## ODYSSEY JUNIOR



# ORACLE

## EXPLORING THE ARTS



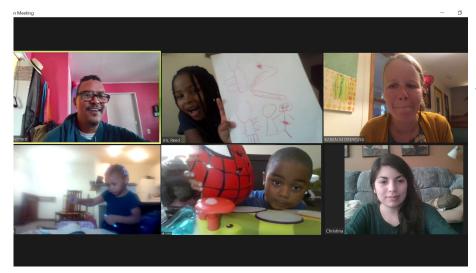
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#### CREATIVE SPACE

Creativity flows across the screen every Wednesday at noon when Odyssey Junior students attend our weekly art hour. We play music, talk about our favorite things, snack, and enjoy a virtual space in which we freely create using paint, clay, pencils, crayons, and markers.



One week, Odyssey Junior student Brian Strode (age 5) joined from Chicago talking about his favorite colors and animals as he drew them.

Middle school twins, Zachary and Zay'vion, started a drawing competition with Odyssey Junior instructor Christina DeMars.



Brothers Antoine and Antonio drew their favorite basketball players and enjoyed some healthy debate with fellow students and staff about the best players in basketball.

One of our youngest artists, Londyn (age 3), loves to talk about Peppa Pig and draw in her Peppa Pig coloring book. Aria, a first grader, had Odyssey teachers thinking about unicorns and if they are real as we all sketched magical creatures. You never know where the conversation will lead during creative hour!



# MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL GROUPS

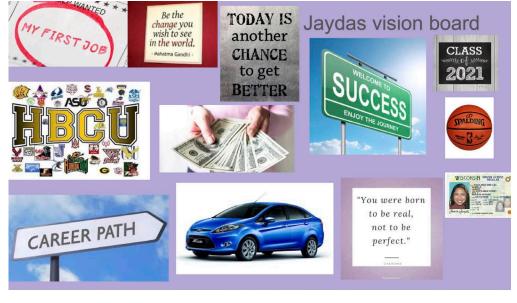
This month, we started our weekly virtual middle and high school groups. Every Wednesday evening as parents are prepping for their class, their teen children tune in for their Odyssey class. These spaces are led and determined by youth along with our Odyssey instructors and volunteers.





Weekly meetings are intended to be a space where students can share successes and challenges while having fun and meeting new friends. Topics have ranged from favorite dancers and athletes to college admissions to conversations about COVID. We miss our in-person community but have been grateful to build a new one virtually this semester.

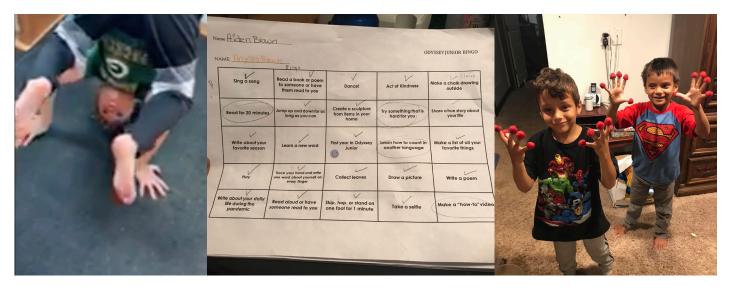






### BINGO

This month, Odyssey Junior students dabbled in the arts using a bingo challenge. Students who participated earned prizes as they danced or submitted "how-to" videos.

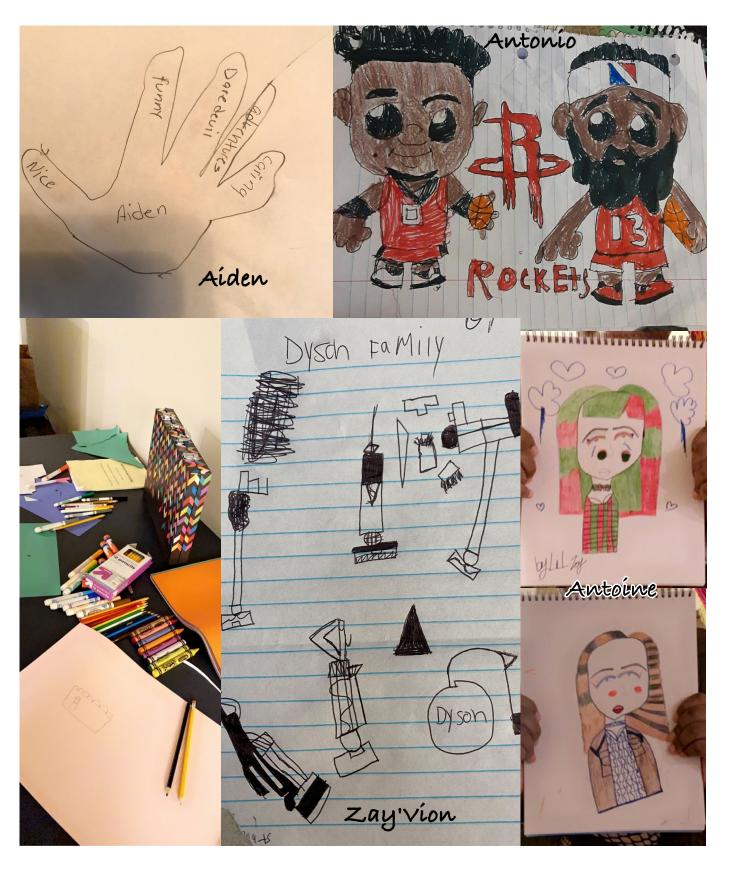


### DANCE PARTY

We dance every Friday afternoon to celebrate the end of the week!



### ART



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