

ODYSSEY JUNIOR

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READ TO A DOG

On Wednesday, October 4th, Odyssey Junior had a visit from Go Team Therapy Dogs. Kids had a wonderful time reading and playing with the dogs: they love Sully, Leia, Ace, Patton, and the rest of the canine team! Odyssey Junior students also had a fun time with the team's collectable therapy dog trading cards.





BABY BADGERS



Crab



Butterfly



Ladybug



Panda



Malachi is starting to crawl! He loves looking at everything around the classroom!

Ju loves to smile and listen to books!



Even as our tiniest toddler, **Ocean** has jumped right into our classroom routines! At dinner time says "I'm finished," hands her plate to the teacher, and grabs a wipe to clean her hands.

Nana is such a great helper in our classroom! She makes sure our toddler friends know what to do and that our baby friends have what they need (even our babydolls!). "My baby needs to have a blanket to go to sleep"



Alora loves snuggle time!

Keziah loves playing with her friends and does a great job sharing! "Come play with me!"



SCOUTS



WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY

My mom and you **(TJ)**
 A mad face! **(Sincere)**
 I happy **(Dream)**
 Dinosaur and doggy **(Nina)**
 Me! **(Milan)**



WHAT ANIMAL WOULD YOU BE?

A puma **(TJ)**
 A cow **(Sincere)**
 I want to be a tiger! **(Dream)**
 Dinosaur **(Nina)**
 A shark **(Javier)**
 A dragon! **(Milan)**

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?

Police officer **(TJ)**
 I want to be a witch. **(Sincere)**
 A firefighter and a cooker **(Nina)**
 Hulk **(Javier)**

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR SUPERPOWER?

Invisibility **(TJ)**
 A power ranger and a ninja turtle **(Sincere)**
 Every superpower because I'm super! **(Nina)**
 I want to be a laser beam. I'm a laser beam. **(Javier)**
 Wiggle! **(Milan)**



EXPLORERS

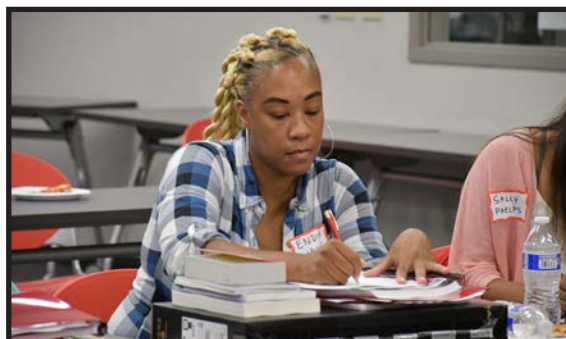
TO OUR LOVED ONES IN ODYSSEY

I think it's good my mom is in Odyssey. She says it's like her class and stuff. She eats in class and gets on her computer. I think it's good she's going on her computer when she's at home doing homework and doing other work. **(Josiah)**



It's good. She's doing homework. I think it's good because she can become a hygienist! I want to go to college and study technology. **(Skylar)**

My fifteen-year-old brother, Andre, is in Odyssey. But my mom is here too. In college I want to study to see how to make videos and video games. **(Ashtyn)**



Hi Mom,

I hope you have a great year. You work hard. Don't change your mind if people don't believe in you. Don't change your mind! Love yourself, follow your dreams, and don't be afraid. **(Na'Kyiah)**

My mom, Andrea, is in Odyssey. She is a great mom and a great person. **(Nevaeh)**

I am proud of my mom. She's working. **(Noyelle)**

It's fun that she's in Odyssey, and, yeah. She's learning about English writing! **(De'Zariea)**

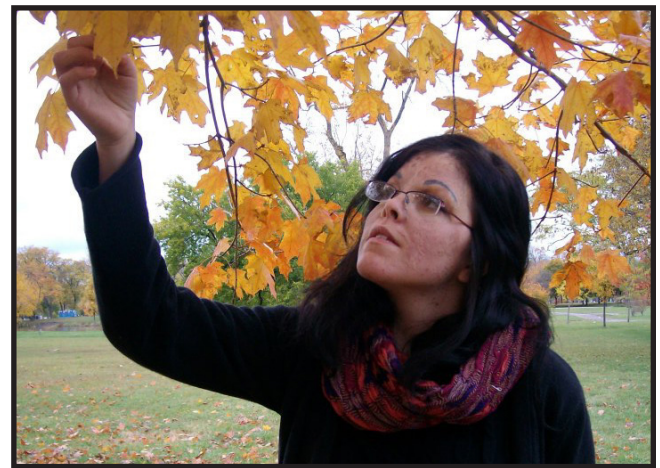


I think it's good for my mom to be in Odyssey; she wanted to get more into school. I think she's learning history. **(Dorian)**

I get to be here. I know what she's doing! She told me. There's a guy teaching her about her business and how to become a person in the healthcare field. While she's in class I get to see THIS boy! (hugs his friend) **(EJ)**



Odyssey is like Dora the Explorer. We're exploring new places, we discover new things and get smarter, and we're making new stuff like art. It is good my mom is in Odyssey. She is studying. You are the best, Mom. I love you! **(Rozlynn)**



My mom is studying. I think it's good. Good job, Mom! **(Kai)**



It's not bad, but it's kind of scary to be away from her. But at the same time it's not. But, I think it'll be good for her so she'll learn more stuff, and when I get older and I ask her she can just tell me, and so then I'll know it. **(Taraji)**



My mom is in Odyssey. She's writing. She likes everyone to go to their own class, even my little brother and little sister. **(Rae'Sel)**

I'm surprised my mom is in college! I thought she finished school already. But I'm happy at the same time. She's working hard. You got this, Mom. **(True)**

SENTENCES ABOUT US

I am silly, active, loving, artistic, helpful, kind, smart, and curious. I love my mom because she's nice and she bought me jelly pops. I dream of Pokémon. I see pictures of Pokémon while I sleep! They're hopping around. I am good at sports like football. I am from Madison. **(Derrick)**

I am smart, loving, and curious. I love football, soccer, writing, reading, and school. I dream of being in the NFL. I am good at football, soccer, baseball, reading, and writing. I am from Chicago. **(True)**

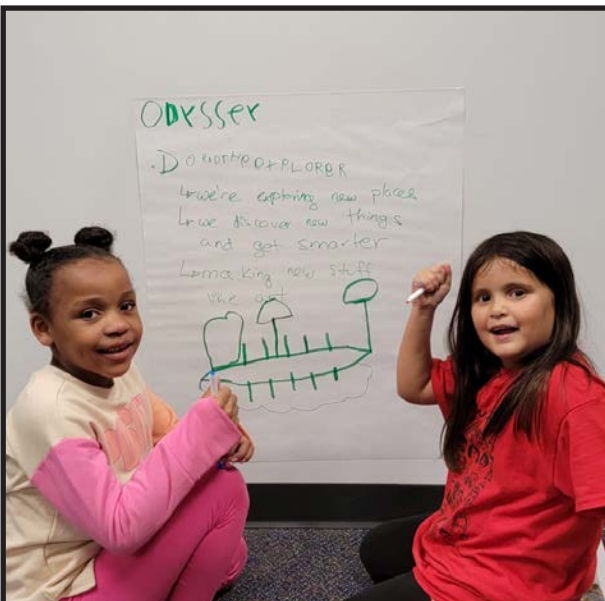


I am active, kind, smart, and loving. I love cheerleading and tiktok. I dream of being a cheer coach, and I'm good at being bad! I am from Wisconsin. **(De'Zareia)**

I am smart, kind, curious, and active. I love my family. I dream of being an inventor. I am good at building things. I am from the Wisconsin Dells. **(Kingston)**

I am Ashtyn Mosiah Billion Richmond. I am talkative and I play a lot. I like to play fortnite and I like to play Rec Room and another one, Dragon Ball Z. I don't know what I want to be when I grow up. **(Ashtyn)**

I am helpful, silly, funny, active, smart. I love my mom, my niece, and my sister. I dream of being a superhero. I am good at math, numbers, alphabet, school, and basketball. I am from Madison. **(Josiah)**



I am silly, active, loving, artistic, helpful, kind, smart, and curious. I love my birthday! I dream of being with Jesus so that I can be with my great grandma too. I am good at nothing! Just kidding. I'm good at drawing, Spanish, and English. I am from Wisconsin, and my family is from Mexico. **(Rozlynn)**

I am kind, helpful, artistic, silly, funny, active, smart, loving, and curious. I love being artistic. I dream of being smart. I am good at being helpful. **(Noyelle)**

I am kind, helpful, artistic, silly, funny, active, smart, loving, and curious. I love music. It makes me happy! My favorite music is "in a bus." I dream of being in a movie, being a musician engineer artist! I am good at guitar and drums and drawing! I am from Madison, but my family is Mexican. **(Dorian)**



I am kind, helpful, artistic, silly, funny, active, smart, loving, and curious. I love my mom, my brothers, my dad, my cousins, my friends, my teacher, my school, and this school, and everyone in it! I dream of being a police officer, so that I can help other people. I am good at football. I like running the ball. I am from Madison. **(Rae'Sel)**



I am curious, helpful, artistic, and kind. I love Pokémon. I also love art. I dream of being a Pokémon master! And an artist, if I can't be a Pokémon master, because I like drawing, and because my dad is an artist. I am good at playing Pokémon. I am from America, and my parents are from Ecuador. **(Kai)**

I like drawing. I'm pretty kind! I dream of getting a big house, the biggest house ever! So I can have a chef. The chef is going to make me steak, chicken, nachos, lots of stuff! I'm good at running. I can run five miles in like ten minutes! Want me to show you? I was born in Chicago. My family is from there. **(Skylar)**

I am kind. I am smart. I am funny. I love dog, mom, dad, my sisters, and my brothers. I dream of going to the moon. I am good at football, basketball, and every sport except tennis. I am good at games. I am from Madison. **(La'Renz)**

I am helpful, artistic, silly, funny, kind, active, loving, curious, and smart. I love going to school. I dream of my mama. I am good at drawing. I am from Madison. **(La'Zayla)**

I am funny, helpful, artistic, and kind. I love to play soccer and to play basketball. I play striker in soccer, but sometimes I play defense. My favorite subject in school is math. I love my mom, my dad, and my sister. I am good at building tree houses, spelling in sign language, doing cursive, and playing Minecraft. I am from California. Cherry pie is my favorite! **(Kayd)**



My name is EJ. I am kind, active, and loving. I love to play football and I love my mom. I dream of making it to the NFL and being a QB. I am good at football, cooking, baking, and basketball. I am from Madison. And I like football and playing my game, fortnite and Roblox. I'm just good at it! **(EJ)**

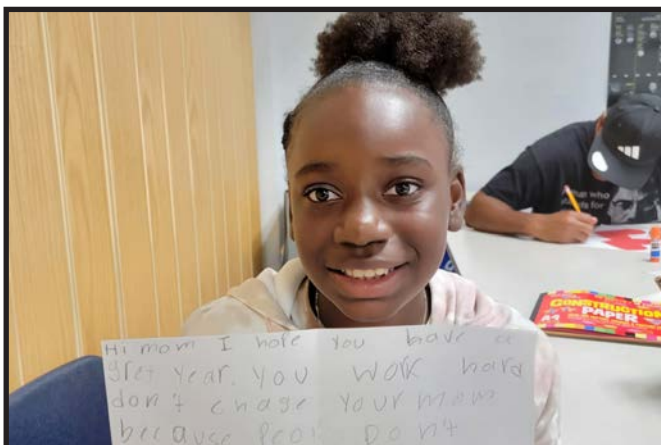
I like soccer and I play baseball. My school is called Sandbury and I'm in third grade. I like drawing too. I'm cool, I'm funny, I'm kind, and I'm shy. I want to be a police officer because they're cool. **(Marcus)**

I am kind, helpful, silly, funny, active, loving, and curious. I love my family, my friends, and people in the world that God made. I dream of a world where nobody gets bullied. I am good at football, math, and science. I am from Wisconsin. **(Martez)**



I am helpful, artistic, smart, and loving. I love my mom, and I dream of being a gymnast. I'm good at math and I'm from Wisconsin. **(Neveah)**

I am active and curious. I love dancing. I dream of being rich and famous. I would buy a car for my mom with the money. I am good at dancing and I am from Madison. **(Taraji)**



I am curious, smart, loving, funny, artistic, helpful, and kind. I love my family and my friends, my dogs and doing tik toks. I dream of being a majorette and a smart person in life. I am good at majorette, math, reading, cheer, and landing new dance moves. I am from Madison. **(Na'Kyiah)**

OUR NAMES



I like my name. It stands for prince, and I like the letter A. **(Amir)**



My full name is Anna-Elaine, but I go by Anna. My name is cool. **(Anna-Elaine)**



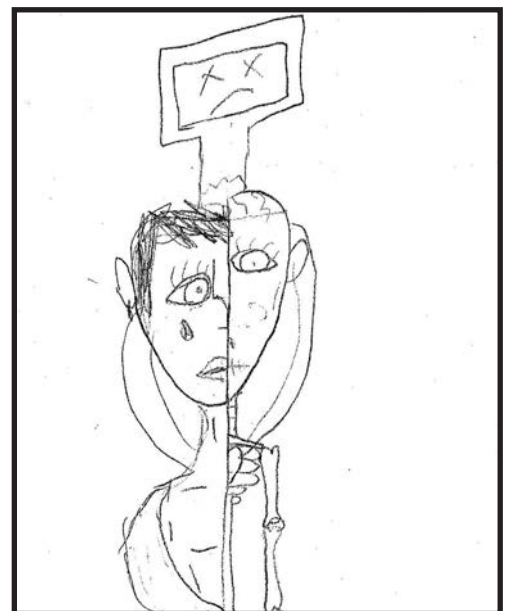
When I decorated my name, I used fire in the boxing gloves letter and water. I think they are cool. **(Ashtyn)**



My name is De'Zaria, and I like it because it's joyful. My mom gave me my name, I think. It's beautiful and pretty! **(De'Zaria)**



I was named after someone who's good at basketball and football. My middle name is Amir. **(Derrick)**

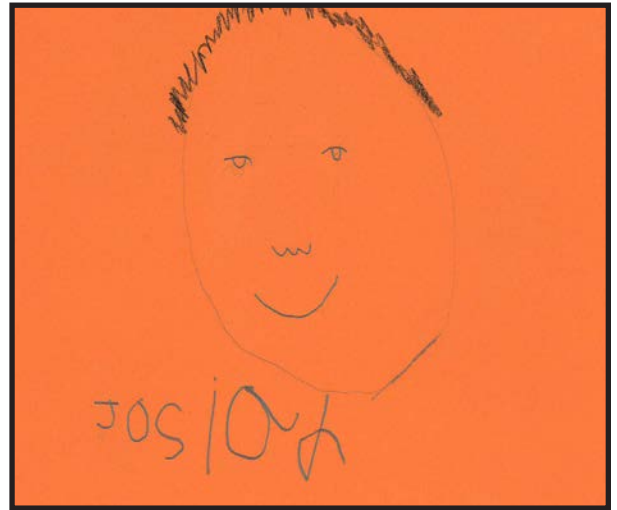


My name is Dorian and my name is inspired by a musical note and an artist. My mom told me my name was about an artist. I like my name and that it's about a musical note. **(Dorian)**

My dad called me "E-Jizzle" because when I was a baby I loved music. **(EJ)**

I like my name because it has like 6 letters and my favorite numbers are 6 and 7. I also like 64! **(Josiah)**

I like my name because it's a word in Quechua. It means "this." My mom chose my name because it's a word in Quechua and she's from Ecuador. **(Kai)**



My mom made up my name. I like it. She also got me new shoes! She was going to name me a different name, but Dad didn't like it – they liked this name better! **(Kayd)**



I like my name because it has king in it! It makes me feel good. **(Kingston)**

My favorite colors are blue and silver. I like my name 'cause a lot of people have that name. People sometimes call me Marco or Marker, for some reason. Yeah, sure, I like my nicknames, they're kind of cool. **(Marcus)**

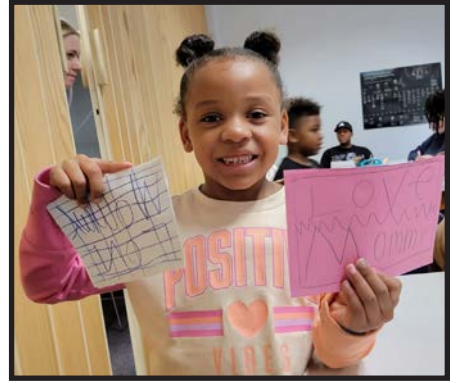
I like my name. It's cool. My mom gave it to me. My nickname is 'Kyiah. **(Na'Kyiah)**





I like it because it's cool. People have my name! It's heaven spelled backwards. My mom gave it to me, and she stole the idea from somebody. My nickname is 'Veah. **(Nevaeh)**

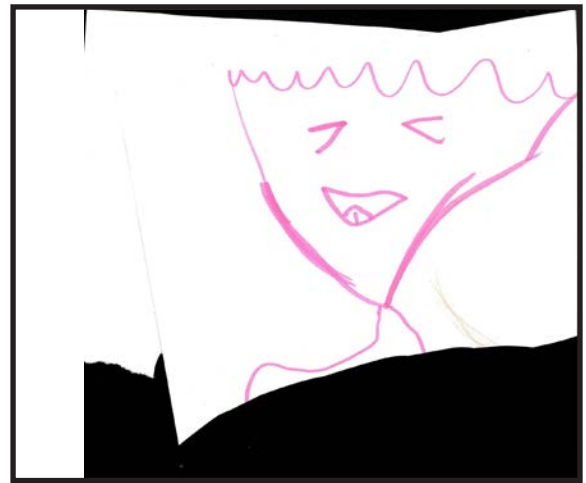
I like my name. It's named after a Christmas name, and my mom gave it to me. **(Noyelle)**



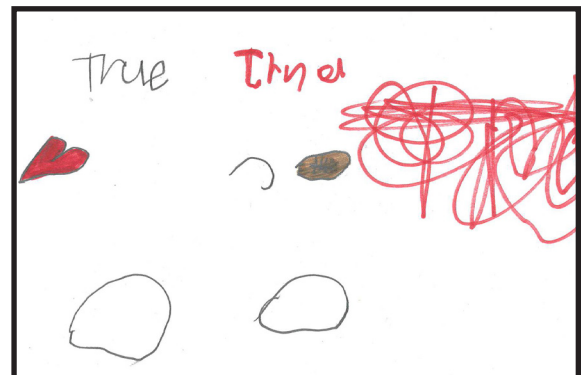
My nickname is Blue. My brother is True; my uncle named him "True Blue." My dad wanted to call me Blue too. I like my nickname. My mom read a book about a six-year-old named Rae'Sel and she liked it. **(Rae'Sel)**

My name kind of starts with rose, and I like roses because they are pink and they are red! **(Rozlynn)**

My name was from an old book and I like it. My parents picked it from the book! I like how it doesn't have an "e" in my name. **(Skylar)**



I like my name because it means faith and hope. First, my mom thought about the name and then my dad went along with it, so he was just like yeah. My name makes me feel good because it sounds good. **(Taraji)**



I hate the times in class when there are True & False questions! **(True)**

OUR SUPERPOWERS

I'd be the Flash and run all the way to Chicago, and I'd go to my sister's house! I'd save people. **(Ashtyn)**

I'd be Batman. I would save people! So if anybody is trying to do bad thing, I'd stop them. **(Derrick)**

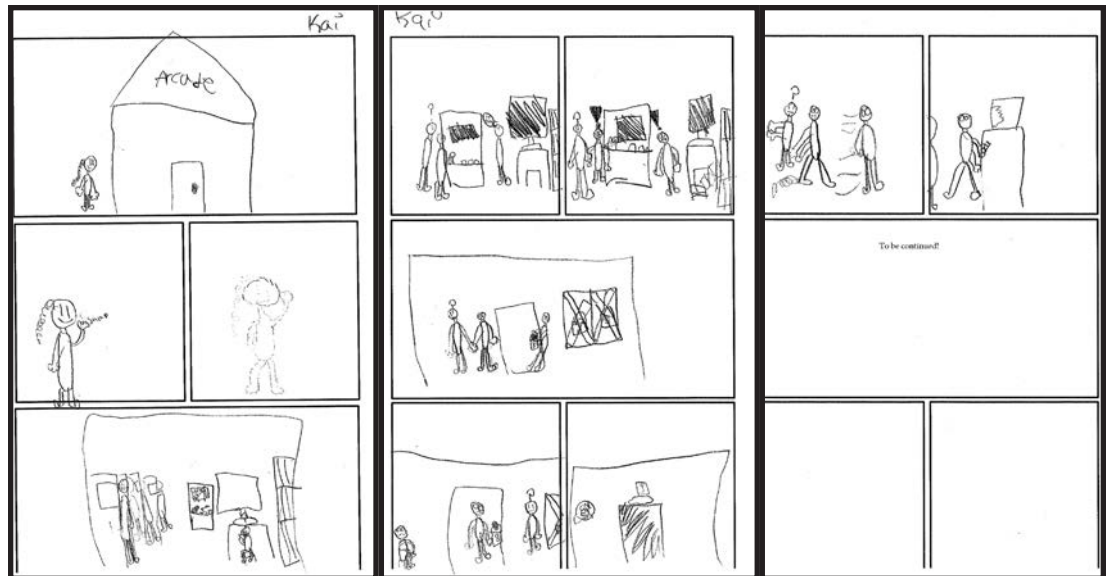


I want to fly. I would fly so I wouldn't have to be late for school! I go to Sauk Trail. My special talents are dancing, art, cheering, and helping. I'd use my superpower to be a cheer coach! My archnemesis would be someone who hates cheering and hates having fun. My superhero identity would be The Best of The Best. **(De'Zariea)**

Flying! I would fly all over the world. I want to see Mexico! My family lives there in Mexico. I would like, fly around, fly high, and fly straight down, and I'd get down safely, but it would feel like I'm sky diving. **(Dorian)**

I'd have super speed! I'd clean faster and I'd do a race. Would I use my power to help people? I COULD, yeah. I could help people clean faster. I'd run the fastest that I can! I could fight people to save the people I think. **(Josiah)**

I'd want invisibility! I'd go invisible. I would go to an arcade and pretend there's a ghost playing the games! I would make people scared thinking I was a ghost. Yeah, I'd scare people. **(Kai)**

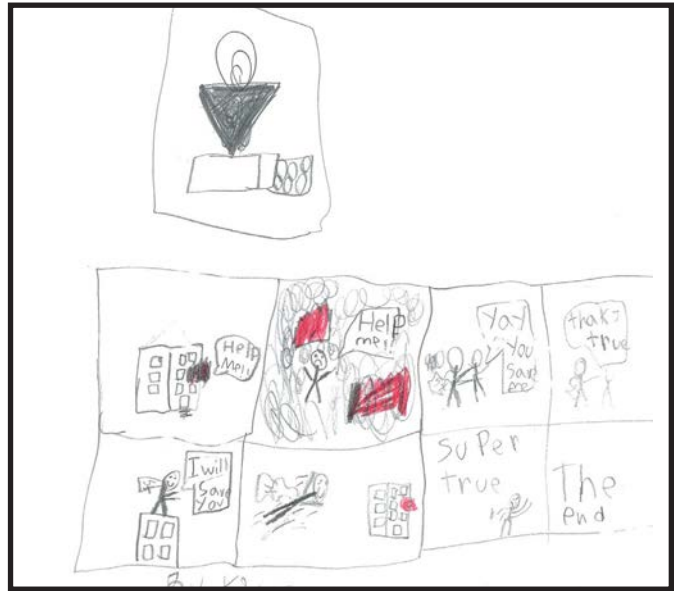


I would choose invisibility! I'd go invisible. I don't know what I'd do, but it'd be fun! My special talents are basketball, soccer, roller skating, sketching, and painting. I would use my powers of sketching to teach people how to do art. My archnemesis would be Michael. He pushed me off the bus when I was four. My superhero identity would be The Sketcher. **(Kayd)**

My special talents are doing things I'm scared of and being fast. I'd pick super speed. I would probably like save people and make tornadoes by running around in circles! I would scoop people up and run them to a doctor. My archnemesis would be Reverse Flash, and my superhero identity would be Lightning. **(Kingston)**

I would choose invisibility, speed, teleportation, the ability to stop time, and flying. I would freeze time and if I want to get something I'll rush to get it with my speed, and I'll help stop crime. I would use my powers at school when people aren't looking. **(Marcus)**

My superpower would be dancing, I'd do a dancing trick and hit them with my powers and my dancing. I can read minds, I can fly, I can teleport, and be invisible. I'd use my powers by saving people from bad things, and I'd be doing my paces moves to fight the bad people. My archnemesis would be Joker. I'd want to be famous, and my name would be Pink Deeva. **(Na'Kyiah)**



I would choose invisibility and flying. I'd use my invisibility to spy on my friend if she's playing with other people 'cause she's only supposed to play with me she said! I'd fly to school and the pool, and then I would fly to my favorite park where my parents are driving me. And I'd go to my grandma's house because I can't right now because she's not here, she's in Mexico! **(Rozlynn)**

I'd choose flying and speed. Whenever I'm late for school, I can run very very fast to school! I already run fast. Every time I'm trying to leave and I don't have a car, I'll pick people up and they'll go on my back and we'll go to the house. I could help people because when people

fall off a cliff, I can go and make sure they don't fall. My archnemesis would be Naruto because he is very strong. My name would be Psychic! **(Rae'Sel)**

I'd be superwoman because she's cool! I would fly away from home and I will go to Chicago! I'll get my hair done there. And I can fly up to God! **(Skylar)**

My special talents are dancing, fighting, loving, and flying. I'd fight while I'm dancing! I'd probably fight Cruella Deville if she was real because she's evil, and she should've died with the dogs! My superhero name would be T-woman. **(Taraji)**

I'd choose invisibility. I would sneak! I would sneak off to school. **(True)**



ADVENTURERS



NAME POEMS & NAME MEANINGS



Empathetic
Mindful
 Intelligent
 Loving
 Youthful
 (Emily)

Awesome

Loving

Exotic

Xbox

Artist

Nice

Dangerous

Extravagant

Resilient

My name means defender of men. My name was chosen because my grandmother was named Alejandro. **(Alexander)**

Innovative

Supportive

Accomplished

ISA, the name given to the second to last prophet to walk the Earth, meaning 'the salvation of God' according to Islamic beliefs, also known as Jesus according to Christianity. My name was given to me by my parents as it was the name of my late grandfather. For all I know, it was given to me to pass down some sort of memory or memories to me as I didn't know my grandfather.

I respect my name solely because it is the basis of my identity and also an honor to call it my name as it also belongs to a prophet. I believe in being Muslim and all. Isa is a classical Arabic name and a translation of Jesus. The name is the name used for Jesus in the Quran.

This really doesn't change how I view my name mainly because I've always known the meaning of my name, but also because I doubt there is a way for me to respect my name more than I already do. Just like how I view my name, the way I view myself doesn't change either because I never viewed myself according to my name. You can say I was honest in the way I view myself regardless of what my name is. **(Isa)**





Associable
Notable
Nurturing
Awesome

Anna = Grace, favor, beautiful. This makes me feel like I'm valued and important, that I give or provide people with something good or beneficial. **(Anna)**

Zen *kind of
Intimidation
Observant
Nice guy

My name means "highest point." My mom wanted me to have a similar name as my older sister Zawadi. My name for me describes my personality, like it's a way some of my friends describe certain words. My name's meaning makes me feel important. I think my name is powerful. **(Zion)**



Dangerous
A mature person
Exotic
Viral
Intermediate
Only
Never
(Dae'Vion)

Dude
Reward
Effort
Juice
Exotic
A team
Nature

My name has a French-type sound to it, and I was named by my aunt. **(Dre'Jean)**



Ziggy
Intimidating
Noticeable
Example
Domination
Intelligent
Negotiator
Extra

My name is a blessing and sometimes a curse when people can't say it. My name means "the beauty of faith." **(Zinedine)**

Determined
Amazing
Mindful
Active
Reminder
Intimidating
(Damari)

SIX-WORD STORIES

We're almost there, just keep going! **(Zion)**

Fools talk, cowards silent, wisemen listen. **(Zinedine)**

Slay the day away, repeat forever! **(Emily)**

Don't want to lose myself now! **(Alexander)**



GOOD REFLECTIONS

My name is Kimauriah, but I go by Imari. Today I had a very good day. My grades went up and I was happy about that. I get my phone fixed soon, and my family is coming soon. I also get to see my cousins on Friday, and I'm really excited about that. **(Kimauriah)**

CAMPUS TRIP

On September 20th, the Adventurers took a field trip to the UW-Madison campus. They visited the Red Gym, where they met with UW students from the Multicultural Student Center. They learned about BIPOC spaces on campus, were able to ask questions about college life, and got to watch an amazing poetry performance! Adventurers finished the night by getting ice cream at Memorial Union and riding the double decker bus back to Odyssey.

