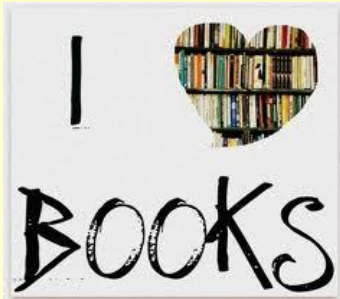


# Archer Almanac

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## From the Director



Unbelievable as it may seem, we have just concluded our first 4 months of the school year. In the world of education this is also known as the end of the honeymoon period. Teachers, parents and students are now well acquainted with each other, as many of our students have made the sometimes challenging transition from the previous academic year and are fully entrenched in pursuing the goals of climbing the mountain to college.

As we approach the coming Christmas season, I want to take this time to once again remind our Aspire community that the promise of the holidays is not limited to football games, get-togethers with family and friends, and waiting to see what new gift has arrived. It's the hope and promise that a new year brings to all of us which makes this time of year special. Our commitment to the entire Aspire community is to continue to work hard to provide all of our KIPPsters the necessary resources and support to better prepare them to climb the mountain of college.

On behalf of the Aspire Team and Family, I wish each student and their family members a safe and warm holiday season.

## Read, Baby, Read!

Archers are reading with a purpose! We are all working toward achieving goals in the Accelerated Reader program. Research shows that the best way to improve reading comprehension is through reading practice. At Aspire, every student reads silently for 30 minutes during the school day, and each student is required to read 30 minutes at home as a part of his or her lifework.

This year each student's reading level is assessed and a points goal is set based on that reading level. Then the students earn points by reading books and taking Accelerated Reader quizzes on the computers. Points are awarded based on the reading level of the book and the student's score on the comprehension quiz. Each student receives a major life challenge grade based on their progress toward the Accelerated Reader goal each nine weeks.

Parents and students can access the Accelerated Reader comprehension quizzes from home as well. Please email Mrs. Schutz at [LSchutz@kippsa.org](mailto:LSchutz@kippsa.org) if you would like the login information for Accelerated Reader at home.

Congratulations to the Archers who completed 100% of their Accelerated Reader goal for the second nine weeks by December 1:

Fifth Grade: Brooke C., Angela E., Karina G., Jimena H., Joselyne I., Damien L., Jaquelin M., Dania M., Mariana M., Sidney M., Luis M., Vanessa M., Joshua P., Drew R., Andrea V., and Gabriel Z.

Sixth Grade: Kristine B., Jasmine C., Jared C., Jeamilette C., Angelica C., David D., Marcela F., Ernesto G., Shaira G., Cecilia G., Paola G., J'Kory J., Aizza M., Adan M., Jocelyn N., Brian O., Simon R., Esperanza S., Daniel S., Frank S., and Jeremiah V.

Seventh Grade: Melissa A., Madilyne B., Paloma B., Isaias C., Jocelyn F., Victor F., Pam G., Victoria G., Paloma M., Hector M., Kattya O., Angelike O., Christopher P., Jennifer P., Justin P., Lourdes R., Martin R., Angel R., David R., Clive S., Bella T., Jennifer T., Sonia V., Jazzmine V., and Brianna V.

Eighth Grade: Mila G., Daniela H., Daisy M., Jade M., Daniel P., Natalie R., Daniel R., Arthur S., and Monica V.

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Girl Scout Meeting, January 12 and 26**
- ◆ **Boy Scout Meeting, January 4, 11 and 18 at 2:45-4:25**

## Check out your local library!

Website: [www.mysapl.org](http://www.mysapl.org)

### Locations:

Central Library 600 Soledad Street	207-2500
Bazan Branch Library 220 West Commerce Street	225-1614
Brook Hollow Branch Library 530 Heimer Road	496-6315
Carver Branch Library 3350 East Commerce Street	225-7801
Cody Branch Library 11441 Vance Jackson Road	696-6396
Collins Garden Branch Library 200 North Park Boulevard	225-0331
Cortez Branch Library 2803 Hunter Boulevard	922-7372
Forest Hills Branch Library 5245 Ingram Road	431-2544
Great Northwest Branch Library 9050 Wellwood	684-5251
Guerra Branch Library 7978 Military Drive West	673-1492
Igo Branch Library 13330 Kyle Seal Parkway	561-6113
Johnston Branch Library 6307 Sun Valley	674-8410
Landa Branch Library 233 Bushnell Avenue	732-8369
Las Palmas Library 515 Castroville Road	434-6394
Maverick Branch Library 8700 Mystic Park	680-9346
McCreless Branch Library 1023 Ada Street	532-4254
Memorial Branch Library 3222 Culebra Road	432-6783
Pan-American Branch Library 1122 West Pyron Avenue	924-8164
San Pedro Branch Library 1315 San Pedro Avenue	733-1454
Semmes Branch Library 15060 Judson Road	650-9540
Thousand Oaks Branch Library 4618 Thousand Oaks Drive	657-5205
Westfall branch Library 6111 Rosedale Court	344-2373

What will you find at your local library?

Whether you need homework help, information on starting your own business, job training, or a new career, the library offers a wealth of information right at your fingertips:

- **Wowbrary:** The newest stuff at your library- don't wait to find out what is new. Sign up and receive a weekly email of the top 20 new items.
- **e-Library:** download audiobooks, books, music, videos and databases on your computer, MPS player, iPhone, iPod, iPad, Windows Mobile Device or to a CD and other devices.
- **FREE live online homework help** from 4pm-11pm everyday! (must have a library card)
- **Dial-A-Story:** A story, a story - read me a story! For young children, there is always time for a story. And San Antonio Public Library is ready to help with Dial-a-story. Just call 207-4466 to listen to a terrific tale in English or Spanish. Stories change weekly, bringing the young children in your life opportunities for listening, learning and developing their love of books. Dial-a-story is sponsored by the San Antonio Express News and brought to you by the children's librarians of SAPL.
- **Borrow a laptop and access the Internet with our free WiFi.** Adults can borrow laptops for two hours at a time at most branch libraries by presenting a library card and identification. Laptops are equipped with a CD-ROM drive, but they are not connected to a printer. Also a flash drive is necessary if you wish to save any documents. This service is available at all locations except Central.
- **FREE INTERNET!**Free wireless Internet access is available to the public at every branch of the San Antonio Public Library. So if you have a laptop or other WiFi enabled device, head on over to your nearest library branch and get connected!



## Outdoor Fitness Equipment

Hit the trails for a fun and active, outdoor workout! Hop on the total body row machine or the leg press or chest press and work those muscles while burning calories. Exercising in a city park is even easier since several parks now have outdoor fitness equipment and a total of 17 parks will have fitness equipment by the end of 2011. The best part of all is- it's totally FREE!

### Parks currently with fitness equipment:

Apache Creek Linear Park, 4239 W. Commerce

Comanche Lookout, 1551 Nacogdoches

Cuellar, 5626 San Fernando

Garza, 1450 Mira Vista

John James, 1300 Rittiman Road

Lion's Field, 2809 Broadway

McAllister Park, 13102 Jones Maltzberger

## Cinnamon Spirals

### Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup(s) (1 stick) butter or margarine, softened
- 4 ounce(s) cream cheese, softened
- 1 1/4 cup(s) all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon(s) salt
- 1/3 cup(s) sugar
- 1 teaspoon(s) ground cinnamon



*The perfect treat for while you are reading!*

### Directions:

In large bowl, with mixer at medium speed, beat butter and cream cheese until creamy, about 2 minutes. Reduce speed to low; gradually beat in flour and salt until well mixed, occasionally scraping bowl with rubber spatula.

On sheet of plastic wrap, pat dough into small rectangle. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate 1 hour or until dough is firm enough to roll. (Or freeze dough for 30 minutes.)

Meanwhile, in small bowl, mix sugar and cinnamon; set aside.

On lightly floured surface, with floured rolling pin, roll dough into 15" by 12" rectangle. Sprinkle cinnamon-sugar mixture evenly over dough.

Starting from a long side, tightly roll rectangle jelly-roll fashion. Brush last 1/2-inch of dough with water to help seal edge. Cut log crosswise in half. Slide logs onto cookie sheet; cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate 2 hours or until dough is firm enough to slice. (Or freeze dough for 45 minutes.)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Remove 1 log from freezer; with serrated knife, cut log crosswise into 1/4-inch thick slices. Place cookies, 1/2-inch apart, on ungreased large cookie sheet.

Bake cookies 12 to 14 minutes or until lightly browned. Transfer cookies to wire rack to cool. Repeat with remaining log. Store cookies in tightly covered container at room temperature up to 3 days, or in freezer up to 3 months.



## Above and Beyond

In KIPP San Antonio the “Above and Beyond Fee” formerly known as the activity fee for the year 2011-12 is \$120 for each child, and the maximum fee for a family is \$240.

If your family can, we recommend that you pay the fee in its entirety to avoid having to worry about for the rest of the year. You can also set up an automatic monthly payment on KIPP SA website.

### Required fee:

- ✓ \$120 for each child at KIPP
- ✓ \$240 maximum per family (2 or more students at KIPP)

### Amount needed for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Trip:

- ✓ At least \$60 for one student
- ✓ At least \$120 for a family

### Methods of Payment:

- ✓ Cash
- ✓ Check
- ✓ Credit Card ([www.kippsa.org](http://www.kippsa.org))



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## KIPP Basketball Visits Austin

On Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> the boys and girls basketball teams from Aspire and University Prep attended a University of Texas men's basketball game in Austin. Many thanks to Coach Vargas for arranging the trip!



## Just for Fun!

Use the numbers 1 through 16 to complete the equations. Each number is used only once.

Each **row** is a math equation. Work from left to right.

Each **column** is a math equation. Work from top to bottom.

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