

ODYSSEY JUNIOR

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ODYSSEY ADVENTURERS



NEW YEAR'S/NEW DECADE REFLECTIONS

The decade starts in 2020 because 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 makes up ten years. That means the decade starts in 2020. My hope for 2020 is to get a B in Geography. I will achieve this by studying hard and taking good notes. I want to achieve this because it is the only class I am getting a C in. **(Chris)**

I'm looking forward to becoming a better person. When I become a better person, I want to make an impact on the world so that people will know what I did to make a positive impact to help people. One of my top role models is Kobe "Bean" Bryant. He made such an impact not only on the NBA but around the world. I hope to one day continue his legacy and make a positive impact on the world just like Kobe did. **(Juan)**



I want to get better grades. I have a D in Science and ELA. I think I will be a running back for high school. I go to the gym and practice. **(Noah)**

In 2020 I hope to do better in school, to ask more questions, hang out with a lot more people, try new sports and clubs, and have more self-love. Ten years from now I see myself very successful, supporting myself and having more than a decent amount of money. **(Kamoria)**



This year I want to continue trying my best in school and helping others. In 10 years, I hope to see myself in or finished with college. I hope to see myself doing well and being a part of things that interest me. I hope to have traveled to cool places and live somewhere cool. Last, I hope I'll have some more animals. **(Miraya)**

In 10 years, I might be in the NBA or something different. I am going to be 22 in ten years. I might be in college if I don't make it to the NBA. If I don't, I'm going to get better and better at playing basketball. **(Nasier)**

Where will I be in 10 years? Maybe I'll be in college or maybe California. Maybe I'll be a star and help people in need, or maybe I'll be writing my own story about me, or being a nurse helping people who need it. **(Neveah)**

REFLECTIONS ON THE LIFE & LEGACY OF KOBE BRYANT

Quote: "I don't wanna be the next Michael Jordan. I wanna be the next Kobe Bryant."

There's no comparison because MJ and Kobe are equal in awesomeness. I think it means that, well, everyone knows Michael Jordan. He's loved by all, very liked, inspiring, and very looked up to, maybe even overrated, but I think this quote means that Kobe Bryant had a lot of accomplishments and left a very big impact in his life to people. Kobe dying really showed people how life is short. Even though someone is so liked and famous, they can just be gone in the blink of an eye but still be known as a legend. **(Kamoria)**

People were saying Kobe wanted to be better than Jordan. He wanted to be himself. Always be himself. I was a big fan of his. **(Nasier)**

Rest In Peace, Kobe...

For as long as I can remember, the legend Kobe Bryant has made history with basketball skills and 'Mamba Mentality.' One quote I think back to of his is, "I don't wanna be the next Michael Jordan, I want to be Kobe Bryant." During Kobe's career he has been compared to Michael Jordan, but Kobe wanted to be his own person. This quote reminds me to strive to be my best self. **(Zawadi)**



He was a really good basketball player. He died in a helicopter with his daughter in it. She was supposed to carry on his legacy. She was very close to her dad. She really loved her dad. **(Neveah)**

This quote means to me that I don't wanna be famous, I wanna be a legend. This means that I don't wanna just be known, I wanna be known all over. I wanna be remembered for the great things that I've done, and when I'm gone people will remember my name and I will go down as a legend. **(Jay)**

INSPIRED BY FABU'S POETRY WORKSHOP:

I Am Love Poem

I Am Smart. I Am Love.
 I Wonder Does $5+5=4$.
 I Hear Reese's.
 I See 90.
 I Want Go to the Fortnite World Cup.
 I Am Smart. I Am Love.
 I Pretend to Be 1000.
 I Worry About Global Warming.
 I Cry, Mexico lost the 2014 World Cup.
 I Am Chris. I Am Smart. I Am Love.
 I Understand Math.
 I Dream of Becoming a Radiologist.
 I Try in School.
 I Hope Trump Does Not Get Re-elected.
 I Am Chris. I Am Smart. I Am Love. **(Chris)**



I Am A Black Girl
 I Wonder What the World Would Look Like Without Racism
 I Hear Crying
 I See Anger
 I Want A World Where Everyone Accepts and Loves One Another
 I Am A Black Girl
 I Pretend to Be Okay With People Feeling Unaccepted
 I Feel A World with Only Hate and Judgment
 I Touch the Hearts of Millions With Unspoken Words
 I Worry That People Will Miss Opportunities . . .
 I Cry Because Good People Get Judged Because Of Their Skin
 I Am A Black Girl
 I Understand That Not Everyone Feels Appreciated in Their Own Skin
 I Say Pay Attention to Their Words
 I Dream That Everyone Will Feel Loved in Their Own Skin
 I Try to Spread My Culture
 I Hope for Happiness And No Judgment
 I Am A Black Girl **(Kamoria)**

I Am Love, I Am Heard
 I Wonder About School
 I Hear School Bells Ringing
 I See School
 I Want to Have A Future
 I Am Loved, I Am Heard
 I Pretend to Have Magic
 I Feel Like I Have Magic
 I Touch My Grandma
 I Worry About School
 I Cry About School
 I Am Love, I Am Heard
 I Understand I Am Handsome
 I Say Magic
 I Dream About Magic
 I Try in School
 I Am Love; I Am Heard **(Derek)**



I Am Kind. I Am My Own Person.
 I Wonder Who I will Be When I Grow Up
 I See Poems. I See Myself.
 I Want Nothing.
 I Am Kind. I Am My Own Person.
 I Pretend Like I Am Someone Else.
 I Touch My Hair.
 I Worry About Homework.
 I Cry When Someone Dies.
 I Am Kind. I Am My Own Person.
 I Understand I Am Wonderful.
 I Dream About Succeeding in Life.
 I Tried in Math.
 I Am Kind. I Am My Own Person. **(Neveah)**



I Am Loved and Just Me
 I Wonder How My Future Is Going to Be
 I Hear My Future Voice Talking to Me
 I See My Future
 I Want to Be Me and Just Me
 I Am Loved and Just Me
 I Touch My Degrees
 I Worry About How I'm Going to Do in School
 I Cry When I'm Hurt
 I Am Loved and Just Me
 I Understand How Life Works
 I Say I Can Finish in A Good Way
 I Dream to Go to HBCU School and Live
 Life Like My Mama and Dad
 I Try So Hard to Have Faith in My Life
 I Hope to Never Give Up In My Life
 I Am Loved and Just Me **(Kimari)**





I Am Curious and Inspired
 I Wonder About the Truth
 I Hear the Screams from The Haters
 I See Promise
 I Want Justice
 I Am Curious and Inspired
 I Pretend to Be Me
 I Feel Like the Man on Mars
 I Touch the Waves
 I Worry About Our People
 I Cry About History & Reality
 I Am Curious and Inspired
 I Understand Nothing Lasts Forever
 I Dream About an Inspired People
 I Try to Act
 I Hope to Be My Full Inspired Self
 I Am Curious and Inspired **(Savion)**

I Am Life, I Am Love
 I Wonder What People Are Thinking
 I Hear Animals
 I See Love and Hate
 I Want Happiness
 I Am Life, I Am Love
 I Pretend Like Things Might Change
 I Feel Worried About the Future
 I Touch My Heart
 I Worry About My Own Future
 I Cry with Pain
 I Am Life, I Am Love
 I Understand Myself
 I Say Good Job
 I Dream of Food, I Am Going To Be A Chef
 I Try to Be Great
 I Hope to Be Successful
 I Am Life, I Am Love **(Jay)**



I Am Michael, Smart, Nice Sometimes
 I Wonder What I Am Going to Do With My Life
 I See the Love Roaring
 I Want Polar Bear Dancing
 I Am to Be In The Fortnite World Cup
 I Pretend I Am Smart and Nice
 I Feel That I Will Be Rich
 I Touch God
 I Am Michael, Smart and Nice
 I Understand I Have A Lot of Friends
 I Dream of Buying 1,000,000 V-Bucks
 I Try Fortnite
 I Hope I Find Love
 I Am Michael, Smart and Nice. **(Michael)**

FREE WRITING

When we first met, I had no regret
A friendship I longed to get
My rhythm is different, but nonetheless
Being with you made me feel my best,
you take me there.
Pretty colors, pretty shapes, inside
your soles is where I escape. **(Mr. Will)**

I am kind. I think my own way. I love to write
and read. I hope I become a cook when I
grow up. I like to draw in my free time. I am
kind and my own person. I don't like to hate
because I am not a hater. **(Neveah)**



Hair Love

The hair comes from their ancestors. It can be brown, black or any other color. It might be long or short or they might have orange hair and it comes from their mom and dad. **(Neveah)**



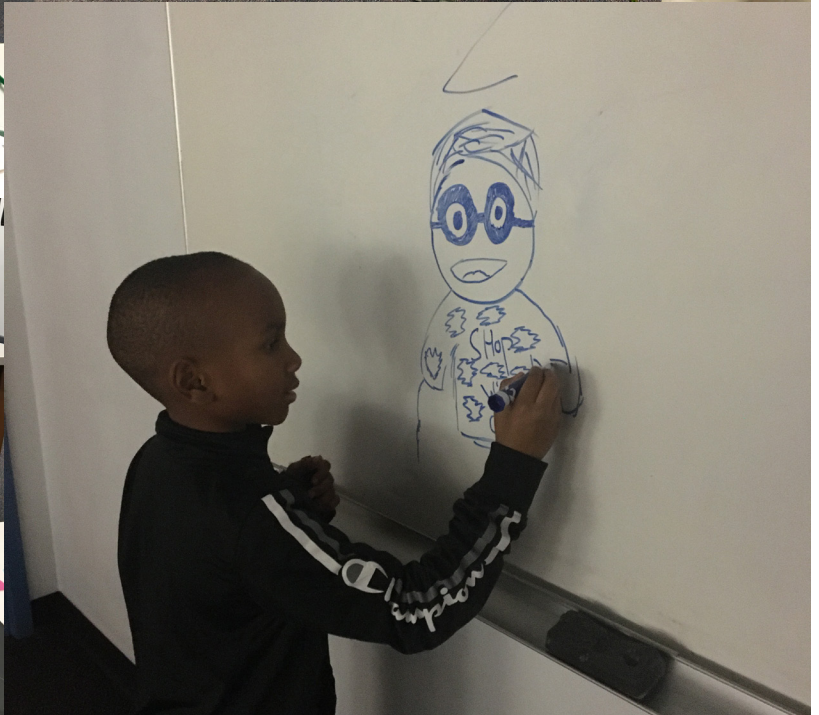
Love is like a drug that you will always have
inside you. Sometimes it is so sour like warheads
and other times sweet like cookies. Also, it can
be the most painful feeling in the world like
you are getting hit by a car and also it can make
you feel happy like a sunny day even if
it's raining. When you love you have the life of a
person in your hand and you're afraid to close
your hand or you might hurt the person. **(Angel)**

I'm planning on going to a Trippie Redd Concert on February 7, 2020, and a BTS concert somewhere around February, which is somewhere in Chicago. I want to see a Trippie Redd concert so bad because I feel like whatever song he makes it always has that type of vibe and his lyrics are realistic. My favorite songs by him are: The Grinch, Love Me More, and Valorize. They are my favorite because he talks about life and how it can suck but it is good at the same time. **(Nyjua)**



I like football.
I like math.
I'm a good cook.
I love being outside.
I love riding my bike. **(Noah)**

ODYSSEY EXPLORERS



WHEN I GROW UP...



When I grow up, I want to be... robbing banks! No, no, just kidding. I want to be an engineer so I can make evil things, like a monster, muahahaha! And I want to invent a computer that will punch you when you type. **(Alex)**



When I grow up, I want to be a helper, sneaky, and smart. **(Damien)**



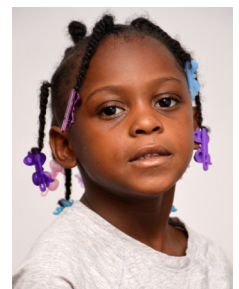
When I grow up, I want to be smart because all my brain knowledge will help me be cool and in school. Cool in school! And it will help me go to college, get my bachelor's degree, and get a job. **(D'Angelo)**



I want to be a policeman like my uncle and custom build Lamborghinis when I grow up. **(Devvin)**



I have a list of things I want to be when I grow up: an artist, a dancer, the person who makes dresses, and a lot more things. I think they're wonderful. **(Emily)**



When I grow up, I want to be a firefighter because they help people. **(Essence E)**



When I grow up, I want to be a famous baseball player because I want to finally earn it and show my mom and dad I'm really good at playing baseball. **(Essence S)**

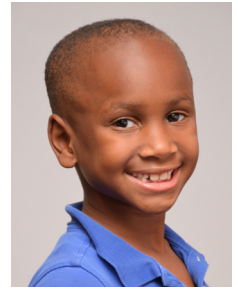


When I grow up, I want to be a police officer because it's fun. **(Jamyla)**



When I grow up, I want to be a singer because I want to face my fear of my social anxiety, and so I can give some money to the homeless. **(Jessica)**

When I grow up, I want to join Barcelona because I'd like to be on my favorite soccer player's team (Messi). **(JT)**



When I grow up I want to be a policeman. **(KK)**

I don't know what I want to be when I grow up, but I want to help people. **(O'Shawn)**



When I grow up, I want to be a basketball player because that's what I'm good at. **(RJ)**

I want to be a speech therapist when I grow up because I like to help people. **(Rogelio)**



I want to play soccer when I grow up because it's my favorite sport. **(Tenzin)**

When I grow up, I want to be the CEO of a multi-million dollar business to help people in need. **(Truth)**



I want to be a builder when I grow up to help others. **(Z)**

I want to be an NBA player when I grow up because I like basketball. **(Zion)**



CHINESE NEW YEAR

Explorers kicked off second semester learning about the Chinese New Year. They read folk stories, created paper lanterns and firecrackers, and shared different ways people celebrate the new year. Children were especially excited to find chocolate coins in their red envelopes!

Alex



El año nuevo los chinos lo celebran poniéndose playeras rojas y haciendo ruido. Decoran muchas cosas con rojo, crean lámparas y fire cracker/cohetes, y ponen otras decoraciones en sus puertas. El animal de este año es la rata.

(On New Year's, the Chinese celebrate by putting on red shirts and making noise. They decorate many things with red, make lamps and fire cracker rockets, and put other decorations on their doors. The animal of this year is the rat.) **(Alex)**

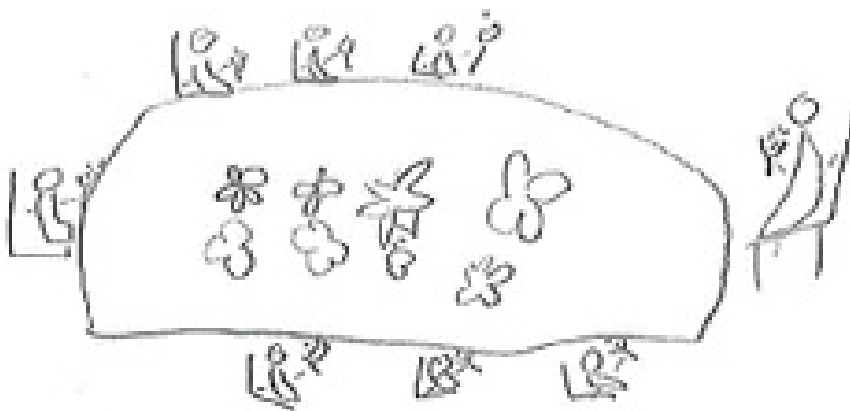
This year I will watch more movies with my mom. **(Damien)**



New Year: I want to accomplish things at the end of the year. I want to finish learning. **(D'Angelo)**

En mi familia, comemos uvas, brindamos, y festejamos toda la noche.

(In my family, we eat grapes, make a toast, and celebrate all night.) **(Emily)**





What I love about New Year's is looking at the tv and seeing 2020 come as our new year for everyone. New Year's is good for you and me. **(Essence S)**

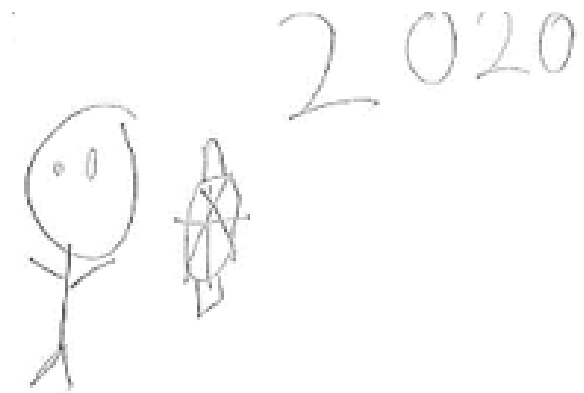
I liked making the noise-makers.
(Essence E)

I have fun celebrating the New Year 2020 with family, friends, corn bread, beans, mac & cheese, and vegetables.
(Jamyla)

What I liked about the lesson of New Year's is that we got to do a lot of fun activities. What I do on New Year's Day is go to my family member's house. **(Jessica)**

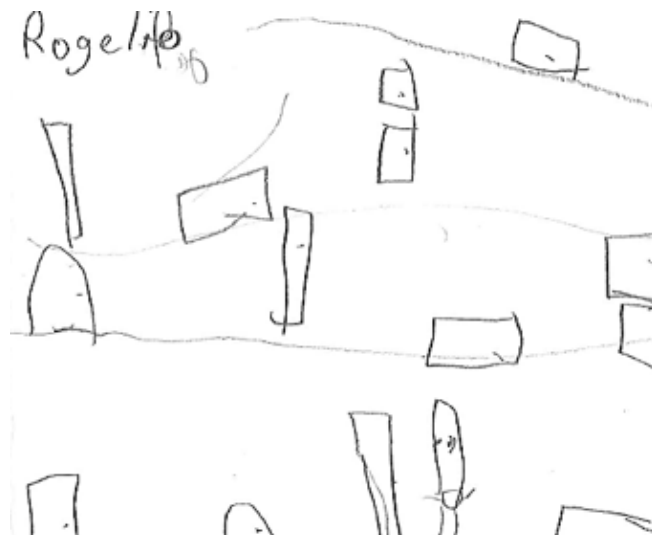
What I did was I celebrated and I danced and watched TV. I ate lots of Doritos and counted down with my family, yeah. **(JT)**

We drank sparklin' juice for 2020. **(Kas'myr)**

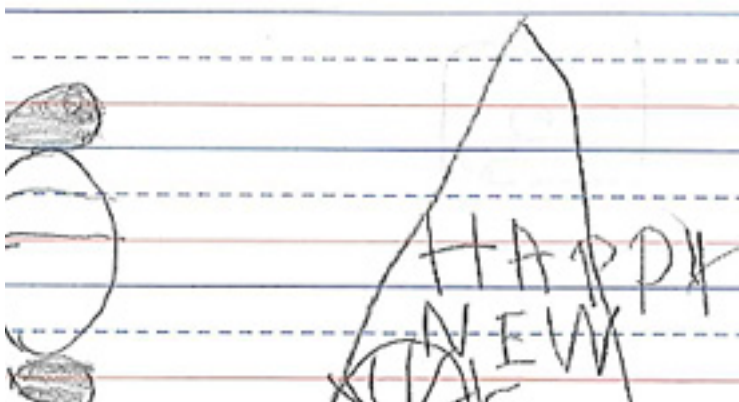


Chinese New Year my family has grape juice. We stay up until midnight and eat black-eyed beans, leg bone, and corn bread. **(RJ)**

What I do on New Year's Day is go to a family member's house. **(Rogelio)**



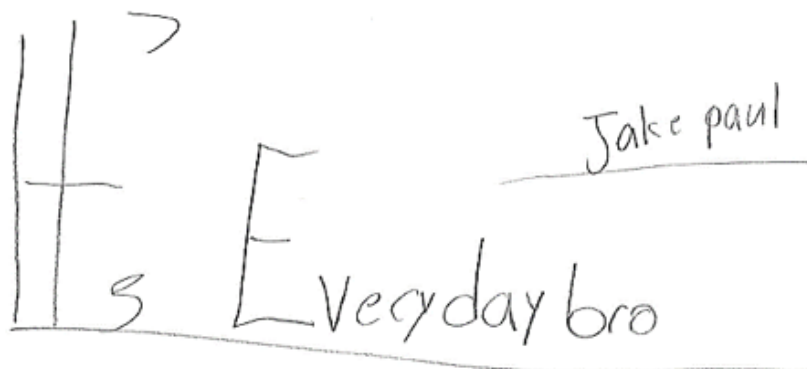
I ENJOYED THE ART STATION. HAPPY NEW YEAR. **(Tenzin)**



I go to family's houses for New Year's. **(Z)**

Jake Paul – It's every day, bro.

What I do for New Year's is I stay up 'til midnight and count down with my family. And eat lots of Doritos. And my cousin visited. **(Zion)**



YOGA AND DANCE

On Jan. 29th, the Explorers danced the night away with special guest Keena Atkinson '10. Keena taught the group WERQ moves to their favorite songs and ended the evening with calming yoga and meditation.

What was your favorite part of Keena's yoga and dance visit?



Alex: the Beyblade song everyone danced to in the beginning.

Devvin: when we stared, when we got to close our eyes.

Essence E: getting up and running around.

Jamyla: all of it!

JT: when we got to run around in the zombie song!

Kanesha: how I could really relax, and say positive affirmations.



Tenzin: yoga, because I like the breathing.

Z: My favorite part was the dancing, so I could listen to the music.

Zaria: playing tag, because it's fun!

Zion: making me get up and stretch, and ready to dance!

Rap and poetry inspired by Keena's visit

Tag

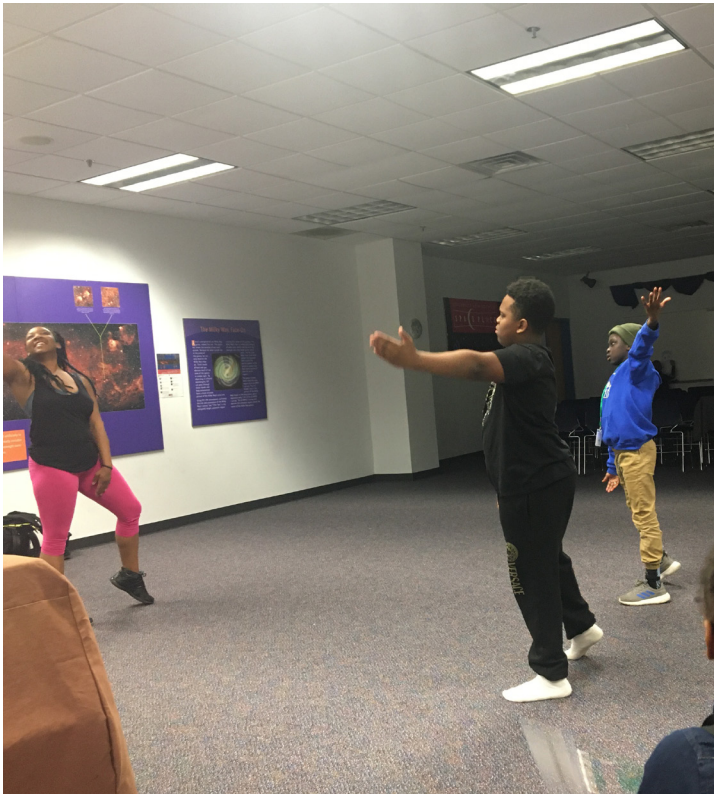
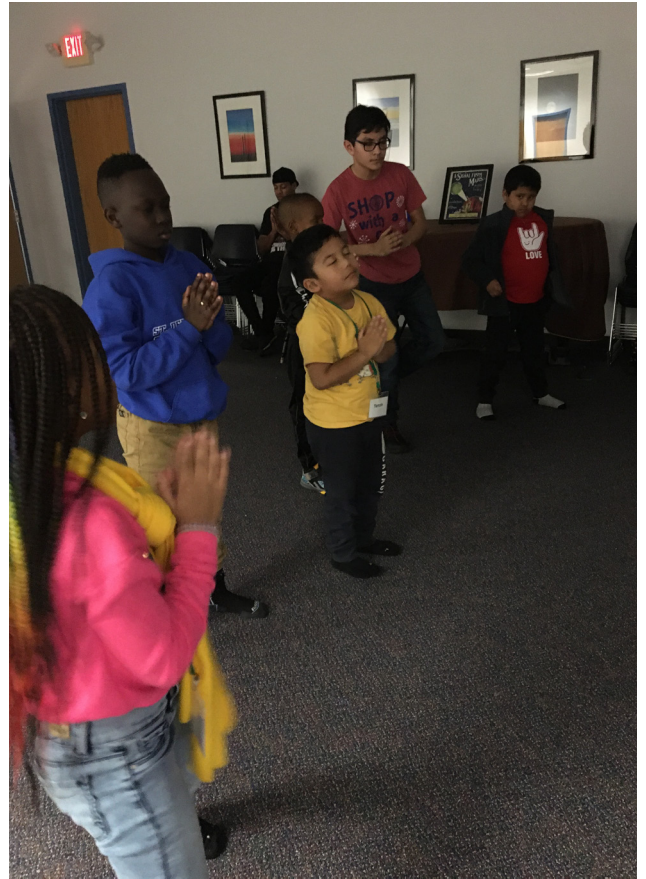
I like to play tag

I like to run, run, run, run, run!

I like to tag, tag, tag, tag, tag!

I like to go fast

Fast, fast, fast, fast, eleven fasts! (**Rogelio**)



My name is Jam

When I rap

We jam like PB-jam

Jam I am

Green eggs and ham (**Jamyla**)



I Am...

I am smart, handsome, cool, awesome, evil, mad, and sad. I'm good at drawing, origami, soccer, doing art, doing clay, and at sneaking. **(Alex)**

I am smart and kind. I'm good at soccer, even though I only play at school. I'm good at racing. **(O'Shawn)**

I am helpful and fast. I help people do the right thing. **(JT)**

I am sneaky, mad, angry, sad, happy, and fast. **(Damien)**



I would describe myself as weird because I'm weird, and just weird. Fine, and funny too. **(Emily)**

I am smart and fast. **(Jamyla)**

I am fun, smart, funny, fast, and... yeah. **(D'Angelo)**

KK is smart, KK is funny, and KK is seven years old now. **(KK)**

I am smart. **(Z)**





I am a very nice person. I am afraid of snakes and I don't like most reptiles. I am smart and handsome. **(Zion)**

I am nice, kind, shy, and loyal. **(Jessica)**



I am smart, cool, and good at writing. **(Essence E)**

I am kind, honest, generous, loving, and adventurous. **(Essence S)**



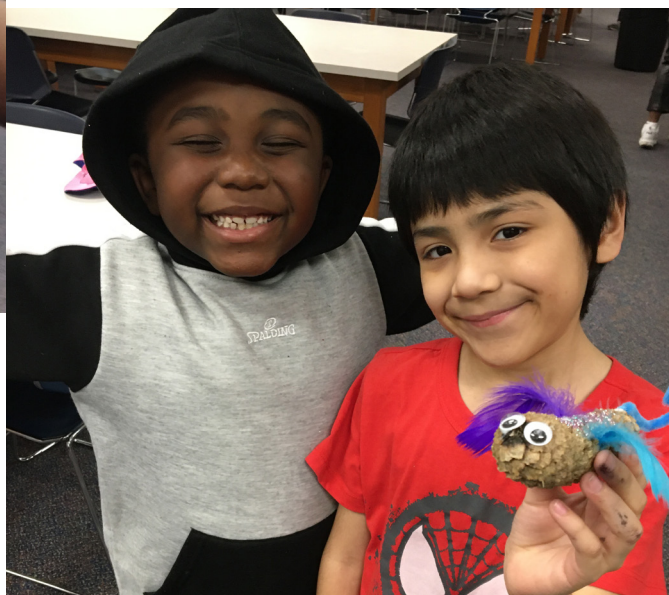
I am a loving, caring person. **(RJ)**

I am a pretty OK dude. I am kind sometimes and smart. **(Truth)**

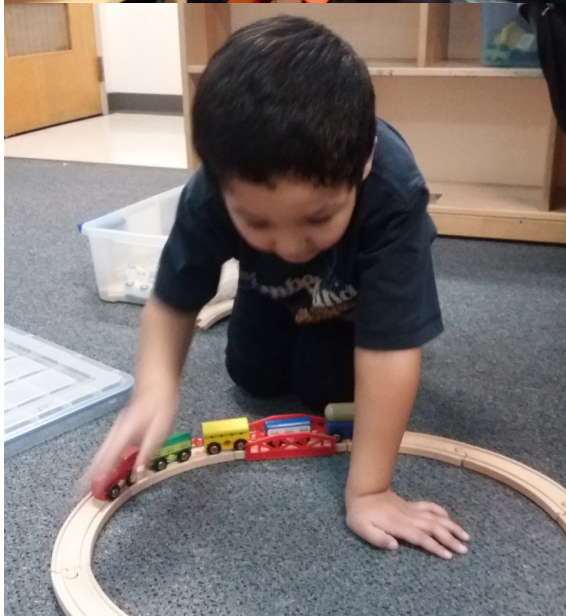
I am smart, nice, and funny. **(Tenzin)**

I am smart, handsome, and fast – I'll need to beat Sonic, because I'm super-fast, like, very, very fast! **(Rogelio)**

I am a smart and funny little dude. **(Devvin)**



ODYSSEY JUMPSTART



NEW ANIMAL CREATIONS

*We read the book **Giraffes Can't Dance** Number Rumba Counting Book that featured different numbers of giraffes, lions, flamingos and other creatures. After reading about different numbers of animals and their unique dance moves, the children were asked to stretch their imaginations and create an entirely new type of animal, and a new dance move.*



All of the children also participated in our first community art project. They joined together as a group to create new imaginary animals. Each child contributed one feature to the drawing, and then passed that drawing on to another friend to add another feature until each animal was completed. Those drawings will be featured in our art show in April.



WHO WE LOVE



