

Dear parents,

Welcome to Culture III,

On September 27th we began regular class schedule at Balvihar. The first class was Ramayan revision via a modified jeopardy game. There were two teams, both did very well. A solid 80% of the class participated. New students, as expected were a little hesitant to participate but our goal is to get them to participate as well.

Continuing students, showed good knowledge of Ramayan (it was done in culture I), with >90% of questions answered. For new students, we would encourage parents to brief them on important facts as it (RAMAYAN) will not be covered in culture III - V.

We also touched that day on significance of dusshera, deepavali and a quick naming of Dasha Avatars.

In the following week's class (Oct 4) the class was divided in 2 groups and were asked questions on Indian festivals - Diwali, Dasera and Navrati. This was a good quick revision. In continuation we spoke a little bit about Oct 2, Gandhi Jayanti, why Gandhiji is famous and his contribution in the freedom struggle.

The following 2 Vedic alphabets were covered -

1. H : Happiness.

Happiness is an attitude of mind. The kids were made to think about what makes them happy / sad?

Happiness is Harmony in the mind.

Read the story "Harmony and the Elephant", the story about the little girl Harmony and 3 blind men who describe the elephant in 3 different ways.

2. I : Intelligence.

Think before you speak. Think before you act.

Read the story "Wisdom and Action" - The story about the Lord Ganesh (Vinayak) and his brother(Kartikswamy) when they were asked to move around the earth by their father Shiva.

Last class (Oct 11) we had yoga session during culture slot.

Thanks, feel free to continue asking questions and let us know in advance if your child needs to be excused from the session.

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