



Religion Teacher in Focus

Harita Konjeti has been teaching religion for five years and currently teaching level 4. She has two daughters (Rohita 13 and Amrita 10). Both kids have been coming to VV for 6 years. Teaching has been her passion since she was a kid. It became a reality when I got an opportunity to teach at VV. Level 4 curriculum, Bhakti Saints, helped her in understanding the true meaning of life and path towards spiritualism. She and her daughter (Rohita) were responsible for revising level 4 curriculum to add Jagadguru's and simplify their teachings. Her husband Chandra has been an immense support in volunteering opportunities at the temple. By profession she is a software engineer working for an IT firm. Vidyavikas is a way to bring kids closer to our culture, customs, traditions and language. Year End program gives kids exposure to stage, acting and presentation skills. In free time she likes gardening, volunteering and reading.

Language Teacher in Focus



Vandana Sirotiya is a devotee and a volunteer at the DFW Hindu temple. She is passionate about teaching and believes that teachers influence the lives of countless young people and make a lifelong impact on their lives. She has been teaching Hindi for last 10 years and currently teaches Level-6. She is the current Hindi language coordinator. She takes great pride in teaching Hindi at the temple, and feel very blessed to be part of the students' journey. She believes that Vidya Vikas provides a great learning platform for our students which helps in strengthening their cultural identity and family ties. Vandana is a high school science teacher by profession and holds a master's degree in microbiology. She enjoys organizing events, like Hindi Mela, teacher orientation, and Hindi annual function. She also teaches at STARTALK, a three week summer program to teach Hindi and Indian culture. Vandana's husband, Sanjeev volunteers for Vidya Vikas and the temple. Their son, Sarthak attended Vidya Vikas classes and also served as a teacher's aide for many years.

Student in Focus



Manali Vipat is 9 years old and is in fourth grade in Canyon Ranch Elementary. She has been coming to Vidya Vikas for 4 years now. She is in Religion Class Level-5 and Marathi Language Level 3. Manali loves to read, paint and making crafts. She is very much interested in learning robotics and wants to be a scientist. She loves gymnastics and really likes being part of the skits at end of the year Vidya Vikas Cultural Programs. She has learned a lot about religion since she has started to attend Vidya Vikas.

Upcoming events

November 10, 2019: **Gear Up Against Bullying Talk**

November 10, 2019: **Youth Group Meeting**

Nov. 17, 2019: **Memorial Service, Dr. Jayakumar at 10 AM**

Nov. 24, 2019: **Career Speaker Series talk: 2.54 (Careers in Pharmacy)**

December 1, 2019: **Thanksgiving Holiday**