

# Odyssey Academy of Virtual Learning

September Update

## Back to School Picnic



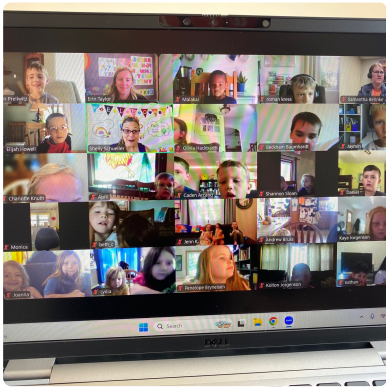
On August 26th, We hosted our annual back to school picnic for Odyssey families. We had over 100 attendees. It was a great time to get to reconnect with returning families and welcome our new ones. Families were able to make bracelets, participate in a book swap, and enjoy lunch together



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## Class is in Session!

Our first couple of days with students have been fantastic! We have enjoyed our back to school assemblies where students were able to share some of their favorite things from the summer and were able to join in on some fun ice breaker activities.



## **4K-2**

Teachers loved getting to reconnect with their students and hear all about their summer adventures. They have also been spending time completing beginning of the year assessments one on one with students. They also enjoyed a back to school assembly where they had a dance party and created some fun drawings together.

## **3-5**

Our 3rd-5th grade students and families are off to a fantastic start to the 2024-25 school year! On the first day of school, many of our 3rd-5th grade students, joined Mrs. Johnson-Corless, Mrs. Christ, Mrs. Behke, and Mrs. Johannes for a "Meet & Greet" session. They participated in "getting-to-know-you" icebreaker activities such as a scavenger hunt for things that helped us to get to know each other. In addition, they learned a bit about the live classes and clubs and virtual platforms they will be utilizing throughout the school year. Advisory teachers are beginning to meet 1:1 with students to conduct reading benchmark assessments with students to get to know them better as readers and develop next steps/goals.

## **6-8**

6th-8th Grade students were welcomed back with orientations for each of their classes. Students were able to share out about their summer and get excited about all the learning that they have in store for them this year! The teachers loved getting to see all the students. It really made them excited for the new school year.

## **9-12**

The high school teachers are seeing students already take positive risks with their learning! Another highlight is just sensing the comfort students all have with each other-- they know their teachers, they know their classmates, and there is a feeling in classes that this is a safe place to share, laugh and learn together, even on day one! They are so kind to new students as well, which really sets the tone for a positive community of learners.

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## **Growing Enrollment!**

Our numbers continue to grow! We are excited to add 1 teacher at the 4K-2 level, 0.5 at the 3-5 level, and 0.5 at the 6-8 level to accommodate for our growing class sizes!



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