

# ODYSSEY JUNIOR

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# ODYSSEY ADVENTURERS





# CHILDREN'S MUSEUM FIELD TRIP

I loved going to the Children's Museum with my class! It was especially fun for me to be a kid for a little bit and play hide and go seek with everyone! **(Ruhqayyah)**



The Children's Museum was fun. We ran around playing tag and hide and go seek. We ate and it was fun. I got tired so I sat down for the rest of the time. But other than that, I liked the field trip. **(Jacary)**



# CREATIVE WRITING



I am from my mom saying "Shearia" trying aria but thinking of me  
 I am from birthdays to Halloween parties with friends  
 I am from playdates with friends  
 from gymnast Jaida  
 to dancing Annalee  
 from laughing Annabell to  
 falling on the ground Alisia  
 from talking Amya  
 to singing Tasha.

I am from cold nights and eating tacos and watching the snow fall from snow globes.  
 I am from family  
 I am from memories  
 I am from love  
 I am from food  
 I am from laughing

I am from pink  
 I am from dancing  
 I am from bold  
 I am from bright  
 I am from  
 I am from  
 I am from  
 Me **(Sheari)**

I love basketball  
 I want to be a bodybuilder when I grow up and I want to make cash  
 I will probably get a job and play basketball everyday and  
 Get married, get a girlfriend, and get married. **(Nasir)**



Have you ever once heard the story,  
 Of a forgetful fish named Dory?  
 It was rumored that she  
 couldn't count up to three  
 And the others began to worry! **(Zawadi)**

Nice but mean  
 Loves both brothers  
 Has four good friends  
 I am happy **(Michael)**





# MIRROR POEM

My mirror reflects more than people will ever see.  
I am a brown little girl who always says baby girl.  
I am proud of my athletic abilities. I can run fast if  
I want to. Don't judge me by what you see. Take  
some time to get to know me. **(Sheari)**



My mirror reflects more than people will ever see.  
When people see me they see a great black boy and  
my body type is beautiful and handsome.  
When people see me they think that I like food and  
that I talk a lot.  
I think they feel I am mean but what they see is not  
really me. **(Derek)**



When people see me, they see:  
An extraordinary girl that is 14 years old.  
And an African-American who is fit.  
They think she's smart because she's quiet.  
They may feel like I'm intimidating, but what they  
see isn't me...**(Zawadi)**

My mirror reflects more than people will ever see.  
I am a joyful teenage girl who is African-American.  
I am athletic, lightning quick and funny. I am loyal,  
smart, funny. I won several sport awards, won  
student of the month TWICE, and I am a great friend.  
Don't judge people by what you see-----take some  
time to get to know me!! **(Zawadi)**

My mirror reflects more than people will ever see.  
I am male, mixed Mexican and Black. I am a chef and  
a baker. Don't judge me by what you see. Take some  
time to get to know me! **(Jayvon)**







My mirror reflects more than people will ever see.  
I am a beautiful young adult.  
I am strong enough to slay my own demons.  
Don't judge me by what you see try to get to know me! **(Ruhqayyah)**

When people see me they see a smart and a little sassy girl  
I go by mixed latino mexican  
I'm funny I feel happy, nice, sassy  
I go to Jefferson  
I hate school  
I love Odyssey  
I love homework  
People think I am smart and nice  
I am nice  
I'm a good writer  
Don't judge me get to know me. **(Neveah)**

When people see me they see a female, black, age 14, slim. I don't care what people think about me.  
But what they see isn't really me. **(Angel)**



When people see me they see a black man/boy.  
I think they also think I like working out and like basketball.

I think they may feel that I'm nice cool and other stuff.  
I wish others can see of me that I'm nice and funny.  
Don't judge me by what you see  
Take some time to get to know me **(Nasir)**



# FEARS

I fear lions, sharks and roaches. They're just scary and weird. I don't like sharks because of their teeth. I don't like lions because of videos I saw. I fear roaches because they make me itch and they're nasty. **(Jacary)**

I am scared of killers

A zombie

A monster

A shark

But I am mostly scared of a shark because they have big teeth and they're sharp  
And sharks are BIG. **(Michael)**



My biggest fear is being in a place where I can never die. It scares me the most out of anything in this whole entire world because I would never pass on to wherever I go after death. I would be stuck in a repeated cycle of death forever and doing the same thing every day, just dying and feeling the pain but never dying.

I love being scared because it just gives me the thrill of not knowing what's going to happen and not knowing what was going to happen.

One of the first times I was scared was when I was home alone and I had watched a scary movie the night before. I just stayed home and after a little bit of doing nothing it wasn't scary at all. **(Jayvon)**

I am kinda scared of clowns. It depends what it looks like, if they have blood on their face.

I am also afraid of big spiders because they are hairy and have lots of legs and if I find a spider I run away. **(Neveah)**

Clowns scare me.

They do too much and I just don't like them.

They look weird. **(Angel)**



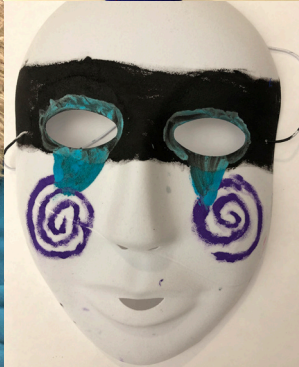
I am scared of having bad grades and making a fool out of myself at school.

I am scared of having a bad reputation. **(Amariamma)**



# MAKING MASKS

In the spirit of Halloween on October 30th, the Adventurers created masks. Students were given blank masks and asked to reflect on the different masks worn in their everyday lives. What do people see when they see you? What don't they see? After some discussion, each student designed a mask reflecting who they are on the outside, knowing the inside design may be different. Then, they painted their mask sharing amazing creativity and insight with our class community.





# ODYSSEY EXPLORERS





# CHILDREN'S MUSEUM FIELD TRIP

I really liked the slide and fake fishing. It reminded me of when I went with my family and we did virtual reality. **(Jameson Taylor)**

I really like getting on the slide at the museum. It was really dark and I like going down it in the dark. I also liked the fake fishing and feeding. I really like climbing up the house. **(Damien)**



We went to Children's Museums and I got play on TWO playgrounds. My favorite was being able to run and play. I really liked the hamster wheel. I put my hands on the hamster wheel and spun it really fast. I played in the house on the downstairs playground. I jumped around on the couch. **(O'Shawn)**

My favorite part of the field trip was the place and the upstairs ping pong. I win all the time. I also like the turning

things that make the balls go down. I also like the downstairs playground. And I also like the ball thing that lets you create stuff. **(D'Angelo)**



I love drawing rainbows because I like to use a lot of colors. My favorite colors are pink, purple and blue. I really like drawing and coloring with Jam-Jam. **(Emily)**

We went on a field trip to the museum. We played a lot. I painted with Emily. We painted rainbows and used a lot of colors. I love painting with Emily. Emily and I are friends. **(Jamyla)**

The house has red. It has a slide and slid down the slide and got wet. I punched the water, so I wouldn't get wet, but it was invincible. And me and teacher played tag. I tagged the teacher. I had a "T". **(Rogelio)**





# DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

Today in class, we learned about Los Día de los Muertos (The Day of the Dead). I learned about the day of the dead and in class, we learned about the importance of the day of the dead. It is important because my great-great-great-grandfather was from Cuba and he spoke Spanish. And we are talking about the day of the dead and it's in Mexico and most people in Mexico speak Spanish. **(Essence S.)**



The Day of the Dead honors people that have passed away due to death. Their closest relatives go to the cemetery to honor them and put flowers, wine and bread. And sometimes toys. The Day of the Dead does not just honor the dead, but also you because you are taking time out of your day and work to honor your loved ones. They make skulls out of sugar. The skulls represent the person's face and how they feel. **(Zion)**



I really like coloring the calavera for the Day of the Dead. I used orange, yellow, purple and blue for the colors. I colored the eyes orange. There are two flowers in the eyes. I picked orange because it would look Halloweenie. I see a lot of orange color for Halloween. I used blue and purple colors for the teeth, so it would look different. **(Devvin)**

Dia de los Muertos - We make special bread. The bread is decorated to look like bones and it is a part of tradition. We put the pictures of people that passed away, our ancestors and people of our family. And we put their favorite foods, their favorite toys, and usually what they like. **(Alex)**

I came to Michoacán for my aunt's wedding and to experience Day of the Dead. We traveled to many places to learn of my roots. We went to Cuanajo, Patzcuaro, Tzintzuntzan, Uruapan, Santa Clara del Cobre, Janitzio, and Morelia. Tried many foods but my favorite were the tacos. **(Zinedine)**







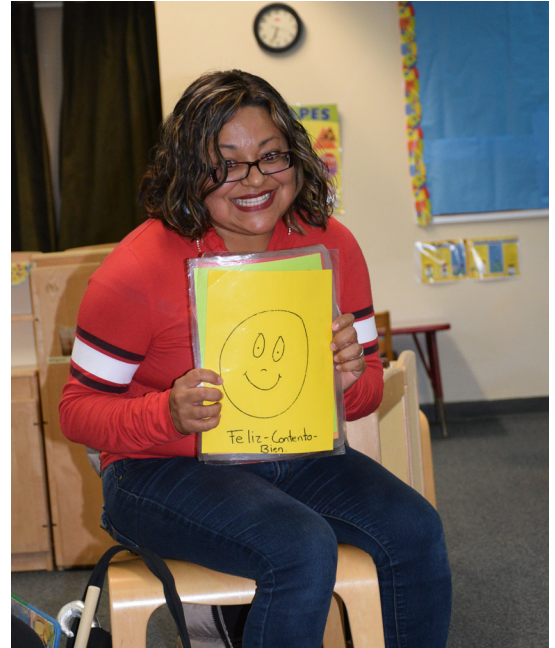
# ODYSSEY JUMPSTART





# SPANISH LESSONS

Our wonderful bi-lingual Explorers' teacher, Marisol Gonzalez, has been sharing Spanish lessons with our youngest students in the Jumpstart classroom. Last month, she taught the pre-school kids a game called "Pez" or Fish game. As the fish hides in one of her colorful houses, the kids need to choose a house to knock on and see if the fish is home – but the fish only speaks Spanish! The kids need to describe the house and talk to the fish in Spanish in order to find their friend. ¿Estás ahí?



Kids love learning Spanish. Thank you to her friend and new volunteer, Maria Victoria Gonzalez, who is supporting students in the Explorers classroom. We are lucky to have you both on the team!





# CHILDREN'S MUSEUM FIELD TRIP





# SPECIAL GUESTS

Just in time for snowy weather, the Hat Ladies visited Odyssey Junior! A huge thanks to Nancy Daly and her talented team of seamstresses who created a hat for every child in our program on October 16th. Children designed their very own fleece hat with various colors and styles for themselves or a person in their family or community who needed one. Students proudly wore their hats for the entire evening and smiles were abundant.







Keena Atkinson, Odyssey alum and WERQ instructor, danced the night away with Explorers and Adventurers this month. Keena had students moving and grooving with her high-energy playlist and step-by-step instruction. Odyssey Junior teachers even gave it a try!





# MEET SOME OF YOUR TEACHERS

My name is **Qiana Holmes-Abanukam**. I am a new instructor with Odyssey Adventurers. I am a wife and mom to two young men, one a current UW Badger. I am currently the Education Coordinator for The Road Home, where I support former homeless families to maintain open communication with the schools and build relationships within their communities. I am so excited to work with your super talented creative youth.



**Savion Castro** is a Madison native, UW-Madison and PEOPLE program alumnus. He earned his degree in sociology and graduated in December 2018. Currently serving in MMSD'S board of education, he is passionate about helping students empower themselves through literacy and positive identity formation. Savion will begin teaching in both the Explorers and Adventurers classes. Welcome to the Odyssey Junior team, Savion!

**Fabiola Garcia:** I was born in México and came to the USA when I was 6 years old. I have been working in Head Start three years now as a bilingual teacher assistant. This year will be my second year working in Odyssey. I finished my preschool credential in the summer of 2018 and plan on finishing my associate's degree. In my free time I like listening to music and spending time with my four-year-old daughter and my family. I'm looking forward to another great year with Odyssey and getting to know all the children and parents.

