**Mangal Mandir BalGokul Jagrati Class**

**Class website**: <http://dc.vhp-america.org/mangal-mandir-balvihar/jagrati/>

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This class is designed to be an introduction to Hinduism to the youngest students. Children in the

Kindergarten, First and Second grade can attend this class. Children should be able to follow simple instructions and sit in a classroom environment independent of their parents. Classes are conducted in English.

**Class Material**: The class material will focus on a theme for the entire semester or sometimes even the entire academic year. Instruction will be given during class on the material and supporting artwork/homework may be assigned. The supporting material is designed to supplement their learning in class and to give the parents an opportunity to discuss the material with their children. It is not mandatory to be completed but we do encourage the kids to work on the homework. Guided reading material may be introduced if time permits.

In Fall 2015, we plan to learn more about the main Gods and Goddesses in Hinduism. We will learn about

1. Krishna
2. Ganesha
3. The Tridev and Tridevi
4. Festivals – we have many festivals to celebrate in fall. We will learn about each - the why, what, how on the festivals. Please supplement their learning in class by providing your children with details on “why you celebrate the festival, why is it important to you and your family, how do you celebrate the festival.”
5. Krishna Janmashtami
6. Raksha Bandhan
7. Ganesh Chathurthi
8. Navratri
9. Dussehra
10. Diwali
11. Annakoot
12. Gita Jayanti

We will also learn *Why do we?* about Hinduism.

In Spring 2016, we will learn about the devotees. This will allow us to learn about the same Gods and Goddesses but focus on them from the devotees’ perspective.

The material covered will be supported with documents uploaded to the class website.

If your child is absent, please download class lesson and homework from the class website.

**Attendance**: All students are strongly encouraged to attend all sessions. This allows them to have an uninterrupted flow in learning. If your child is going to be absent, please download the material from the class web site and discuss with your children.