

## Brahma

**Consort:** Saraswati

**Vahana:** Hansa, the swan

**Astra:** Brahmastra. Brahmastra was created for destroying the enemy of dharma.

**Divine duty:** Creator of the Universe

**Special characteristics:** Lord Brahma has four heads. The four Vedas are said to have sprung from his heads. The daily day and night in the universe is attributed to the activity of Brahma.

## Goddess Saraswati

**Consort:** Brahma

**Divine duty:** Goddess of wisdom and knowledge.

**Special characteristics:** Saraswati Maa is dressed in white and seated on a white lotus to signify purity. She holds the Vedas in one hand, a rosary in another and is seen playing a veena with her other two hands. She assists Lord Brahma during the creation of the Universe.

Saraswati Maa once lived with us on the earth as a river. She flowed from the Himalayas and supported the Harappan civilization. The western portion of the river dried up and the southern portion merged into river Yamuna.

Following is the Saraswati Shloka that Jagrati class kids recite at the beginning of every class.

SARASWATI NAMASTHUBHYAM  
VARADE KAMARUPINI  
VIDHYARAMBAM KARISHYAMI  
SIDDHIR BAVATHUME SADHA

Please practice this shloka at home.





सरस्वति नमस्तुभ्यं वरदे कामरूपिणी।  
विद्यारम्भं करिष्यामि सिद्धिर्भवतु मे सदा॥

*sarasvati namastubhyaṃ varade kāmārūpiṇī  
vidyārambhaṃ kariṣyāmi siddhirbhavatu me sadā*

“Salutation to you O Goddess Sarasvati, who is a giver of boons, and who has a beautiful form! I begin my studies. Let there be success for me always.”