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BABY BADGERS
Malachi: Malachi is so curious—he loves exploring all of the toys in our classroom!

Juwan: Juwan loves laughing with all of his Baby Badger teachers and classmates!

Nana: “I’m going to help Ms. Ellie fold the blanket for the baby!”

Ocean: “Hi doggy! I like it!”
Scouts
**What is your favorite activity to do in the snow?**

Nina: make snowmen  
TJ: snow fights  
Milan: sledding  
Nasir: jump and play  
Javier: build a snowman  
Priya: play in the snow!

**What presents are you hoping to get from Santa?**

Nina: magnet tiles and kitchen toys  
TJ: lego Ninjago  
Milan: toys!  
Nasir: play dough  
Javier: trains and legos  
Priya: a new baby doll
Literally Arts

Our Scouts were lucky to have three classes with Jamie and Dr. Hailey Love from Literally Arts! They did music, movement, and art activities centered around the books “Giraffes Can’t Dance,” “Wild Symphony,” and “Snow Day.”
EXPLORERS
WOMAN OF COURAGE

My mom and grandma are brave. My mom goes to Odyssey! My grandma is 55 and I like staying with her and my cousins. (Derrick)

My mom is nice and she gets us stuff. She is brave because she is in school. She has an adult family home business. She’s good at her job. (EJ)

I admire my sister because she is brave. She does things that scare her, works hard, and pursues her dreams. I love her and she’s really cool. I can play with her. (Dorian)

My grandma is really nice, and she cooked me some food and watermelon. My mom gets scared when she watches scary movies, every time she sees it she screams really, really loudly! But she watches them anyway, so she sometimes is brave. (Josiah)

My mom is brave because she takes care of me. She makes me food. I like her soup. My dad is also always brave because he does stuff that is really hard to do. He makes art and presents art, and he’s really brave. (Kai)
My mom is a woman of courage because she works hard to make the world a better place. She doesn’t pollute. Sometimes she doesn’t even drive her car, she rides her bike. I admire my mom. (Kayd)

A woman of courage in my life is my mom. She is a woman of courage because she is nice and she works hard. She recycles and she tells me to pick up trash when I accidentally drop it. (Kingston)

My mom and dad are brave. My mom got a dog! She asked her job if she could get a job there. (La’Zayla)

My mom is good. She puts clothes on my back and feeds me! I like it when she makes orange chicken. (La’Renz)

My aunt, Titi Randa, is a woman of courage because she’s loving. She stays true to who she is and she stays in her place, she fights through the pain. My Aunt Nesha is brave too; she pursues her dreams. She is smart and funny, loving, and caring, and she works hard. When she does not want to go to work, she still does. My Grandma Kesha never gives up. She’s a big smart lady and she loves and cares. When she’s sick she fights through it. I admire my Titi Randa, Titi Nesha, and my grandma. (Na’Kyiah)

Aunt Titi Randa helps take care of us. She’s nice and takes us places. She cooks, and I like her pepper steak and rice. (Nevaeh)
My mom is a woman of courage because she’s the best mom I could ask for. Something that she did that’s brave is that she went on a motorcycle! I love my mommy so, so, so much. **(Noyelle)**

My teacher, Ms. Lowry Jones, is a woman of courage because she broke her leg and when she broke her leg she didn’t call for anybody to help, but she can walk now. **(Rae’Sel)**

I am a woman of courage! I did a backflip and I jumped off a mountain! And I jumped off a slide that was a little bit high. **(Skylar)**

My mom is a woman of courage because she’s strong and brave. If someone tries to hurt my mom she will fight through it. **(Taraji)**

My mom is good at cooking chicken. I love my mom. She is brave at school. **(True)**
Celebrating “Day of the Dead” and Memories of Loved Ones

My grandma, I didn’t even get to see her when I was born. I’d want to tell her I love her. I love her so much and I wish she was here. (Ashtyn)

One of my friends, Manuel, painted our walls. He used to be a really good friend and he died of diabetes. He was funny. I’d tell him, “I miss you.” (Dorian)

I used to have four uncles, and I have three uncles now because one of my uncles passed away. I miss him. I haven’t seen him in a while. When I see you, I’m gonna play Mario Kart with you in heaven. (Josiah)

My Uncle Ricky, he said he wanted to go and a few weeks later he crashed his car. I’d tell him “bye” if he was here. (Kayd)

My uncle liked Spiderman like me. (Kingston)

My mom, she gave me and my sister nicknames. My sister and I have M’s in our name. My sister is called Mariah, so she’d call us M&M. (Marcus)

My Uncle Ricky died in a car accident. He was my friend and I miss him. (Noyelle)

My uncle, Little Blue, passed away. If he was here the words that I would say are, “Thank you for everything you got me, even when I forgot to see you. If you was here I would see you any time I would want, and my mom would definitely take me to your house. And I love you with all my heart, I love you with everything, my mom and dad too. I miss you so much. (Rae’Sel)

My great grandma, I never got to meet her. I wish I could have met her. (Skylar)
**TELL US ABOUT YOU!**

My name is True. My favorite sport is football and my favorite food is watermelon and spicy fried chicken. And my favorite game to play is Roblox. *(True)*

My name is Dayquavion and I like football and I play Fortnite and my brother is Gabe. I like the new tickity tock. *(Derrick)*

My name is Martez and I play Fortnite and I like chicken. *(Martez)*

My name is EJ and I like to play football. I sing and I got a sneaker collection! *(EJ)*

My name is Rae’sel and my favorite sport is football and I also like hot fried chicken. And my favorite game to play is Minecraft and Roblox and Fortnite. *(Rae’Sel)*

I’m Gucci. I also like doing back handsprings. *(Noyelle)*

I’m Gucci too. I like doing back handsprings. *(Na’Kyiah)*

My name is Kingston and I like to play Minecraft. *(Kingston)*

I like games! I like Roblox and Fortnite. *(Josiah)*
**THANK YOU, READ TO A DOG!**

*In the spirit of giving back, Explorers worked hard to create blankets to give to the Go Team Therapy Dogs to thank them for their visits to Odyssey Junior!*

I like that I read to dogs! I have a dog named Pumpkin. **(Dorian)**

I liked to read to the dog because they’re friendly. **(EJ)**

I like them because I see new dogs. **(Rozlynn)**

My favorite part is reading with little dogs because they’re cute. **(Josiah)**

I like reading with a dog because it’s calm. **(Rae’Sel)**

I like the dogs because they’re big and friendly! **(Na’Kyiah)**

Reading to dogs is good because I get to pet the dogs! **(Derrick)**

I like reading to them because they’re calm! **(Martez)**

The dogs just give me good vibes when I read around them! **(Kingston)**

I love everything about reading to a dog! I like seeing the dogs. **(Kai)**

I like dogs because they’re cute. **(La’Renz)**

I also like that the dogs are cute. **(Noyelle)**

I like the dogs! I like the big black dog. **(Kayd)**

Reading to the dogs is nice because they’re sweet and cuddly. **(Skylar)**

I liked all the dogs because I have a dog myself. **(Marcus)**

I like to pet them and make them lay by me. I also have dogs at my house and I make sure that they eat. **(La’Zayla)**
ADVENTURERS
CREATE YOUR OWN SOCIETY

I’m king of the great Mexico. There will be lots of jobs. People would get a job by showing that they are capable of that position. *(Alexander)*

My society would be named Mari Twon. Anybody and anyone can live in Mari Twon. There are going to be queens and kings. *(Mari)*

My society would be called Jannah (Heaven in Arabic tongue). This name emphasizes the peaceful tradition with my society on a remote land far from this world and unnecessary technological corruption. In my society the term ‘government’ is avoided as it comes to either a monarch controlled or politically controlled society every single time. So it is simply live peacefully or leave. The only form of control whatsoever is a stone engraved with commandments all residents must live by. *(Isa)*

Loc: Alaska. PPI: me and the bros. Name: XZAFP9. Every place is going to be different. Everybody is the boss of themselves. *(Dre)*
Its name is Tzintzupsm and it’s in Mexico and the leaders are like this:

Everyone is welcome.

They will have a democracy. They serve three years but can have two terms. To find and talk about laws with other nations (vices), it depends on what others think is fair. If they disobey, the judges will decide the punishment. (Zinedine)

Bora Bora. Group of five queens. New queens come by showing they want it and leadership skills. We all live in our own kind of perfect homes, best advanced technologies the world has ever seen. Everything is eco friendly and houses are sustainable. All materials are no waste and compostable. No fast food, cities are walking cities, no cars. (Anna)

It’s on top of a magical rainbow and always spring. Friends and family only.

Rules: 1) slay the day, 2) stay kind and honest, 3) be safe. (Emily)

Harmonyville. We have no government. They serve until God calls them home. People who broke the rules receive a timely sentence. Same rules in America. (Mane)
REFLECTIONS ON GUEST SPEAKERS:

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

Speakers from UW Madison and Madison College visited the Adventurers class to share information about the college admissions process and different ways to help pay for college.

What I learned from the UW presentation was the three big scholarships that they offer, one including the Bucky Promise. I also learned that UW wants to make college affordable. They also taught us that we are fully capable of getting into the UW Madison. I liked how they incorporated FAFSA information into their presentation. (Anna)

Something that was interesting that I liked was when they asked what type of things we liked to wear because they didn’t know what teenagers liked to wear. (Mari)

I learned about health and financial aid. (Alexander)

We learned about free scholarships to college and the Bucky Promise. (Dre)

I learned about opportunities and scholarships. (Emily)

UW KINESIOLOGY

A group of undergraduate students from the UW Kinesiology department conducted a focus group with the Adventurers to learn about what our students know about kinesiology, how they like to exercise, and what resources would help them enjoy being more active.

I liked how they really cared about what I had to say. (Anna)

I learned about UW college and the things you have to do in order to go to college. I liked that they talked about taking your time and not rushing. (Mari)

We learned about exercise, and it was informational. (Dae‘Vion)

I learned what kinesiology means and liked the survey we were given. (Isa)
**TEEN MONEY MATTERS**

The Teen Money Matters group, a team of fellow teens, taught our Adventurers about smart money management through an engaging presentation and series of activities.

We learned how to properly budget our money using the 50%, 30%, 20% rule. I really enjoyed connecting with the teachers who were our age. I also really loved the chocolate coins. *(Anna)*

The chocolate coins. *(Mari)*

I learned about investing and I liked that they were our age. *(Dae’Vion)*

We learned needs and wants. *(Alexander)*

I learned budgeting and liked ‘would you rather.’ *(Isa)*

We learned how to save money. *(Dre)*

I learned the 50, 30, 20 rule. *(Mane)*

I learned a lot. *(Emily)*

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A group of students hold money during a presentation. A projector displaying a slide titled '50/30/20 Rule' is visible in the background.