
My name is Kaleah. I am ten years old. When I get older, I want to be in the WNBA, then become a nurse. I like to play basketball. (**Kaleah**)

My name is Kamia. I'm ten years old. When I am older, I want to be a basketball player. I like to play basketball. This helps me to be calm and ready to be in the WNBA. I want to make money, spread the word, make a fantastic YouTube video, and try to make good enough to be on the news. A lot of people watch the news. (**Kamia**)



My name Kyniah. I'm not sure what I want to be, but I like gymnastics. (**Kyniah**)

My name is Truth. I am 11 years old. When I'm older, I'm hoping to be a CEO of a multi-million dollar company. I like to read about Malcolm X. (**Truth**)



My name is Alex. I am nine years old. I like playing in the water. (**Alex**)

READ TO A DOG



The Read to a Dog program delighted Explorers this month as students had an opportunity to read to a dog of their choice. Under Stephanie Smith's leadership, this program has always been a favorite of Odyssey Junior students. The dogs are gentle and patient, just what young readers need to build their confidence. We look forward to future visits and getting to build new relationships along with our reading skills.



ODYSSEY JUMPSTART



OVERHEARD IN JUMPSTART



I make two doors—one for a mouse, one for a human. (**Gemini**)

Look what I made. I made a house. Now what do I do? I made an Up door. (**Jabari**)

My name is spelled A-R-I-A. Look at all my scribbles: Beetly, Gripple, Johnathon and mommy and baby. (**Aria**)

I'm making a mud puddle. (**Dominique**)

I'm gonna make a big eyeball. (**Imani**)

That's a rude apple screaming. (**Javari**)

It's getting night time—It's dark outside. (**Zaria**)

This is the sticky part. Sticky, Sticky Sticky. Which means she is stuck. (**Taraji**)

I'm just gonna make me an apple. A for Apple (**Sha'Niyah**)

My puppy's name is Luna. She's zero and a half. She's a girl. (**Falyn**)

The earth is spinning around. (**Falyn**)

I know how to spell love (L-O-V-E) and I also know how to spell mom. (**Taraji**)

Look what I made. I made a me. That's me and that's my baby brother and look, he's in a carseat. (**Aria**)

Jade: I'm closed. If you are a customer you gotta sit right here.

Grace: I want a cake.

Jade: Do you also want some bacon?

Grace: I want these two flowers.



WHAT DO WE LIKE?

Slime/go outside (**Dominique**)

I like to play outside (**Grace**)

I like to walk with my daddy (**Zaria**)

I like to make playdough (**Jade**)

Playdough (**Alex**)

I like to play (**Sha’Niyah**)



To play with slime (**Falyn**)

Slime (**Taraji**)

Slime (**Gemini**)

I like to play with those...yeah magnatiles.
(**Imani**)

Playdough (**Aria**)

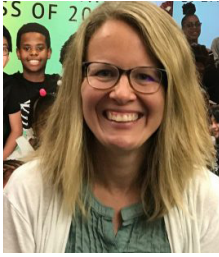
I like the monkey bars. The monkey bars are fun. (**Zaria**)



Literally Arts, an early childhood program taught by UW staff, enjoyed their first visit of the year with our Jumpstart class. This month, they focused their art, movement, and music on the creative story by Diane Alber, I'm NOT Just A Scribble. Kids loved exploring colors and shapes along with the different ways their bodies can move. Our youngest students always look forward to a visit from Jamie, Jess, and Stanley, who bring stories to life each month through the arts.



MEET SOME OF YOUR TEACHERS



Welcome to Odyssey Junior! My name is Karen Dreyfuss, and I'm the Odyssey Junior Coordinator. This will be my third year with the program, and I'm thrilled to get to know your children as I support our terrific teaching teams in every classroom. Originally from Chicago, I've come full circle to return to my Badger roots where my teaching career began. When I'm not working, you can find me playing outdoors with my three daughters or walking my hound dog around the neighborhood.

In each Oracle Junior, we will introduce you to some of your teachers or share some of their writing, too.



WILL GLENN SR., ADVENTURERS

My name is Will Glenn Sr., and I am very excited to start my first year as a teacher for Odyssey Adventurers! I first got involved with Odyssey as an Youth Services Librarian at Goodman South Library. I provided support and helped the team as they saw fit. Now working for the Odyssey Project as a teacher will be exciting.

I am currently the Out of School Youth Coordinator for the Office Youth Re-Engagement with the Madison Metropolitan School District, I enjoy working with youth while helping them find their voice and begin to advocate for themselves.



MAIGON BUCKNER, EXPLORERS

Hello! My name is Maigon Buckner. I'm originally from Inglewood, California. I'm a single parent to a beautiful daughter. I was a teacher for ten years, teaching third graders before transitioning to early high school English Language Arts. During my ten years of teaching, I was the coordinator and facilitator of a Youth Summer Art program. I hope to bring my knowledge of project-based learning, hands-on learning, and curiosity exploration to my team and our young minds. When I'm not working, I enjoy baking and crafting, particularly using up-cycled and recycled materials. I'm excited to work with the young Explorers and my team during this year!



ERENDIRA GIRON CRUZ, JUMPSTART

My name is Erendira Giron Cruz, and I am from Chiapas, Mexico. I work in Reach Dane, and I am still going to college to get my teaching degree. I look forward to working with your children in the Odyssey Jumpstart room. Me llamo Erendira Giron Cruz y soy de Chiapas, México. Trabajo en Reach Dane y estudio en la Universidad para obtener mi licencia de maestra. Estoy lista para comenzar a trabajar con sus hijos/as.