

# Culture Class III Summary for Jan 10, 2010

Namaste,

**Wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year 2010. Happy Makar Sankranti.**

This Sunday's class was a short class due to Makar Sankranti celebration at Balvihar . After taking the attendance, we briefly talked about why and how this festival is celebrated in various parts of India. I showed them the pictures from various regions of Maharashtra, Gujrat, Andra Pradesh. Thanks to Anjana's mother who shared the chart of 'Festivals of India'.

Then we continued with our stories from Mahabharat. I told the story of Bheeshma and his Guru Parashuram (avataar of Vishnu).

Bheeshma brought Kashi Princess's Amba, Ambika and Ambalika to marry his half brother Vichitryaveer. Amba refused to marry, so the two sisters, Ambika and Ambalika marry.

Later Shalva King refused to marry Amba, so she went for help... Parshuram fought with Bheeshma over pursuit from Amba who then enters fire and comes as Shikhandi. Parshuram cannot defeat Bheeshma...

There is no homework for this week. Please revise the topics covered so far. We plan to have a short quiz as the mid-term evaluation.

Please let me know if you have any questions/concerns.

Thanks,  
Suhasini