



Vidya Vikas Newsletter

February, 2017

Religion Teacher in focus



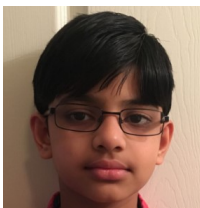
Tarun Saran has been teaching religion for past 7 years. He has been level 9 religion teacher for the past 3 years and taught level 0 for 4 years before that. He started at Vidya Vikas when the level 0 teacher had to leave the session midstream and he was provided the opportunity of volunteering in that class. He enjoys interacting with young children and imparting knowledge of Hindu Dharma is deeply satisfying for him. Vidya Vikas provides a great platform for young children to learn the essentials of Hindu religion and culture and he wishes every child avails of this wonderful opportunity. Outside of Vidya Vikas, he is associated with many non-profit organizations and values the opportunities they provide. He lives in Coppell with my lovely wife, Devika, who is also a Vidya Vikas teacher and two lovely children.

Language Teacher in focus



Sipra Chatterjee comes from a family of teachers. Her linguistic training is from University of Calcutta and from University of Chicago. In India, she taught dozens of American and European researchers to conduct interviews in Bengali. She used a curriculum that was pioneered and co-authored by her late husband, Dr. Suhas Chatterjee. In the US, she started teaching Bengali in 1992 with half a dozen students. Initially they met in various libraries, but soon found a home at the DFW Hindu temple in Irving. Today she continues to teach with the same zeal and love as she started out with. Years ago she was called Sipra Mashi (aunt), today she is the ever-smiling universal Thamma (grandmother) to her students. Her biggest joy is to meet the now adult students from the early batches, who often tell her how much they were enriched by her teaching, and how some are imparting that knowledge to their kids.

Students in focus



Samanyu Hebbar has been attending Vidya Vikas classes since 2013. Currently he is a Level 4 religion and Hindi student. He is a third grader in Universal Academy, Coppell. Chess is his all-time favorite and he has participated in several chess tournaments. He also enjoys drawing cartoons, singing, swimming and basketball. He has been a solo singer in musicals held at his school. Samanyu loves to read religious and comic books in his free time. Samanyu not only loves to attend but also believes in following what he has learned in religious classes. Vidya Vikas has helped him in becoming a good and sensible kid. He loves electronic toys and likes to play with his sister.

Upcoming events

Youth Group meeting: February 5, 2017
Youth Group Penny Wars: February, 2017
Youth Group Bake Sale: February 12, 2017
Anand Bazar: March 12, 2017

Profession/Career Choices Series

Cybersecurity careers: February 5, 2017
Medical careers: February 26, 2017
Business careers: March 12, 2017
Engineering careers: April, 2017