



## CURRICULUM SUMMARY 2015 - 16

### BALA GOKULAM

(HTNHBV.ORG/BALA-GOKULAM)

#### VALUE EDUCATION

GROUP	GRADE LEVEL	CURRICULUM
Dhruva	Pre-K & KG	Along with the Vidyarambha Slokhas, children will learn about the different Gods and Goddesses in the Hindu pantheon. Activities will be focused on enabling kids to identify Them. Children will also learn Panchatantra stories and life lessons from them.
Nachiketa	Grades 1 – 2	Primary focus will be Hanuman. The kids will learn Hanuman Stotras and lot of His stories. The curriculum includes Sundara Kandam stotra from Nama Ramayana. There will be lots of hands on projects/ crafts too.
Prahlada	Grades 3 – 5	Main topics will be part 1 of the Ramayana and learning Hanuman Chalisa
Shankara-Sharada	Grades 6 – 8	Mahabharata's Vana Parva which explains the adventures of the Pandavas in the forest for 12 years and will cover the happenings at Hastinapura and the Kauravas. The various sub-stories in Vana Parva will also be discussed in the class. Children will also learn shlokas on Lord Krishna like Krishnashtakam and Achyuthashthakam.
Vivekananda – Youth Leadership Council	Grades 9+	Youth Leadership Development Activities, Social Benefit Projects, mostly service oriented



SANSKRIT PROGRAM (AFFILIATED WITH SAMSKRITA BHARATI)

GROUP	CURRICULUM
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 skills and the level of sophistication of Sanskrit will be different in each class. 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

GROUP	CURRICULUM
Introductory Hindi – Beginner, Advanced	Affiliated with HindiUSA, the structured curriculum introduces the children to alphabets, reading, writing, speaking - conversational sentences, hindi songs, homework, and periodic tests.
Introductory Tamil – Beginner, Advanced	Affiliated with the California Tamil Academy, this curriculum introduces children to reading, writing and speaking Tamil. Activities include coloring and tracing letters for the younger children and composing simple words and reading simple phrases for the older children.
Introductory Telugu – Beginner, Advanced	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, Names of Foods, Conversational Sentences, Telugu Songs, Homework, Tests