



# Sanskar Gurukul Weekly Update



**Class Name:** Atri

**Week# 17:** February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

## General Assembly

We started with the 3 Oms and the shanti mantra.

Then the younger classes - Atri and Parashara chanted the Guru Stotram, until as far as they had learned, while the older classes Bhricu, Agastya, Bhagiratha and Narada waited. Then the older children completed the chanting. We then did the same with the Hanuman Chalisa.

Then Vagdevi aunty brought up the topic of the Superbowl game through a series of questions. Satya Aunty had a challenge to the children that they would be unable to answer by only raising their hands, and no sound and she lost, as the kids admirably participated within the rules!!

Here were the questions and the approximate answers by show of hands

- a) How many of you would watch the Superbowl? 99%
- b) How many of you will watch all of the game? ~70%
- c) How many favour the Seahawks to win? ~40%
- d) How many favour the Broncos to win? ~40%
- e) How many don't particularly care who wins? ~20%
- f) How many of you will exhibit good sportsmanship by saying 'good game, congrats' etc. to the opponent who won/lost? ~30-40%

We wished everyone an enjoyable Sunday....then on to riddles from Smita-aunty (the first contributed by a student)

- a) 2 fathers and 2 sons went fishing - each caught two fish - but there were a total of only 6 fish caught - how is that possible? Ans: Only 3 people - a grandfather, his son, and grandson - went fishing - the son was a son to his father and a father to his son - therefore making a total of 2 fathers and 2 sons!!
- b) Which animals are the best educated? Ans: Fish because they go about in schools!
- c) Where do you find diamonds? Ans: In a deck of cards
- d) What Spanish name opens the star-spangled banner? Ans: Jose (Oh, say, can you see...)
- e) Why did the coach go to the bank? Ans: To get a quarter-back!

Smita-aunty will accept riddles to read out in GA written on a piece of paper (please write legibly) and turned it to her or your class sevak.



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## Class

We started class with 3 omkars followed by shanti mantra and before studies prayer.

We continued Ramayana from when lord Rama hears the 2 boons given by king Dasharatha to mother Kaikeyi. Lord Rama was calm and controlled. He assured mother Kaikeyi that he will obey his father's orders and will leave for Dandaka right away.

Lakshmana, who was standing outside the room, had heard all that had happened. He was very angry. Then Lord Rama went to mother Kausalya's palace to take her blessings. Kausalya was speechless. She saw a faint glimmer of hope in Lakshmana's outburst, but knowing Lord Rama she knew that he would not do anything that opposed Dharma. She embraced and blessed lord Rama. When lord Rama went to Sita's palace to take leave of her, Sita said a wife's place is by her husband's side through good and bad. Lord Rama tried telling her of the hardships of a life in forest but Sita refused to listen. Lord Rama embraced her lovingly and agreed to let her come. Lakshmana also asked for lord Rama's permission to accompany him. Lord Rama knew he would not take "No" for an answer. So he nodded his assent.

We also discussed letter "G" for God in the Alphabet book.

We ended class with ending prayers.

## Homework

HW - Finish any previous HW.  
Letter "G" in Alphabet book.

Riddle: Which letter of the alphabet has the most water?  
If you write this riddle and the answer to it on the index card (**Bring it to next class - 2/9/14 with you and put your name on it for a surprise!!!!**)

## Announcements