

ODYSSEY JUNIOR



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ODYSSEY ADVENTURERS

Our Names



What's unique about my name is that I share it with Albert Einstein. I was named after my grandfather. They do not mispronounce my name, but they think it's okay to call me Al. My nickname is Poochie... My mother said I looked like a little Poochie when I was born. I prefer Pooch!! I dream that my name will be known for doing right by our youth in the system at the Dane County Juvenile Detention Center. The impact I want to leave on the world is that I took care of our youth! There was a time I didn't like my name. Growing up I was often called Fat Albert! Or Bert from Sesame Street! Or Alberto! If my name were a magic spell, it would hold happiness! I think my name means royalty, noble and bright! Theme music that goes with my name, "Put Ya Hands where my eyes can see" by Busta Rhymes! **(Albert)**

My name means strong in Celtic. I was probably named after a lame sitcom star from the 50's. People normally mispronounce my last name. My nickname is BB. I want my name to be known for peace and love. If my name were a magical spell, I'd have healing powers. **(Brian)**



My mom named me after her favorite singer, I was named after a person. People sometimes mispronounce my name, it's annoying. I dream my name will be known for the best artist. **(Carlos)**

My name is unique because I never really see the name Jamie. I was named after Jamie Lynn Spears. People don't mispronounce my name but they do spell it Jaime instead of Jamie. My nickname is J because when I was a baby,

sometimes people called me J. I dream my name will be known for the best chef. I didn't like my name a few years ago because I thought it was not catchy enough or cool enough. I used to think it was plain. If my name were a magic spell, it would let me speak to animals. I don't think my name has a meaning but my last name is from my dad. I like how it matches with the name Jamie. The theme music for my name would be violin mixed with pop. **(Jamie Lynn)**





My name means “thankful” or “God will judge.”
 My mom named me after an old friend that died.
 People pronounce my last name wrong, they say it like round, but it’s like ruin.
 My mom gave me a nickname, “Little Dre” after an old friend.
 I want my name to be known for discovering something or creating something.
 I didn’t like my name because (Jayden) is one of the most common names.
 If my name were a magic spell, I’d turn people into birds.
 My name makes me feel good, but then again, I’m named after my mom’s friend who died. **(Jayden)**

My name was given to me by my uncle.
 It is similar to his name James.
 People sometimes mispronounce my name.
 Sometimes it makes me cringe.
 Not sure if it’s a nickname, but Jay is short for Jayvon.
 If my name were a magic spell. I would want power over zero gravity and regular gravity—so gravity manipulation.
 My name is from my dad’s side of the family.
 The Batman song would be my theme song. **(Jayvon)**



My name is mine! It’s not all that unique for a 70s baby, but right now, being called “Karen” is tough since some have created a negative association with the name.
 I’m all about reclaiming Karen for good.
 My parents said they liked the sound of my name.
 People usually say my name correctly.
 My nickname is KD, or Karebear with the youth.
 I hope to reclaim the name Karen for the caring, loving, thoughtful people most of us are. Right now my name makes for good conversation.
 I’ve never loved my name. I was always jealous of the girls with the most beautiful sounding names.
 If my name were a magic spell, I would want it to hold kindness.
 My name means pure, which feels like a lot of pressure.
 Folksy theme music goes with my name. **(Karen)**

My parents picked my name because it has one syllable. My dad wanted a short name since my last name is long.
 My parents like the outdoors. Leigh means meadow.
 People mispronounce my name all the time: League, Leah, Leia. I usually won’t bother to correct people. It doesn’t bother me, but I am always pleasantly surprised when people get it right the first time.
 My nickname Leigh-Leigh (my HS XC coach) or Leigh-Bee (family my first name and middle initial).
 I want my name to be known for improving my community.
 I didn’t like my name when I was younger, people didn’t know how to pronounce it. Now I like that it is unique.
 If my name were a magic spell, I’d want to talk to animals.
 My name’s family link is to my mom, whose middle name is Lee.
 If my name were a theme song, it should be something upbeat. **(Leigh)**





There is nothing unique about my name.
I was named after Michael Myers.
People do not mispronounce my name.
My nickname is Mike; I got it from my grandpa.
There was a time I didn't like my name; I thought it was dumb.
If my name were a magic spell, people could have any power from any anime they want and it wouldn't run out. **(Michael)**

I think my name means butterflies.
No, I was not named after a person, place, or thing.
People think my name is heaven backwards, but it's not.
My nickname is Pinky.
I like my name.
I have always liked my name. **(Neveah)**



Something that's unique about my name is that nobody my color has it.
My mom thought Reagan was a pretty name.
When people pronounce it "Regan" or spell it like that, it's annoying that I always have to correct them.
No nickname.
There was a time when I didn't like my name and there's times when I still don't.
If my name were a magic spell, it would hold the power to make people float.
(Reagan)

My name is unique because I am the third in my family with this name, and it means three in Spanish.
I was named after a person.
Trey is kind of my nickname. I am the third with the same name.
I hope people remember me like Malcom X.
I didn't like my name because it was my dad's name and I don't know my dad.
If my name were a magic spell, I would want it to be the magic of life.
My name is connected to my dad. **(Trey)**



I love sports. **(Antonio)**

Red is my favorite color, most of my shoes and clothes are red.
(Antoine)

I won! It felt so great after so long. We only practiced for a week before the first meet. I was really tired and sore, but my mom gave me massages and that felt nice. I missed hearing my teammates cheer me on!
(Zinedine)



WHEN I WAS YOUNG

When I was young, I fell and cracked my head
Back in the day, I never thought I'd see my head turn red as I bleed
Ain't a kid alive,
that could take my scar's place. **(Albert)**

When I was young, I never thought I would love a animal more than anyone
Back in the day, I never thought I would get a pet
Ain't an animal alive,
that could take my Oreo's place. **(Jaime Lynn)**



When I was young, I fell off my bike
Back in the day, I never thought I'd go to Texas
Ain't a Naruto alive,
that could take my anime's place **(Jay)**

When I was young, I walked to the library
Back in the day, I never thought I would have a bright future
Ain't a person alive,
that could take my rightful place. **(Juan)**

When I was young, I had no friends
Back in the day, I never knew how easy it was to get friends
Ain't someone alive,
that could be my friend. **(Michael)**

When I was young, I sprained my ankle
Back in the day, I never thought I'd like math
Ain't a dog alive,
that could take my Reagan's place. **(Reagan)**

When I was young, I broke my ankle
Back in the day, I never thought I'd see my friend Jordan
Ain't a mom alive,
that could take my family's place. **(Trey)**

ODYSSEY EXPLORERS

My name is Alexander.

I am kind, smart, helpful, funny, artistic, curious, Hispanic, and bilingual.

I love playing with Legos and my family.

I dream of being an engineer, having a Bugatti car, and traveling the whole world.

I am good at dancing, art, and being me: cool and genius.

I am from where the leaves change colors, where the flowers bloom in spring, where the cheese is found, and where you see crystals falling from the sky.

Only I know how to be me! **(Alex)**

My name is Emily.

I am silly, smart, loving, artistic, and active.

I love art and my family.

I dream of being an artist.

I'm good at monkey bars and singing.

I am from Madison, Wisconsin.

Only I know how to be me! **(Emily)**



My name is Essence.

I like baseball.

I'm good at math, reading, and jumping off swings! **(Essence)**

My name is Falyn.

I am kind, helpful, loving, artistic, curious and funny.

I love my sister, family, my teachers, and all my stuffed animals and dolls.

I am good at cartwheels and handstands.

I am from Madison then I moved... I forget.

Then I moved back to Madison.

Only I know how to be me! **(Falyn)**



My name is Imani.

I love to play, go to the park, and sometimes chill. I bring a pillow in case I get tired.

I am good at swimming, football, and soccer.

I like birds. I have a bird named Parmesan!

I am... kind, helpful, artistic, curious, and funny.

I love Dad, Sister, Grandpa, and family.

I dream of having a PS5 and a mansion.

I am good at math, science, literacy, and phonics.

I am from Chicago then I moved to Wisconsin! **(Imani)**

My name is lyjah.
 I like to do gymnastics and reading.
 I love to play Roblox and hide-and-seek.
 I dream of unicorns.
 I'm good at writing and singing, and taking care of my brother. I like writing happy stories.
 I was born in Madison.
 Taking care of my brother and sister is important.
 This game I like is called Clawy, you can like, claw things, if you got something, it can send it to you. Whenever you get a lot of stuff from the claw machine it delivers to your house in real life.
 My favorite food is spaghetti with meatballs and pasta.
 My favorite book is *Princess*. It's about Ariel, and it has stickers—the book is about Disney princesses and stickers.
 I want to be a gymnastics teacher.
 My favorite class is Ms. Jimenez's class, gym, and I like music and art.
 I like Christmas and Halloween, 'cause Santa gives you things. The reason why I love Halloween is we get to get treats... I like skittles.
 My friends are important to me – my best friend is Tahlia.
 I am loving. **(lyjah)**



My name is lysis
 I am a dancer. I am a cheerleader.
 I like cheerleading, gymnastics, and reading.
 I love basketball, doing cheerleading, and drawing.
 I dream of being famous and popular. I'm famous for doing artwork and being an athlete—a basketball star!!
 I'm good at playing the guitar, piano, and I'm good at taking care of my brother – he's two. I like writing scary stories.
 I'm from Wisconsin, our family is Jamaican, and we were born in Wisconsin.
 I kind of liked being an only child, but my siblings play with me a lot and do fun things. My little brother is funny.
 I like this game, it's called Grinch of Life(?) and my favorite T.V. show is *Casey Undercover* and this show named *Jesse*.
 My favorite book is *Goosebumps*, and I have the books right now! I'm on the second one right now.
 My favorite subject at school is gym, but I also like math, science, and social studies.
 When I grow up, I want to be a coach for cheerleading.
 My favorite foods are nachos, spaghetti, and pasta. I also like ramen noodles.
 For Halloween, we decorate our house and sometimes jump up and down and knock it down to get candy.
 My mom, my dad, my brother, and my sister are all important to me—my family!
 I would say I'm artistic and athletic. **(lysis)**

My name is Naqari Ray.

I am kind, silly, smart, helpful, artistic, active, and curious.

I love Space Jam, McDonalds, Wendys, Burger King, my mom, and my brother.

I dream of eating McDonalds.

I am good at drawing, cleaning, and playing.

I am from Madison, Wisconsin.

Only I know how to be me! **(Naqari)**

My name is Nathaniel Roy.

I am silly, helpful, funny, and artistic.

I love art, Space Jam, and Hot Wheels.

I dream of having my art in a museum.

I am good at building Legos every day and helping my brother.

I am from Madison, Wisconsin.

Only I know how to be me! **(Nathaniel)**



My name is Nyah Heavenly Rose Henderson.

I am kind, silly, helpful, loving, and active.

I love babysitting dogs and playing with my dolls.

I dream of being a cop and owning a rare doll.

I am good at doing cartwheels, helping my mom, beating up my brothers, and school.

I run really fast.

I dream of going to Florida. I've never been to Disney World!

I have a dog named Pumpkin, but I call him "baked potato" when he tucks his leg in. I had a cat named Spinner.

I like gymnastics and sign language—and noodles!

I am from Madison, Wisconsin. **(Nyah)**

SUPERHEROES

My super hero name is “Cool Super Brave!” My super power is helping others when they feel afraid. **(Alex)**

My super power would be Spiderman!!!!

In real life, my superpower is super spelling! I can solve word mysteries. **(Daniel)**

My superpower is super speed. **(DJ)**

My super hero name is “Super Artist.” My super power is helping others when they struggle with art. **(Emily)**



I’m good at Fortnite. I’m really good at it. I’m level 50. I like the zipline too. Do you know the anime *Demon Slayer*? They have swords and the color changes, and it changes between water breathing or fire breathing first form. I’d want a sword to control water for my super power.

In real life, I’m also good at math! I’m really good at building Legos. There’s a Lego store in Chicago with a big dragon. My super power could be to build houses, and roads, and police stations, and stores. **(Henry)**

I like birds. My bird is named Parmesan. I want to be a bird so I can fly. That’s my super power. I’m literally old enough to go on the zipline!

I would be a water bender. No, an air bender, because you can control wind, and guess what? Blow people away. Like a tornado! With water rolls, you can keep it long and put it on your foot, and then you can ride the water. **(Imani)**

I’d want to teleport and shoot eye lasers. I’d shoot the bad guys. I would teleport to Urban Air! It’s like a theme park. I like the zipline. It looks like you fly, like a Superman. I think fire’s cool, I’d like to control fire. My super power would be fire! I wish I had fire powers!



In real life, I’m good at drawing and math. I’m very loving and caring. I help at school. I help my classmates and teachers. That’s my super power. **(Iyjah)**

I want to be talking to dogs and animals. I’d be talking to every kind of animal. My super-name would be Shadow, and I would also have lightning powers. I’m going to use it to fight bad guys and make thunder!

In real life, I’m good at math. I could help people with money as an accountant. I can sing. I like to sing any kind of music! It makes people really happy, so my super power could be to make people happy with my singing. **(Iysis)**

My super hero name is "Super Elastic."

My super power is to help kids in gym class. Also when I play outside with friends, I will help them and teach them. And most importantly I will help in gymnastics competition! **(Jazaya)**

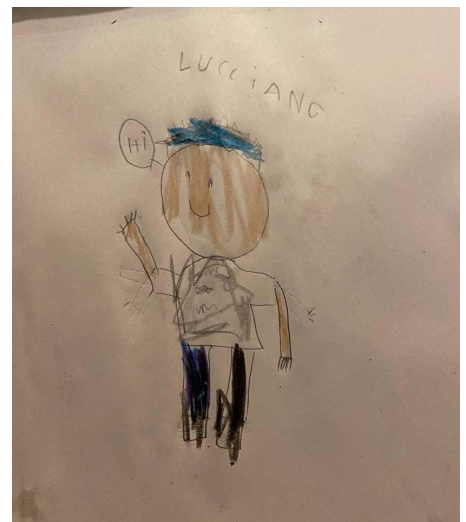


My superhero name is Kind Lil' Lady. I use kindness and creativity to battle bullies. **(Kari)**

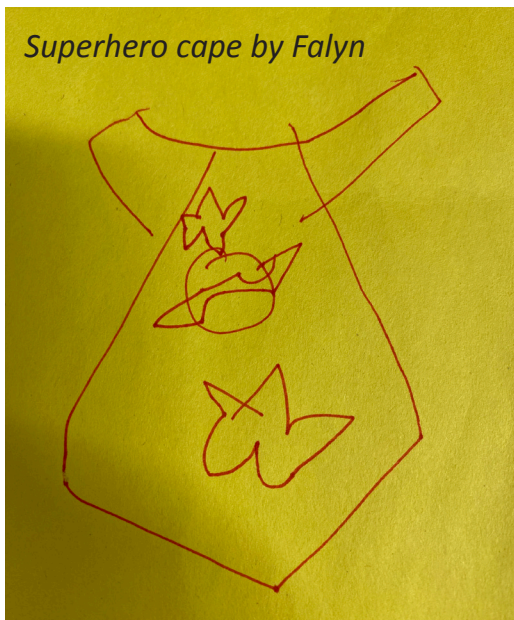


Reading is my superpower. I can take my time and read really well. I will get others to love reading too! **(Kayden)**

My superpower is super speed because I'm a fast runner. My arch nemesis is Fire Guy. My partner can teleport and my other partner controls water. My super hero name is "Speedie." My super power is running fast to catch bad guys and helping old ladies cross the street. **(Lucciano)**



Superhero cape by Falyn



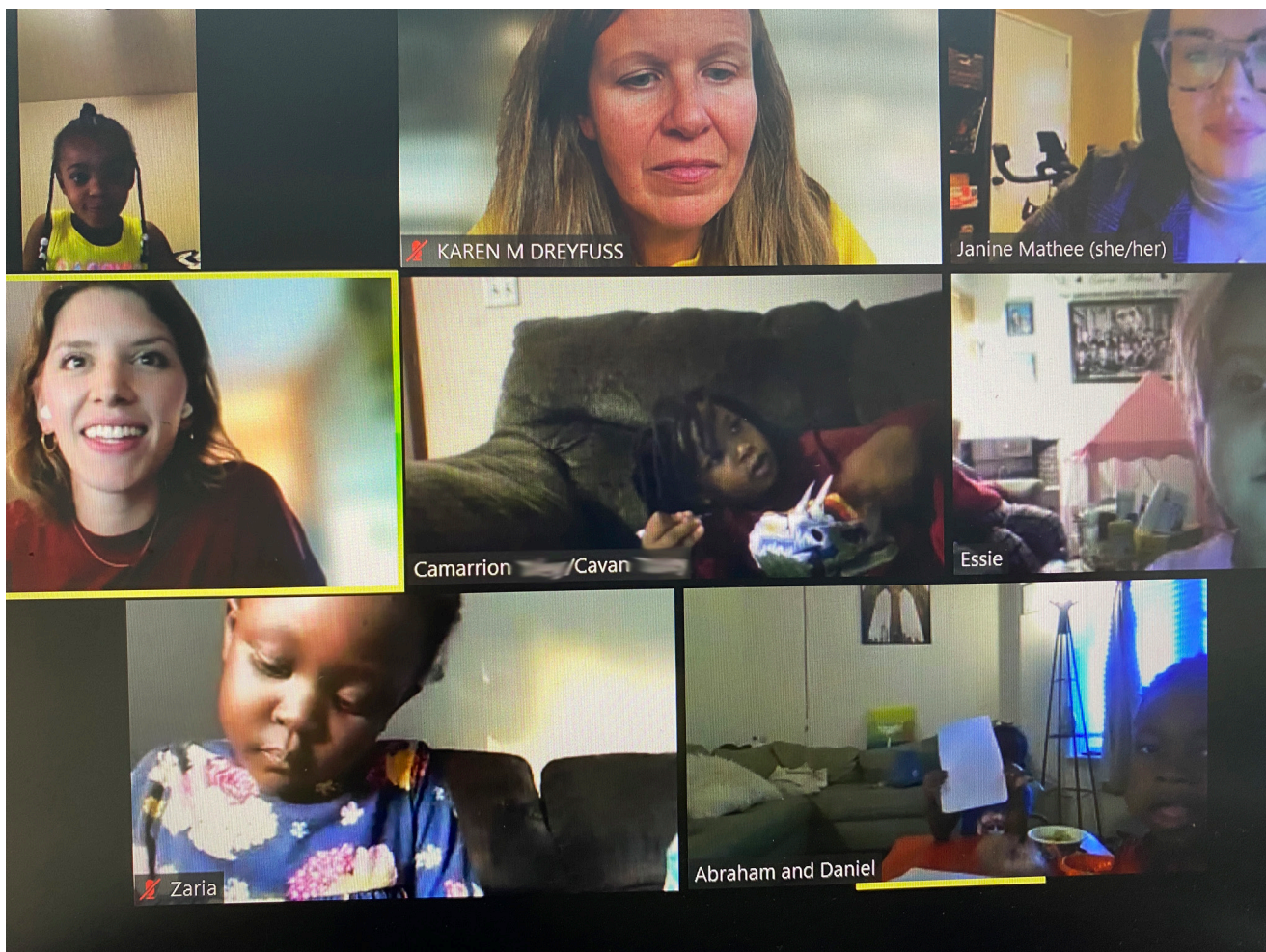
My super power would be water. How would I use it? I would use it to create water and form water into different things, and make rain. My other super power is kindness and I will use it when I see someone being mean to another person. I will shoot kindness from my heart in the shape of hearts. **(Nyah)**

I would control water since I love to swim. I would use my superpower to wash people. **(Taraji)**

My superpower is making things with ice like Elsa. If someone is too hot I can cool them down. **(Tyasiah)**

ODYSSEY JUMPSTART

Every Monday, our youngest learners meet virtually to sing, dance, draw, read, and play games. Recent themes included weather, music, animals, and families. Children have loved to use white boards delivered in their gift bags to create drawings or practice writing their letters. They especially love using special finger puppets to explore different colors, sounds, and homes. Our current group loves to play I SPY on the screen too. Teachers will often challenge students by saying, "Can you find something that's... red?" Children will excitedly race to the other room bounding back with an apple or toy firetruck. Parents share that children will "set up" a learning station every Monday, "ready to go to school." For many, it's their first school experience.

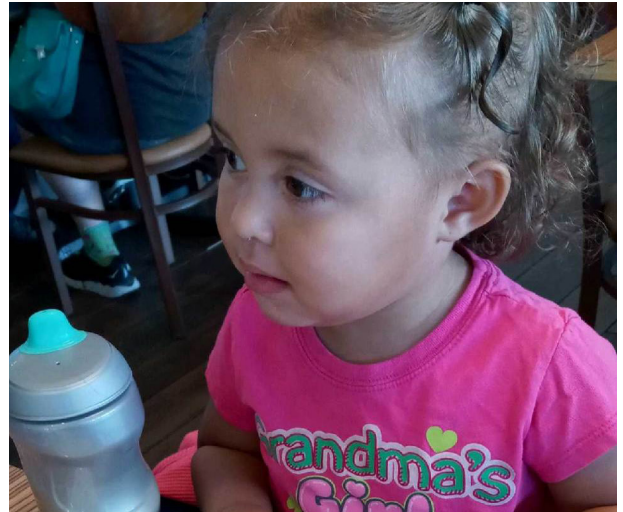


FUN FACTS ABOUT US

I love food. I'm a Scorpio, born on Nov. 3. I can say lots of words now. I love puppies, Minnie Mouse, and coloring. **(Aariya)**



I am developmentally delayed, but I am not broken. I am four years old. I'm ticklish everywhere and like my music therapy every week. **(Jamarion)**



I was so excited about kindergarten but didn't know I would have to go everyday. I would eat Ramen noodles three times a day, that's how much I love them. I love to watch YouTube. **(Kayden)**

I'm the youngest Odyssey Junior student, born in September. I love to eat, it's my favorite part of the day. My favorite toy is my Roka Ru swing. It has a feather called car ride which is my favorite. I can only see black and white but love to watch TV. **(Summer)**



I can crawl and roll over! I love to eat. I have two teeth grown in. **(Malik)**

I love to go to school on Mondays. I love to flip, bounce, jump, and do the splits. I can eat a lot. I love to paint and do other learning activities with my mom. **(Kha'lani)**





I just turned 3 years old. My favorite TV show is PJ Masks. My favorite color is green. I love all types of rice. **(Taleyah)**

I am a tiny 15-month-old. I eat most anything, but mom's milk is my favorite. I walk everywhere, following my big sister around. I love to climb and have LOTS of energy. **(Kahleeh)**



I can roll and soon will crawl too. Everything goes in my mouth. I have tried vegetables, but don't like sweet things. I look just like my dad, but I can say "Mama." **(Laila)**

I love to go to the park. I love chocolate donuts with sprinkles. Skye is my favorite character from Paw Patrol. **(Cinderria)**



We love football and video games and riding bikes. We also like to hang out with each other. **(Marcus and Marquis)**

I am 5 months old and weigh 19 pounds. My mom called me "Baby Hulk." **(Nasir M)**



I like to jump on my trampoline. I was an astronaut for Halloween because I love the solar system. I like to listen to the solar system song by Bob the Train. **(Kingston)**



I'm in first grade. I'm very athletic and love to play sports. My dad says I act like a Ninja. **(Jazon "JJ")**

I'm busy developing my motor skills right now. I just learned how to run. My dad says I like to play with everything that isn't a toy. **(Deandre "Bear")**



I love to do art like mixing up food coloring. I go to school. I like dogs. **(Abraham)**



I just turned 4 years old. I love riding the bus and going to school. My action figures are my favorite toys. Our family has two new dogs and I love playing with them and feeding them treats. **(Aiden)**

I'm in first grade. I love to play with my brother, Aiden. My favorite movie is Frozen. If I had superpowers, I would use my powers to save people from bad people. **(Tyasiah)**

I was a ladybug for Halloween. I love to learn about the solar system. **(Zaria)**



I'm in Kindergarten and love school. I like to play outside with my friends and ride my bike around the neighborhood. I like to read books or have them read to me. I can be quiet but like to make new friends. **(Camarrion)**



I like to play with water. My mom says I'm sweet and have a contagious smile. I love to sing and dance and watch Cocomelon. **(Cavan)**



I am four years old. I am the baby in my family. I am half Chicana and Native American. My favorite color is pink. I love to run and play with paint. I also love to draw and play with my baby dolls. **(Essie)**

I love to scream. I also like to sing and dance. My favorite foods are pasta and shrimp. Cocomelon is my favorite show. **(Mahayla)**



ODYSSEY FAMILY FUN DAY



October 16th, Odyssey Families gathered at Vilas Park to enjoy some amazing BBQ, pumpkin crafts, costume making, carnival games, and leaf painting. Children left with red gift bags stuffed with books, fleece hats, snacks, and art supplies for their weekly classes. Our youth programs remain virtual this semester, which made this sunny fall day a perfect opportunity to connect in person and create memories together. Special thanks to BBQ chef Odyssey alum Albert Watson '08, our Odyssey Junior staff/volunteers, and the Madison Reading Project with driver Odyssey alum Ricardo for bringing the book bus!









