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MADISON CIRCUS SPACE (FAMILY EVENT + CLASS VISIT)

Odyssey Jr families and staff had the opportunity to learn from Madison Circus Space teaching artists. We did some juggling, balancing, hula-hooping, dancing, tumbling, and lots of laughing!
Music Lessons

Several Odyssey Jr students spent their Tuesday evenings this year filling the Odyssey halls with music!

Alex, Kingston – Guitar
Kayd – Piano
Zaria – Voice
Emily – Violin

Cultural Connections Art Collab

Cultural Connections Art Collab provided a space for Odyssey Jr students to get in touch with their creative side and express themselves through art every Tuesday evening!
BABY BADGERS
Teachers in the Baby Badgers room celebrate each baby's growing skills.

**Malachi**
- Crawling to walking
- Sharing toys with other friends
- Waving
- Dancing

**Juwan**
- Holding himself up
- Sitting upright
- Crawling
- Babbling
- Waving
- Clapping

**Tre’Den**
- Playing music
- Peeling and sticking stickers
- Helping clean up (wiping tables, putting away toys)

**Alora**
- Sitting upright
- Crawling
- Standing/Pulling Up/Cruising
- Throwing
**LITERALLY ARTS**

During Literally Arts’s final visit to the Scouts this year, they read the book “You Matter,” celebrated what makes them unique, and got to make some music!
What was your favorite part of Odyssey Jr?

Play time! (Nina)

Playing with everyone (Nasir)

Seeing the dogs (Ermias)

Playing with marbles (Javier)

Playing with the doll house (Priya)

Today! (A’Nadiyah)

Playing with play doh (Ailani)

Playing with my friends (Sincere)

All of the toys (Milan)
**READ TO A DOG**

I loved it, especially Patton! *(Josiah)*

I read to all of them, my favorite was Belle. She’s so soft! *(Rae’Sel)*

Big thumbs up! I love Ace. *(Noyelle)*
What was your favorite part of Odyssey Jr?

Playing with legos! I liked building houses. (Skylar)

I had a lot of fun at the circus! (Josiah)

Everything! I like learning, playing, reading to the dogs, and the circus. (Rae’Sel)

My favorite part is that we get to have fun. We learn and play a lot! (Noyelle)

What would you tell someone who is going to be in Odyssey Jr next year?

Have fun at Odyssey Jr (Skylar)

Be nice to the other kids (Josiah)

Have as much fun as you can (Rae’Sel)

Have a great time (Noyelle)
Voyagers
What was your favorite part of Odyssey this year?

I liked the activities. I like my friends here too. *(Ashtyn)*

I liked seeing everyone and playing games. My favorite game was the obstacle course and the dancing. I liked doing tricks while I danced. *(EJ)*

I liked seeing my friends too. I liked playing freeze tag and games with them. My favorite activity was the sticker portraits. *(Derrick)*

I liked the obstacle course! I liked that I could go faster. I also liked that we could dance! I also liked the gemstone games. *(Gemini)*

My favorite thing was Madison Circus Space! I liked the thing where I do “diapers,” and tumbling. I can do back handsprings. I also liked the part I could swing on! *(Iyjah)*

I liked the treasure hunt! I liked winning diamonds. *(Da’Mari)*

Recently, the organ inspection thingy! It was really, really cool. I was not disgusted! It was actually kind of weird that I wasn’t. I also really liked the art projects! My favorite was the rock painting. I painted a spiderman rock, and I also painted a venom one, and a jet airplane! *(Dorian)*
I like to play games at Odyssey! My favorite is Spot It. The way you play is you just have to guess faster what matches. I liked playing with Miss Christina! And Miss Zawadi and Mr. Jerome! (Josiah)

I liked the field trip to Drum Power. The bus was my favorite! It was a REALLY cool bus! I’d never been on a bus like that before. I liked the drums too! I liked learning how to use them. Also, my favorite art project this year was the perler beads, I made Pokémon and one of my dogs out of the beads. (Kai)

I liked the dancing. I like it because it’s fun! I also like this art project (sticker portrait). (Na’Kyiah)

I liked laughing when Mr. Jerome was dancing! It was funny because all he did was his arms were going crazy! I also liked the obstacle course. Why? I just liked it! (True)

I liked the art. I liked decorating this (the sticker portrait). I also liked the perler beads and bracelets. I liked them because they are cool. (Nevaeh)

I will build my own theme park over the summer. I will DEMAND to have my own park! I’m going to put a swing in my theme park, a Ferris wheel, and a little gaming room! It will have a secret entrance so no one can find it. And I’ll have a BIGGGGG Minecraft corner. (Da’Mari)

I look forward to being outside and playing. I’m quarterback when I play football. I like having fun and wasting all of our energy! (Derrick)
I want to play football! My position is linebacker and safety and receiver. I also like going on trips over the summer, like the Bahamas. We just went to Texas! We went to my grandma’s birthday. I stayed with my grandma. (EJ)

I’m looking forward to playing some VR with my friends. I’m brave and I play scary, scary games on my VR! (Dorian)

I want to go swimming! Actually, that and I’m going to Vegas. My dad lives there and I’m going to visit for the summer. My favorite part is that I can ride my dirt bike and go swimming every day. (Gemini)

I look forward to doing the Madison Circus Space camp! I want to learn aerial. (Iyjah)

I look forward to playing Pokémon, once my switch is fixed! I like playing Pokémon Violet, or any new Pokémon game coming out, like ZA. (Kai)

I like to go to the Dells. I like swimming, especially at the Kalahari. (Na’Kyiah)

I like to swim during the summer, and my favorite pool is my house pool. I also like seeing my friends. (Nevaeh)

I’m going to chill. I like to read and watch TV. (True)
What was your favorite part of coming to Odyssey Jr this year?

The trips, especially Drum Power, the meals, and the memories. It’s never boring. (Dae’Vion)

Getting to meet new people, Odyssey Junior is a good place to get new chances and try new things. (Dre’Jean)

The teachers were fun! (Damari)

The field trips (Zion)

Presenters and the food (Alex)

Too many to list – (Z)

My favorite part of coming to Odyssey Junior is that you get to create a family. Odyssey is willing to be there for you and support you. (Anna)

Filling Your Bucket – What Words Would You Use to Describe Yourself?

Smart, curious, consistent, persistent, accountable, annoying, happy, humorous (Stephen)

Quiet, shy, sarcastic, creative, loving (Saniya)

Smart, inspired, handsome, forgiving (Alex)

Emotional, passionate, athletic, non-judgmental, kind, comical, smart (Zion)
Kind, self-loving, friendly, smart, brave (Emily)

Beautiful, brave, smart, courageous, energetic, hardworking (Iysis)

Courageous, determined, sweet, independent, nice, focused, funny (Anna)

Beautiful, poetic, emotional, kind, brave, soft, open-minded, observant, empathetic, extraverted, intelligent, strong, respectful (Duckie)

Kind, respectful, forgiving, brave (Samaria)

Right now, what do you think you want to “be” when you are an adult?

I want to be in a position where I can travel and have a job that I like doing. I also want to own a successful business and make a lot of money. (Zion)

A teacher, I want to work with kids. (Samaria)

A lawyer. I want to help people and travel. (Duckie)

I want to be an art teacher. (Emily)

A teacher or actress. (Saniya)
Health care, volunteer, help others, college degree, travel, leadership role in community. *(Anna)*

I want to be a singer. *(Ilysis)*

Smart about money with a job. *(Alex)*

Foreign language teacher. *(Stephen)*

**What do you think your path is after high school?**

Robotics at a university *(Z)*

4-year college and law school *(Duckie)*

Millionaire, CEO *(Alex)*

Work and technical college, get teaching experience. *(Samaria)*

UW Madison! *(Anna)*

At least a high school diploma, start little and get bigger. *(Saniya)*

I think I need to go to business school and then make a business plan. *(Zion)*

Taking classes and discovering what I’m good at. *(Emily)*

Musicians / singers need extensive training and regular practice to acquire skills and knowledge! *(Ilysis)*

PhD in a language, teaching experience. *(Stephen)*
TEENS TOUR MADISON COLLEGE: GOODMAN SOUTH

ORGAN DEMO
Two students from UW Madison Medical School brought in real organs for the Adventurers to learn about, look at, and even touch!

UW MADISON KINESIOLOGY
College students from the UW Madison Kinesiology department visited the teens to talk about being healthy and show how exercise can be fun!
**College Corner**

**Anna’s Acceptance to UW Madison!**

Congratulations to Anna, who will be attending UW Madison this upcoming fall! Anna was in Odyssey Junior in 2015 when her mom and uncle were in Odyssey. Everyone at Odyssey Jr is so proud of you.

**Q&A with Odyssey Junior Grad Zawadi**

*Where are you now in your educational journey?*

Hello! My name is Zawadi and I am currently a freshman at Madison College. I plan on going into nursing, and to transfer to a university. Right now, the classes I am taking are prerequisites, which are “courses that a student must have taken prior to enrolling in a specific program” (ex. anatomy & physiology #1, college algebra, medical microbiology).

*What have you gained from your time in Odyssey Junior?*

I have been at Odyssey Junior for a while, and I am fortunate to be a college intern for this program. Throughout my years, I had a tendency to doubt myself. I would undermine my achievements and fixate on things I struggle with. Odyssey staff and the program in itself has made me a more confident person. I am forever thankful.

*Any advice you would give to current Odyssey Junior students?*

My biggest advice for current Odyssey Junior students is to ask for help when you need it. It is extremely easy to overwork yourself, and there is nothing wrong with asking for assistance. Even if you need to brainstorm ideas, need your application proofread, or need a mental break...reach out to someone. You’ll find that people in your life truly care for you and want you to thrive and be successful.