



2005-2006

ROLL CALL

- Amariah 10yrs — “The Scientist”
- Alizah 8yrs — “The Artist”
- Aaron Elijah 6yrs — “The Mathematician”
- Arye 4yrs — “The Engineer”
- Amir 2yrs — “The Martial Arts Expert”
- Asher newborn — “Sweet Baby”

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The A-Team Review

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LEARNING ALL THE TIME

Homeschool is Cool!

Another year of homeschool has come and gone, my how the time has flown! This year the Walton Family Homeschool included grades Pre-K through 5th, plus a really bright two year old who taught us all a few things about martial arts!

As our homeschool includes students with different interests, goals and strengths, we've covered a wide-range of subjects this year, making good use of homeschool co-ops, the public library and of course, the Internet.

The following are just some of the materials in our 2005-2006 curriculum:

- Pizza Hut Book-It Reading Program
- Phoenix Library Reading Program
- UMI Bible Study
- Prima Latina
- Ray's Arithmetics
- JASON science
- City of Phoenix Mountain Parks Educational Programs
- Crown Financial Ministry for Kids
- Arizona History

Thanks so much for your encouragement and support!

Learning All the Time,
Courtney



Courtney & The A-Team at Papago Park, Phoenix, AZ.

Learning All the Time

We are blessed to live in Arizona, a homeschool friendly state with a large and active homeschool community offering a variety of support mechanisms for families. From homeschool co-op classes, homeschool resource centers and local support groups to

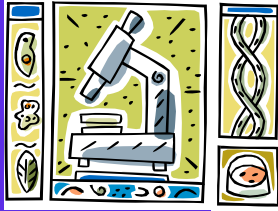
homeschool P.E. and homeschool orchestras, there are so many choices that the hardest part of homeschooling in Arizona is having to say “no” because there just aren't enough hours in the week to do it all.

By law, homeschooled

students are required to receive instruction in reading, grammar, mathematics, science and social studies. Within these subjects, families have the flexibility of deciding specific subject matter, the order of instruction and the pace at which the material is covered.



Amariah Estelle Rose Walton—5th Grade



Our resident scientist, Amariah completed the award winning JASON Project science curriculum, "Mysteries of Earth and Mars" with an all-girl homeschool team. Amariah and her team rounded out their studies of Mars with field trips to Arizona State University's Mars Education Center, the Mesa southwest Museum, Star Gazing for Everyone and the Sally Ride Science Festival.

Amariah's Wish List:

- Laptop Computer
- Monopoly/Star Wars The Saga Edition
- Fencing Lessons
- Barnes & Noble Gift Card

Favorite book: Not just one, but a series -- "Left Behind -- The Kids" by Jerry B. Jenkins and Tim LaHaye

Favorite web sites:
www.jason.org and
www.tamatown.com

Amariah's Goal:
To be a NASA Engineer on the first manned mission to Mars.

Alizah's Wish List:

- Guitar & lessons
- Painting lessons
- As You Wish Pottery
- Painting Place Gift Card
- Barnes & Noble Gift Card

Favorite book:

Horrible Harry in Room 2b

by Suzy Kline

Favorite website:

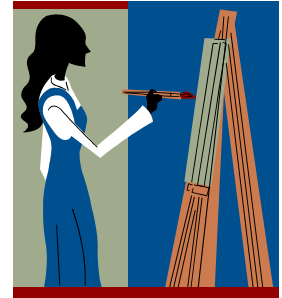
www.neopets.com

Alizah Anaïs Amaryllis Walton —3rd Grade

Alizah is a talented actor, singer, songwriter and artist. This year she was blessed to take art lessons from a professional artist and art instructor at The Shemer Art Center and learned how to silkscreen and make 3D drawings. She also made glass beads, handmade paper and a mosaic tile birdhouse. Two of her pieces are on exhibit with

Young Arts Arizona in downtown Phoenix. Alizah received a certificate for her reading of Langston Hughes' "Dreams" and a ribbon for her Arizona History project, a replica of a Hohokam pueblo. Alizah participated in the Antioch Church of God in Christ Christmas Pageant and Children's Choir. She serves as a Greeter on Sunday mornings

where she welcomes visitors to Church. Alizah enjoys cooking, knitting and poetry.



The World is Our Classroom

The Valley of the Sun is a homeschooler's paradise with many free and low-cost resources available to help create a stimulating learning environment and provide real world application of academic subjects. The A-

Team enjoyed the following field trips this year:

Mesa Southwest Museum Arizona State Fair Star Gazing for Everyone Liberty Wildlife Rescue Mother Nature's Farm Mesa Museum for Youth ASU Mars Education Center Sally Ride Science Festival World Wildlife Zoo Estrella Wars

Renaissance Festival Sky Harbor International Airport George Washington Carver Cultural Center & Museum City of Phoenix Mountain Parks Educational Programs SEE ASU Imax -- Deep Sea 3D Yo-Yo Master



Aaron Elijah Moisés Walton — 1st Grade



Like the French mathematician, Henri Poincare, Aaron Elijah delights in math and is extremely comfortable and creative with numbers. He enjoys all sorts of math puzzles and does math

"The mathematician does not study pure mathematics because it is useful; he studies it because he delights in it and he delights in it because it is beautiful." -- Henri Poincare

worksheets for fun! Gifted in logical-mathematical ability, the six year old performs several grade levels ahead in math, is a whiz at computer games and enjoys learning Latin. Elijah participated in the Antioch Church of God in Christ Christmas Pageant, reciting "F is for Frankincense" from Matthew 2:11.

Aaron Elijah's Wish List:

- Drum Set & Lessons
- Star Wars The Saga Edition Chess Set
- Abacus
- Barnes & Noble Gift Card

Asher Eliaz Emmanuel Walton, "Blessed of God, the Lord is Salvation, God with us"

Born March 7, 2006, Asher returned to the Lord on March 19, 2006.

"Sweet Baby"

At 12:24pm on Tuesday, March 7, 2006, Asher Eliaz Emmanuel Walton, a beautiful 7 lbs 9 oz baby boy, 20.5 inches long with lots of dark curly hair, made his entrance into this world. "Sweet Baby," as he is affectionately known, never moved or made a sound. Soon after, the doctors told us that "Sweet Baby" would not be coming home. Yet, it just didn't seem possible -- Asher looked so beautiful and so healthy and strong. Surely he must just be sleeping? Besides, how can you leave the hospital without a baby?

But God had a different plan for Asher. No, Asher wasn't just asleep. Asher would never open his eyes nor would he breathe on his own. We would never know the pleasure of caring for "Sweet Baby" and watching him grow. Yet, Asher had a very important job to do and unbeknownst to us, Asher would accomplish it very soon.

Twelve days later, Asher heroically blessed two baby boys and their families. An 8 month old in Miami received Asher's liver and a newborn in Seattle received

Asher's heart. The Seattle baby had a condition where his heart was too weak to sustain him and he was surviving off the work his mother's heart was doing. The doctors said he would not survive outside his mother's womb. I can only imagine his mother's pain, as his due date approached and what would normally be a day of joy, was wrapped up with fear.

But God answers prayer and that family received a miracle! March 19, 2006 became the Seattle baby's birthday and was also the day Asher went home to be with Jesus.

We are all so proud of Asher! We miss him terribly but are thankful that God blessed Sweet Baby to be a blessing to so many others. The baby boys and their family and friends remain in our prayers everyday.



For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful. I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Psalms 139:13-16



Arye Eleazar Ysrael Walton—Pre-K

An outgoing 4 yr old with lots of friends, Arye is a budding engineer who armed with just a screwdriver, can take almost anything apart! Arye loves to see how things work and always knows where to find a spare battery.

Arye enjoys puzzles, cars, riding skateboards and swimming.

Arye's Wish List:

- Hummer H2 Adventure Series Ride On
- K'Nex Building Set Wings-n-Wheels
- Tools & Tool Belt

Arye's favorite tv shows:

Go Diego Go!
Ben Ten,
Power Rangers SPD

Arye's favorite web site:

www.nickjr.com
www.noggin.com



Amir Elisha Raphael Walton —2yrs

At two years old, Amir has amazing control of his body and can ride a scooter, throw a ball and click a mouse.

Amir loves to read (even if the books don't have



pictures and are held upside down) and enjoys watching Little Einsteins, Thomas the Tank Engine and Power Rangers.

A budding martial-arts expert, Amir enjoys pretending to be the Green Ranger and a Jedi. Amir enjoys wooden puzzles, cars, cars and cars. Did I mention he likes cars?

Amir's Wish List:

- Star Wars Light Saber
- Ride On Pedal Car
- Wooden Puzzles



S. Courtney Walton —Magistra

Her sixth year as *magistra* or teacher of the Walton Family Homeschool, Courtney enjoys learning with her children and encouraging other parents to do the same.

African-American Unschooling, the national network she founded three years ago for African-American homeschoolers is now 400 members strong and the accompanying E-Zine has 1,000 subscribers.

Last summer, Courtney began a national survey, the first of its kind, of African-American homeschooling families. The survey continues to draw national attention from journalists and educators alike and this school year, Courtney granted interviews to The Baltimore Sun, The Christian Post and doctoral candidates from the University of Georgia, the University of Washington, and Michi-

gan State University. Courtney made regular appearances as a homeschool expert on "Education Thursdays" on XM169 and was invited to write homeschooling articles for the Nevada and Arizona Black Pages.

Courtney enjoys mentoring new homeschoolers and teaching a homeschool knitting class.



Boyz at the Zoo!



**Alizah feeding giraffe at
World Wildlife Zoo**



**An intense game of
"Squeezed Out" with Derrick
& Noa**



**Feeding a turaco at World
Wildlife Zoo**



**Taking a break on an early
morning hike**



**Michaela, Noa, Amariah,
Paige & Alizah at the Zoo**



Alizah making handmade prickly pear paper



Larry the Art Teacher demonstrates the Hustle!



We have to stand here how long?!?



Careful, careful....



Courtney relaxing with Arye and Amir



Waiting for inspiration...



Amir riding the library dragon



Alizah visiting her Neopets online



The Master Gamer at work



So many books, so little time...



**The A-Team online
at the library**



Courtney and Amir



Amir with his baby brother



Big Brother & Little Brother



**Aunt Dawn and the Girls visit
Mom & Asher at the hospital**



Big Sister & Sweet Baby



The A-Team with NICU Nurse



Arye & Asher



Sweet Baby!



Asher Eliaz Emmanuel



Praying for Mom at the hospital



All of us with Aunt Dawn in the NICU



Courtney bathing Sweet Baby in the NICU

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Inside —
*The Walton Family Homeschool
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THE WORLD IS OUR CLASSROOM AND
WE ARE LEARNING ALL THE TIME...

Thank You Family & Friends

*A friend loves at all times, and a
brother is born for adversity.
Proverbs 17:17*

This homeschool year has been an amazing journey with many highs and lows, but through it all we had God and the love and support of family and friends.

After a very challenging pregnancy and a difficult delivery, I spent two weeks in the hospital and two weeks at home in the care of family and friends. This was the second time that God saved my life in childbirth and I am so grateful to be here.

Through it all, my children and I were in the very capable and caring hands of my sister Dawn Boguess, USAF Major Shevonne Scott, Tanisha & Melvin Dees and Carma & Russ Paden who nursed me back to health and made sure that the chil-

dren's homeschooling continued.

Our church family, Antioch Church of God in Christ, and homeschooling friends at Valley Wide Home Educators, Rainbow Explorers and African-American Unschooling provided a covering of prayer, hot meals, transportation, hugs and smiles.

It is such a blessing to have family and friends and everyday there is so much to appreciate in life.

Thanks again for your prayers, visits, phone calls and emails. May God bless you as you have blessed me!

Learning All the Time,
Courtney



Courtney & The A-Team at Pappago Park, Phoenix, AZ.