



CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS 2020 - 21

BALA GOKULAM

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VALUE EDUCATION

GROUP	GRADE LEVEL	CURRICULUM
Dhruva	Pre-K & KG	Worship & Morals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panchatantra Stories • Jataka Tales • Intro to Indian Geography • Hindu Gods & Goddesses • Vidyarambha Slokas • Pancha Upachara Vidhi
Nachiketa	Grades 1 – 2	The Shiva Experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puranic Events on Lord Shiva • Intro to Himalayas • Shiva Panchakshara Stotram • Sri Lingashtakam • Dwadasa Jyotirlingas • Pancha Bootha Sthalas • Shiva Bhajans & Stories
Prahlada	Grades 3 – 5	Dashavatara & Bhagavata Purana <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events from Bhagavata Purana • Yugas & Hindu Calendars • Dashavatara • Dashavatara Stotram • Mantra Pushpam
Shankara-Sharada	Grades 6 – 8	Journey with Adi Shankara <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shankara's Life & Message • Voice of God • Bhaja Govindam
Vivekananda – Youth Leadership Council	Grades 9+	Service & Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Leadership Development Activities • Service Initiatives.



SANSKRIT PROGRAM (AFFILIATED WITH SAMSKRITA BHARATI)

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Junior, Intermediate, Senior	<p>We will teach Devanagari letters through simple sentences in a systematic fashion. We will use Samskrita Bharati's proven methodology and focus more on conversational aspects and less on grammatical aspects of Samskritam.</p> <p>There will be songs and shlokas throughout the year. We will progress from simple ones through larger ones, as they master singing/chanting. In each class we will also have language games, which may involve physical activities blended with Sanskrit language elements.</p> <p>Children will be grouped in classes based on their current Sanskrit. Senior class, for instance, will have lot more conversational elements, whereas juniors will be learning letters, words, etc. Similarly the songs and shlokas also will be longer, with more complex words, etc.</p> <p>Children will be able to showcase what they acquired in the classes in terms of songs, plays on a periodic basis. (E.g., in Deepavali function, during the Bala Gokulam annual day celebration, etc.)</p>

INTRODUCTORY LANGUAGE PROGRAM

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Introductory Hindi – Beginner, Advanced	<p>Beginner level introduces the children to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hindi alphabets, colors, fruits, vegetables, etc. • reading, writing, and speaking conversational sentences. <p>Advanced level covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed Hindi Grammar, short stories and essays based on festivals, occasions, and real-life experiences and events.
Introductory Tamil – Beginner, Advanced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Reading, Writing & Speaking Tamil • Coloring & Tracing Letters • Words & Vocabulary • Composing Simple Sentences • Reading Simple to Complex Sentences
Introductory Telugu – Beginner, Advanced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alphabets, Reading, Writing, Consonant-Vowel Combining (Gunintamulu), Weekly Spelling Words • Replying in Complete Sentences, Days of the Week, Names of Animals, Names of Family Relations, Body Parts, Colors, etc. • Conversational Sentences, Telugu Songs, Vemana Padyalu