

Name: Zy'Sean McLaurin

Age: 9

Grade: 3rd

What kind of activities are you involved with outside of school?

- Playing Fortnite
- Playing basketball outside with J (brother) and neighbors
- Helping my grandma babysit kids
- Reading

Do you have homework? How do you remember your assignments? How do you make time to do your homework?

- We don't have homework for math.
- Our teacher asks us to read about 20 mins every night. Sometimes I do.

Physical

How do you get out extra energy during the school day/ in class?

- Sometimes I go for a walk around the school
- My teacher lets me run to the new building and back while he's watching if I really have a lot of energy and need to get it out
- Play soccer at recess

Do you like to sit close to the teacher so you can see better or further away from the teacher?

- Sit close to the teacher
- We choose our seats every day.
- I like the rocking chairs, and they are in the middle of the classroom.

Can you write in cursive?

- No, I can't. We are learning some.

Social

Do you work well in group assignments?

- Usually. Sometimes I talk too much or don't want to do my part.
- Usually after a reminder or two from the teacher, I'm better.

Describe how you feel when you don't do as well on an assignment as you'd like?

- Sad. I want my teacher to think I am smart and are listening when he teaches.
- My grandma cares about my grades and she likes to see when I get 3s sent home in my folder.
- My grandma checks in with my teacher about how I'm doing.

What is more important to you: impressing your classmates or your teacher?

- My teacher for classwork. He likes when I do good.
- My classmates when outside playing soccer or in P.E.

Cognitive

When you write, what do you like to write about?

- Stories about my family
- Stories about things I do at school with my friends
- Made up stories about Fortnite adventures

What types of books do you read?

- Graphic novels
- Diary of A Wimpy Kid, Captain Underpants, Roblox

Do you like to dress like everyone else or stand out from the crowd?

- Like everyone else. I like having nice and new shoes.

How do you approach an assignment that you don't understand right away?

- Ask my teacher once we start and he is walking around.

Do you ever feel nervous during the day?

- Yes, when I don't know what to do or if I get a question wrong or when I have to work with someone I don't like working with.

Would you rather work alone or with a partner?

- Always like to work with a partner

If we went to your room right now, would it be clean or messy?

- Messy. My brother stays in the room with me too.

Do you ever feel antsy or have too much energy in class?

- A lot. I can move around in my class a lot which is good. And I try to get the rocking chair every day which helps me.

When you are angry with someone, do you forgive them easily or not?

- No. Sometimes I take a long time to get over something.
- I try to talk it out with my teacher if it's at school.

What kind of rewards motivate you to do work?

- We don't do rewards much at school.
- I like when we have extra recess.

What was the last book you read? Your favorite book?

- Diary of a Wimpy Kid

What type of music do you listen to?

- Lots of rap and whatever I can find on YouTube

What are some rules you have to follow at home? At school?

- Be respectful. Help my grandma. Do my chores.
- Be kind to everyone. Clean up after myself.

What are you studying in math right now?

- Fractions

Favorite subject?

- Math, it's easier for me

So what?

Zy'Sean's responses align very well with the development of a typical nine year old, according to Wood's *Yardsticks*. He is well-coordinated, evidenced by his strong soccer skills at recess, and he pushes physical limits. He tires easily (often sleeps in class) and struggles to sit for long. He always tries to get the rocking chair when he walks into the classroom so he can move throughout the day. He is intellectually curious and is always asking questions about things he hears, sees, and reads. Zy'Sean loves using technology to express his ideas and creativity, which is very typical for a nine year old. He is a student in my own classroom, so I have noticed exaggerated expressions when hurt, typically on the soccer field, which is typical developmentally. Zy'Sean is very self-critical, and this is also evidenced in his response to if he feels nervous throughout the day. He is enrolled in co-located mental health services, which allow him to work through managing his emotions with a mental health counselor.