

# BALA VIDYA MANDIR

## **GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS**

Sai Samsthan USA was organized to establish Shri shirdi Sai Baba Mandir and provide services as in Shirdi, India. The aims and ideals of Samsthan are to create an atmosphere of spirituality and a field of practice for spiritual growth and experience.

Bala Vidya Mandir, a Sunday school for children was established in the year 2003 by Sai Samsthan USA as a service to the children of Sai devotees and to the community. **Discipline, Devotion and Development of Character** are the 3 basic tenets of Bala Vidya Mandir. The teachers of Bala Vidya Mandir are volunteers of Sai Samsthan USA with commitment to promote and inculcate Hindu culture, values and traditions to our children.

Bala Vidya Mandir classes are held every Sunday except during summer break and on major holidays. Classes start sharp on time at 10:30am. Children are expected to be in the class rooms at least 10 minutes before the class starts. Late coming children have to wait outside the class room until the prayer session ends. Children should not be dropped off in the parking lot. Parents or guardian must accompany the child to the class and sign in the sheet provided.

All the children must attend Madhyahna arati as part of the class without any exception. After receiving Prasad from the priest they should go back to their class rooms along with their teachers. Parents or guardian must pick up their child by 12:45pm and sign out in the sheet provided. Bala Vidya Mandir teachers are not responsible to supervise children after 12:45pm.

To get maximum benefit from Bala Vidya Mandir, children must attend classes regularly. A minimum of 75% attendance is mandatory. Parents must inform teachers about vacations, illness or any other reason for their child's absence from the class. Attendance of all the children will be reviewed at the end of every semester. Children with poor and irregular attendance will be discontinued from Bala Vidya Mandir after discussion with parents.

Parents are expected to maintain communication with class teachers and attend scheduled Parent/Teacher Meetings.

We encourage all the children to wear traditional Indian dress. **Jeans, Shorts, Short Skirts, Sportswear, Tank tops etc. are not permitted.**

Syllabus for each class will be given to the children on the first day of the class. List of holidays, schedule of Parent/Teacher meetings and other important information will be communicated by e-mail.